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Construction of Junction Park is proceeding step by step



Plans for the expansion of Junction Park were presented at a public meeting last week.

By Luda Tang

The City of Somerville hosted their third public meeting concerning the Junction Park expansion and renovation on Tuesday, July 26. The previous two meetings discussed the organizing principles and characters of the park as well as some opportunities for passive recreation.

This meeting was intended to inform residents about the spaces and materials that might be used during the reconstruction. Residents then can have a sense of what the park will look and feel like.

The presentation was conducted by Naomi Cottrell and Leah Broder of Crowley Cottrell, a landscape architecture company that has extensive experience of park design. Cottrell is the principal and owner of the company, while

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Local artist's sculptural lights bring a spotlight to Celeste

By Michael McHugh

Last Saturday, Celeste, a Peruvian restaurant located in Union Square saw the opening reception of a new public art installation by local artist Nicolás Carmona Guzman, titled *Lightforms*.

Celeste has earned a reputation not only for serving a great ceviche, but also for collaborating with artists and musicians to create a unique feeling space that celebrates the culture of Peru and leaves a lasting impression on customers.

Lightforms is the newest piece by Carmona, consisting of an array of colorful, geometric pendant lights made of translucent polyester, hanging from Celeste's lofty ceilings. From his time studying architecture at Syracuse and the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University,

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Celeste restaurant in Union Square is playing host to Somerville artist Nicolás Carmona Guzman's new installation, *Lightforms*.
— Photos by Adrian Harrison

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Join the Mystic Learning Center tonight, August 3, along with Somerville's First Responders for the 2nd Annual Community Unity Basketball Game. This year's game is dedicated to Stephen "Hollywood" Aman for all of the amazing work he did for our community and beyond. Players will receive a free t-shirt and there will be pizza for everyone after the game. If you are interested in playing or just want to come and show support, follow this link to register: <https://forms.gle/6G39MNJqAUT3N8r37>

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

Last week the School Committee voted to appoint Dr. Jeff Curley as the Interim Superintendent for 2022-23 effective September 23 as Superintendent Mary Skipper finalizes her transition to Boston Public Schools. Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeff Curley has five years of experience in SPS including the last four as Chief of Staff. He led the district's response to COVID-19 mitigation over the last two years and also led the expansion of district-wide afterschool access through strategic partnerships. Dr. Curley serves on the Somerville Children's Cabinet, is co-founder and Board Member of iCivics, and is the father of *Continued on page 9*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 3 – August 9 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>August 3</i>	Sunny	88°/71°	5%	3%	E 11 mph
 Thursday <i>August 4</i>	Sunny	99°/73°	12%	10%	SW 14 mph
 Friday <i>August 5</i>	Rain	82°/66°	56%	49%	NE 12 mph
 Saturday <i>August 6</i>	Rain	79°/66°	55%	47%	ENE 10 mph
 Sunday <i>August 7</i>	Partly Cloudy	90°/72°	14%	12%	WSW 11 mph
 Monday <i>August 8</i>	Partly Cloudy	91°/70°	10%	7%	WSW 10 mph
 Tuesday <i>August 9</i>	Rain	84°/66°	16%	11%	SW 11 mph

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

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Concerned residents in Medford and Somerville petition MBTA's Bus Network Redesign

Daniel M. Kimmel says:

The Green Line extension is great for those who live near it but instead of going to Route 16 it ends at Tufts... seven bus stops from me. Wouldn't want to walk it in the snow or rain, and the T adds insult to injury by cutting back bus service. Answered the questionnaire and am glad local officials keeping the pressure on the people who proposed this.

Debbie Canoa says:

As a family of four we rely on daily bus service (89, 80, CT2), get to school (in east Somerville), work, sports practice, recreation (tennis and pool at Dilboy and Foss Park)), and services (food/medical in Teele/Davis). I am hopeful that the MBTA will see the importance of role of 'local' bus service in connecting within the community of Somerville. I am advocating that the MBTA reconsider the current design and keep and improve frequency of the 89 which already has a dedicated bus line on Broadway, keep and improve frequency of the 80 (the local stops of the 80 serve as access to the local community unlike the green line), keep and improve frequency of commuting on the CT2

Response to: Plans for Star Market building might come to an end

Dennis Fischman says:

All the more reason why the MBTA needs to keep running the 89 bus along Broadway!

Response to: Newstalk – July 27

Dennis Fischman says:

Surprised to see my name on your birthday list. Thanks!

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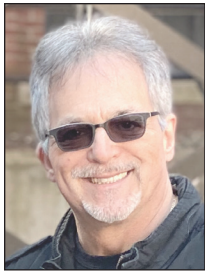
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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville etiquette



In a world where bad news and sad stories often dominate the news, it's nice to appreciate the little things that can make a person's day.

I was done shopping the other day and my groceries were on the belt. I was the next one after the cashier was finishing up with a blind gentleman. He was having trouble with one of his cards and the cashier was helping him.

She put all his groceries in three different bags and then into a shopping cart. It took them a long time to finish up because he asked for cash back. Then the gentleman asked the cashier to tell him what each bill was. Two 20s and a 10. All this was going on with a line that was getting

backed up.

The cashier put his bags in the shopping cart and one of the bags ripped so she had to stop and put the groceries in a new bag. At this time there was somebody behind me who would put all her groceries on the belt.

In the meantime, I bumped into a senior citizen who I used to perform for and we chatted for a bit while the blind gentleman was getting situated. She gave me a mascot of her son who died of a drug overdose, and when she spoke of him she was very emotional.

We chatted for a while and then she left, but the blind gentleman's transaction was still going on. The woman behind me was very patient and we also exchanged a smile and said something about the weather.

I'm going into it now for about five minutes and I couldn't get over the easy-going

patience of the cashier. We even started speaking about the woman's son who overdosed and discussed some other situations where a young person died from a drug overdose.

The blind gentleman was almost ready to go out with his new bag and his change situation taken care of.

It just took a simple stop at the grocery store to see some genuine caring going on right in the heart of our City of Somerville. Seems that we complain a lot about the streets and the bikes but we don't stop to acknowledge when something positive happens.

I'm ending this story with part of the message that was on the woman's son's prayer card that the lady gave me. My 15 minutes in the store was an adventure in kindness.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A bad day for selling crack

Members of the Somerville Police Department had been investigating an armed carjacking that occurred at Mystic Ave. on July 01. During the course of this investigation, detectives were able to identify two males that were suspected of being involved in this incident.

One male was identified as Daniel Vivas Miguel, who was reportedly known by the police to carry firearms.

On July 28, officers applied for and were granted by the Somerville District Court two arrest warrants and two search warrants for this ongoing investigation.

One of the search warrants was for the search of a Pinckney St. residence and the person of Vivas. The other search warrant and an arrest warrant was for another location and individual within the city of Somerville, that was involved in the original incident as well.

At 9:00 a.m. of that day, police officers set up surveillance in the area of the Pinckney St. location in an attempt to execute an arrest and search warrant of Vivas, as other officers set up surveillance at another location in a attempt to execute an arrest and search warrant of the other individual that was involved in

the armed carjacking.

At 1:30 p.m., observations were made of Vivas leaving his Pinckney St. residence and officers conducted surveillance of him as he walked to the Florence Street public park/playground, where he met a waiting male that was sitting on one of the benches. This public park/playground is owned and maintained by the city of Somerville.

At this point officers proceeded in an attempt to execute an arrest and search warrant of Vivas.

After placing Vivas under arrest, a loaded 10 mm Glock 29 Jen4 pistol was found on his person.

The magazine was loaded with ten 10mm rounds and that magazine was inserted in the firearm.

An inquiry was done to see if Vivas possessed a license to carry a firearm or FID card. The query showed that he does not possess a license to carry a firearm or FID card.

Also found on his person was a bag of crack cocaine (preliminary weight 6 Grams), and 2 digital scales. Based on the amount of crack cocaine seized from Vivas, which is consistent with someone who will possess with the intent to distribute them, the officers formed the opinion that Vivas

possessed the crack cocaine with the intent to distribute.

One thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars were also seized from Vivas' prisoner property and will be subject for forfeiture as police believe this US currency are proceeds from his alleged cocaine distribution operation.

Vivas was transported to Somerville Police Headquarters, where he was booked on charges of drug violation near a school, possession of cocaine to distribute, and carrying a firearm without a license, and on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and armed carjacking.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:			
Jacqueline McAll, of Charlestown, July 25, 11:00 a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property over \$1200.	Daniel Vivas, July 28, 1:37 p.m., arrested at Florence St. on charges of drug violation	near a school, possession of cocaine to distribute, and carrying a firearm without a license,	and on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and armed carjacking.

Construction of Junction Park is proceeding step by step

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Broder serves as the project manager. They shared the current design plan of the park and the ideas behind it to the community.

Junction Park is now envisioned as having three different zones: Gateway, Allee, and Oasis.

Because Gateway is where pedestrians enter into the park from the central streets and slow down their pace, its design goal is defined as a "pause." The setting of a few benches and tables at the sides of Gateway matches the goal, offering places for people to gather together and take some rest.

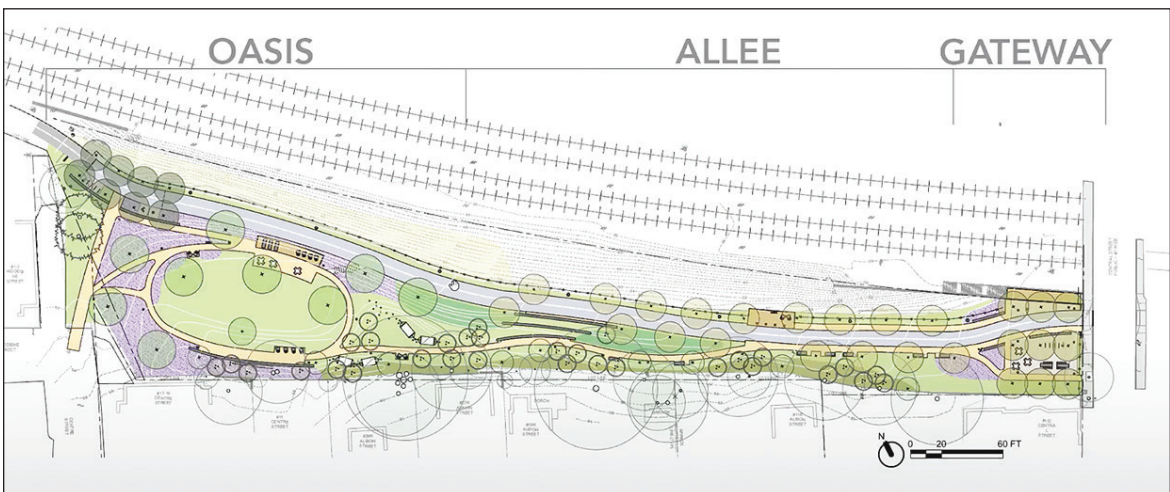
Allee will have a thick double row of trees to provide shade for pedestrians and riders. It is also the narrowest part of the site.

From Allee to Oasis there is a gradually widening and sloped upper path with native shrub planting on the sides. The current

lawn in the park will be expanded, giving residents more spaces for passive recreation, like walking, strolling, and gathering with their neighbors. Seat walls in this area are stepped at three levels, shaped like an amphitheater.

As each space has their unique characteristics, the selection of materials would fit the concepts accordingly. Cottrell described the materials from paving, lighting, outdoor activities, to the signage and art.

Four different kinds of materials for paving will be applied throughout the site. The asphalt specification will be considered for the Community Path, which is the same as the rest of the city. The Neighborhood Path will utilize concrete, considering factors like accessibility, lighting color, heat exposure, etc. Because a large number of trees will be



The proposed design for the Junction Park renovation.

planted in both the Gateway and the west entry, permeable pavers can be a more appropriate choice for trees to grow. For overlooks, wood decking or composite will be considered.

For the lighting, the pole light will be applied across the area due to its brightness. In other areas of the site, catenary light can also be

hung during specific times. Because it is formed as a string light, it can also add some fun to the site. In addition to these two, the application of bollard light can help to light the path and places around the grassy oval.

Cottrell and her team plan to place seat walls throughout the park. This fulfills the needs of

passive recreation for community members and increases accessibility for people with mobility challenges. They can provide moments to stop and rest along the path. The site may also add picnic tables so people can gather and enjoy outdoor meals. The site furnishings for active entertainments, like

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Residents of Brickbottom Artists building show concern over new building

By Mina Rose Morales

Brickbottom Artists Building residents expressed concerns over the construction of the new building on 35 McGrath Highway during the virtual neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, July 27.

The neighborhood meeting began approximately at 6:05 p.m. It was the first meeting coordinated to introduce the building project to the community. Thomas Miller, an attorney at McDermott Quilty & Miller LLP, acted as the main host for the meeting along with B.K. Boley, the lead architect with Stantec; Ken McClure, the senior project manager at the DeNunzio Group; and David Kadish, also an architect with Stantec.

The developer for the new building on 35 McGrath Highway is the DeNunzio Group. The meeting was scheduled with Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott

and his office. About 52 people attended the meeting

The building on 35 McGrath Highway is currently about five stories high. It is a telecom building. During the neighborhood meeting, the DeNunzio Group presented a plan to build a 9-11 story building.

"We are going to be in constant shadow in our property"

Many residents from the Brickbottom Artists Building, a neighbor of the current telecom building, attended the virtual neighborhood meeting. They expressed concerns over the proposed building height.

"We are going to be in constant shadow in our property," said Kim Schmahmann, an artist and

resident at the Brickbottom Artists Building.

"We are an artist building...we depend on light," said Polly Pook, also a resident at the Brickbottom Artists building.

The Brickbottom Artists Building contains 157 units but 220 residents. The building is a live-work unit where spaces combine workspace with living quarters. Most of the people living at Brickbottom are creative people, but there are also other offices and professionals in the building, according to Alyson Schultz a founding member and resident at the building. She has lived in the building with her family for about 35 years and raised her two children there.

The original founders of the building got together as a group in 1982. After two years, they finally found a building in 1984. In 1987, they were granted a certificate of occupancy which is needed to move in. The group looked at other buildings in South Boston and Union Square, but Brickbottom had an adequate amount of light, adequate height for studios, and adequate wide-open space, according to Schulz.

Some of the residents' concerns expressed during the meeting were the new building's proposed height, noise pollution, light pollution, and lack of greenspace. "I think it's too dense, I think it's too high, I think it doesn't consider enough of the goals of Somerville in terms of greenspace, open space, and traffic impacts," said Schultz. She continued, "All I'm saying is that this building is not fulfilling Somerville's SomerVision goals."



The telecom building on 35 McGrath Highway, which, as of now, the DeNunzio Group plans to replace it with a 9-11 story lab building. — Photos by Mina Rose Morales

Miller confirmed, "this is by no means a final design."

"It's not good practice for a developer to ignore the people in the community, we understand their concerns, they're reason-

able, we are looking to design something that they will be happy to have in their community," said Miller.

Miller's involvement in the project ends when he gets the building permit for the developers.

The Urban Design Commission will take up the matter, and there will be another neighborhood meeting and more public hearings in the future.



A view of the Brickbottom Artists Building from the highway.



Alyson Schulz's family photos in her live-work unit at Brickbottom Artists Building.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the 7-day period of Monday, July 25 to Sunday, July 31. The House and Senate held lengthy sessions. Beacon Hill Roll Call will continue to report on the dozens of roll calls over the next few reports.

While the House and Senate approved many bills, one measure that stood out was a bill that didn't get approved. The House and Senate had previously approved different versions of a \$4.57 billion economic development package which included some \$1 billion in tax relief -- \$500 million in one-time tax rebates and \$500 million for several permanent tax cuts. A conference committee was working on hammering out a compromise version but talks stalled because of the recent "discovery" of 62F, a 1986 law approved by the voters. That law requires that tax revenue above a certain amount collected by the state go back to the taxpayers. It is estimated that the 1986 law would return \$2.5 billion in fiscal year 2022 revenue to Massachusetts taxpayers.

The conference committee did not act on the economic development bill so the \$1 billion in tax relief is still bottled up in the conference committee. In the meantime, legislators are discussing the \$3 billion windfall. Some legislators favor repealing the law which has only been used once since 1986. Others say the law should not be repealed and the \$2.5 billion should go back to taxpayers.

House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) said last Friday that he would consider all courses of action, up to and including altogether scrapping the \$2.5 billion in tax relief. "Sure, it's an option," Mariano told reporters when asked if lawmakers would consider undoing the trigger enshrined 62F. "Everything's on the table. We could undo the law, we could change it, we could postpone."

But three days later on Monday, Mariano said that 62F is the law of the land and it's going to happen. "The governor has said it's the law of the land and that's worth, he thinks, \$2.5 billion but he's not even sure, and he thinks he can get it out this year. So I think that's an important return to the taxpayers."

Gov. Baker said that he thinks that both the \$1 billion and the \$2.5 billion are affordable in tandem.

"CLT's tax cap law (Chapter 62F) is still working exactly as designed and intended," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, which put the tax cap proposal on the 1986 ballot. "That it was triggered only once in 1987 before now isn't a bug but a feature. Nobody can say with a straight face that multi-billions of dollars of excess revenue raked in over the past two years should remain with the state and not be returned to those

from whom it was unnecessarily extracted."

"Let's face it, the Speaker and Senate President have never had any record on giving back money to the taxpayers, so early morning news that they failed to act once again should surprise no one," said Paul Craney, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "Instead of spending the last few days passing tax relief, they spent them trying to hold onto as much taxpayer money as humanly possible. Despite record tax collections, Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka have proven once again they are so greedy, they rather scrap an entire economic development bill than having to give even a penny more back to taxpayers."

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE (H 5090)

House 137-16, Senate 40-0, approved and Governor Charlie Baker signed into law a bill designed to further protect reproductive health care and those who perform abortions in the Bay State. The measure specifically declares that both reproductive health care and gender-affirming care are rights secured by the constitution or laws of Massachusetts and would shield providers of reproductive and gender-affirming care and their patients from out-of-state legal action. The measure would ensure that patients over 24 weeks of pregnancy are able to receive an abortion in Massachusetts because of a grave fetal diagnosis that indicates the fetus is incompatible with sustained life outside of the uterus without extraordinary medical interventions and requires that those decisions are made between the patient and their treating physician.

Other provisions include preventing the state's cooperation with anti-abortion and anti-gender-affirming care laws in other states; mandating health insurance coverage for abortion and abortion-related care with no cost-sharing; ensuring access to emergency contraception; and providing confidentiality to providers of reproductive and gender-affirming care; clarifying that vending machines may dispense over-the-counter drugs, such as Plan B – the "morning after" pill; and ensuring access to medication abortion on all public college and university campuses.

"Massachusetts remains steadfast in its commitment to protect access to reproductive health care services, especially in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "The court's decision has major consequences for women across the country who live in states with limited access to these services, and our administration took quick action in the hours following that decision by issuing an Executive Order to protect access here in the commonwealth. This new legislation signed today builds on that action by protecting patients and providers from legal interference from more restrictive laws in other states."

"Everyone deserves the right to decide whether and when to start a family, no matter where they live, how much money they make, or who they are," said Carol Rose, executive director of the ACLU of Massachusetts. "But across half the states, millions of people are in danger of losing that right after the Supreme Court's shameful decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. As extremist politicians in other states move to ban or severely restrict abortion, Massachusetts lawmakers have stepped up to meet the moment and lead in the other direction, passing a historic law that makes care more affordable and available."

"With this bill, the Legislature gave Planned Parenthood a blank check to rewrite our commonwealth's abortion laws, and Gov. Baker signed it for them," said Andrew Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Family Institute. "Beacon Hill is working to make Massachusetts a regional hub for late term abortion and to undermine every pro-life law in the nation."

"In the face of an increasing amount of anti-abortion and anti-gender-affirming care laws enacted across the country, Massachusetts continues to serve as a national leader in protecting these essential rights with the passage of this legislation," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), the lead sponsor of the measure and Senate chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. "We must do everything we can to protect the rights of our providers, patients and visitors to the commonwealth."

"As a candidate for governor in 2014, Charlie Baker was sold as a Bill Weld style Republican---socially liberal but fiscally conservative," said Catholic Action League Executive Director C.J. Doyle. "The abortion expansion bill which he signed ... imposes new burdens on taxpayers and business owners, increases the scope of government--with state colleges now dispensing Plan B abortion pills--and denies personal freedom of choice for those opposed to abortion. There is no conscience clause for pharmacists, business owners or non-profit organizations, and the religious exemption is so narrowly drawn that most Catholic educational institutions will not qualify under it. Baker's legacy on this legislation is one of higher spending, bigger government, and less personal freedom."

"In the face of five individuals on our Supreme Court deciding to allow states to treat women as second-class citizens by denying them the federal right to control their own bodies, I am proud that we in Massachusetts instead have reaffirmed that women do indeed have equal rights and privacy interests that we will always defend," said Rep. Mike Day (D-Stoneham), House Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary. "This bill tells other states who would roll back women's rights that their laws will have no effect on our residents, that we will protect our health professionals who offer legal health care services and

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that the decision to have a child will not be dictated by a state law or access to healthcare.”

“Gov. Baker wasted no time in signing the expanded abortion bill ... into law on Friday,” said Patricia Stewart, executive director of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. “Disappointing as this news is, it only strengthens our resolve to work to pass protective pro-life measures that will safeguard women facing unplanned pregnancies and their unborn children from the insatiable, abortion-hungry apostles of death in this commonwealth. We must elect pro-life legislators with the courage to stand up for their convictions and the confidence to affirm publicly that every life is sacred. This goal may seem beyond reach in Massachusetts, but we fight on the side of the angels. So take heart, we have just begun.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against the bill).

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

SPORTS WAGERING (H 5164)

House 151-2, Senate 36-4, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would legalize sports betting on professional and college sports for Massachusetts residents over 21 years old. Betting on Massachusetts colleges and universities would not be allowed unless the school is playing in a tournament like March Madness. The betting would be regulated by the Gaming Commission, the same commission that regulates the state’s casino gambling.

“Once signed by the governor, this new law will open a new industry for our commonwealth, creating jobs and economic growth,” said sponsor Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow). “It will also safeguard consumers and athletes with some of the strongest protections in the country while maintaining the integrity of sports.”

“The Massachusetts Legislature just pulled out all the stops, suspended several rules, and pulled an epic all-nighter to legalize sports betting,” said Rep. Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge). And yet, important housing justice provisions such as local rent stabilization, right to counsel in eviction and foreclosure matters, local option real estate transfer fees to support the production of affordable housing, tenant opportunity to purchase legislation, and eviction records sealing provisions) were all left for dead. As a product of public housing and a longtime renter, this makes me question our priorities. While I recognize there’s a compelling case in support of legalized sports betting and didn’t want to kill the bill, I can’t help but feel uncomfortable at how gambling was a “must do” this session but so many other urgent issues were either lesser priorities or ignored entirely.”

“Massachusetts residents are passionate about their sports. This legislation will allow fans to bet on their favorite teams but do so in a regulated manner that promotes responsible gaming, while bringing in millions of dollars of revenue that has been going to our neighboring states or to illegal online operators and bookies,” said Rep. Jerry Parisella (D-Beverly), House Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

“For those who are vulnerable to gambling addiction and their families, the legalization of sports betting and the coming onslaught of gambling-related advertising will have devastating consequences,” said Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). “And for everyone else, sports betting still amounts to a regressive tax—one that will redistribute wealth from working people to the biggest players in the gambling industry. I’m also concerned about the effect that this law will have on amateur college athletes, who will face additional scrutiny, pressure, and temptation. Higher education leaders in the commonwealth have been clear that allowing wagering on collegiate contests will harm student athletes.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against the bill).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	No
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS (H 5104)

House 153-0, Senate 39-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would accelerate improvements to local and regional public health systems across the state to address disparities in public health services by requiring the Department of Public Health to enshrine a set of standards for foundational public health services. The measure creates minimum public health standards for every city and town; incentivizes municipalities to share services; creates a uniform data collection and dedicates state funding to support local boards of health and health departments.

“With the passage of this legislation, a person’s zip code will no longer determine the public health protections that they are afforded and local public health officials will have the resources they need to do their jobs,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton).

“All residents should be able to expect high-quality public health services regardless of where they live,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “This legislation puts into practice the lessons learned during the pandemic by increasing support for local boards of public health and ensuring that all communities in the

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Eagle feathers #259

Busby

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

William Berkeley Enos was born in Los Angeles on November 29, 1895, to thespian parents. His father was an actor, and his mother was an actress and choreographer. Upon his father’s death, he was placed in boarding schools, the longest being a five-year run at the Mohegan Lake Military Academy in Peekskill, New York. After graduation, he worked at a shoe company for three years in Athol, Massachusetts.



In 1917 with America in World War I, his call to serve was instilled by his Mohegan Lake training, and he enlisted in the Army at Fort Banks in Winthrop, Massachusetts, before going to France. As a young Lieutenant, he was attached to the 312th Field Artillery Battalion, composed of six batteries and 1,200 men. He supervised close order allied drills and formations for French and American soldiers.



He was a natural at this and masterfully exercised troops in circles, columns, grids, and parades with once commanding a trick drill with 1,200 soldiers in silent maneuvers. Volunteering as an Army Air

Corps spotter, he observed and reported panoramic troop movements and fighting patterns from high elevations. The knowledge he gained from this would serve him well in his after-military life.

Vaudeville in America was an early

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Little Sisters of the Poor, left Somerville but never forgotten



By Mayor Emeritus
Eugene C. Brune

It was two years ago with sadness, that the Little Sisters of the Poor announced they would be withdrawing from the Jeanne Jugan Residence, in Somerville. In making the announcement Mother Alice Marie Jones, l.s.p. the Little Sisters provincial superior, stated, "That, as you can imagine, is a very difficult decision."

The Little Sisters of the Poor have served the Archdiocese of Boston continuously since 1870. The Little Sisters arrived at the Port of Boston, on April 19, 1870.

Their mission was to help the elderly poor. Several years later The Little Sisters opened a home in Somerville on Highland Avenue and continued their mission on that site for over 120 years.

One can only imagine the thousands that they helped over that span of time. They have been known as the begging nuns and were proud of their title as they needed financial help as well as other services so that they could continue their mission.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop Bishop of Boston, said, "As the Little Sisters of the poor prepare to depart, we express our gratitude for their last 150 years of selfless dedicated service to the poor and the needy. We will miss the Sisters' presence in our local community as they go forward with their mission established by Saint Jeanne Jugan.

When I was approached several years ago by then Chairman Bill



Roche, to serve on the Little Sisters Advisory Board, although very busy serving on several other non-profit boards I accepted, and I need to say that now many years later it was a pleasure working with fifteen very dedicated members.

Our job was to assist and advise the Mother Superior, serving at that time, as they change from time to time, with any problems or needs that the home may be having, including fundraising. The local members of our board besides myself were former Ald. Bill Roach, former Alderman Bob McWatters, former Alderman Bill White and Tom Bent, Bent Electric.

I had the pleasure of being elected Chairman of the Board when the Little Sisters were

given the news that they were needed elsewhere so I also had the pleasure in assisting Mother Maureen, Sister Patrice, and Father Cregan in finding another health provider that was willing to take on and continue with the Sisters mission of helping the Elderly Poor.

After several interviews with companies interested in taking over, we settled with a long-time local health provider, The Visiting Nurses Association. I have had the privilege of knowing and collaborating with them while I was an Alderman and more so when I served as mayor, and I was always impressed with Linda Cornell, President /CEO.

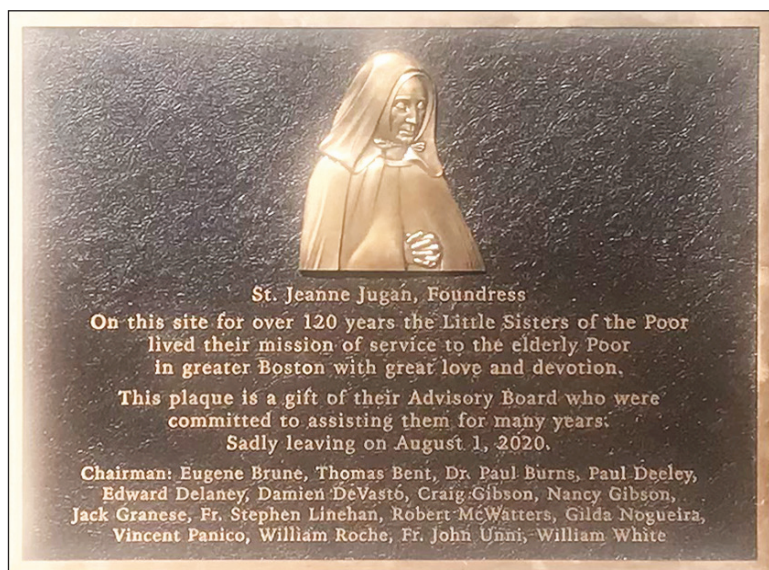
When the Sisters were leaving, the Advisory Board had

promised that we would raise the necessary funds to have a bronze plaque made and placed on the site that they occupied for over 120 years.

This past Sunday, July 31, Mother Maureen, who had been with us in Somerville for nine years as well as several Sisters, came back for the celebration. Mother Maureen had the pleasure of unveiling the plaque and Father Linehan, also a board member, did a blessing.

It was a wonderful day for the close to one hundred Sisters, Priest, board members, residence, and guests in attendance.

The Sisters may have left Somerville, but to all that they have touched in some way they will never be forgotten.



Construction of Junction Park is proceeding step by step

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biking, will be clustered on two ends: the Gateway and west entry. The possible selection includes dog walking amenities, drinking fountains, trash cans, misting stations, etc.

Signage and art will be fairly consistent across the site due to

their great role in informing pedestrians' knowledge. The signage will include information about planting and some tips for site maintenance. The team is also thinking about adding historical photos that are considered important to the City

of Somerville, or in the form of a sculpture wall or murals. The selfie spot can also be an engaged design.

Rebecca McKevitz, the host of the meeting and a public space planner from the City of Somerville's Public Space

and Urban Forestry Division, shared the next series of plans for the Junction Park construction project. The schematic design will be finalized in August and the team should be finishing the construction documents in September. From October to

November, the project will go out for bidding. Thereafter, the construction will begin.

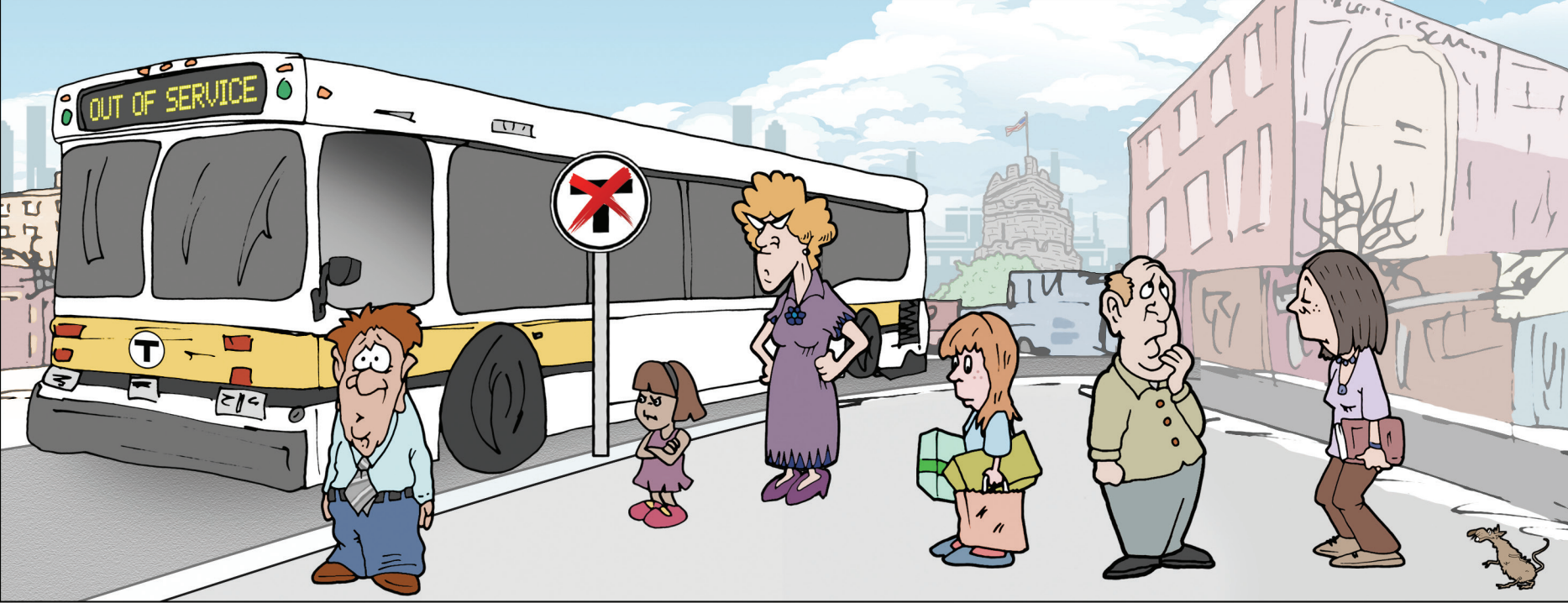
Those who want to get more information about the project can check the website: <https://voice.somervillema.gov/somerville-junction>.

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and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/somerville.times.1

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't we get a say in where and when the busses go?

Our View Of The Times



So, it's always one thing or another. As of late, we are taking note of the big kerfuffle developing over changes to MBTA bus routes and schedules.

It seems as though many in the Somerville-Medford region feel that there has not been enough transparency offered by the public transportation authority, and a good number of them are up in arms over several proposed changes the system's operations.

According to a recent press release by State Senator Jehlen, several area residents have been notifying their neighbors about the proposed changes to the MBTA bus routes in those cities. They have been putting up posters, alerting residents on neighborhood websites and going door-to-door. They have collected over 2,000 signatures from residents in Medford and

Somerville over the last three months since the MBTA released their proposal.

Members of the state delegation for Medford and Somerville are saying they share many of the concerns and are now calling on the MBTA for a more transparent process with more time for incorporating community feedback.

A lot of the people who depend on the bus service to get them around to their jobs or wherever else they may need to go are extremely concerned about the effects these changes will have on their ability to function normally in the future.

It seems to be a no-brainer that the MBTA should take their concerns seriously and be more inclusive when it comes to considering the needs of their patrons when making these kinds of plans. After all, whose transit system is it anyway?

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two SPS students.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a local guy, **Zach Zasloff**. We wish him a great day. Happy birthday to **Maria Mancini**, formerly of Winter Hill. We hope she has a great birthday. Wishing a very happy birthday to our own **Bobby Potaris'** daughter **Natalia**. We wish her a very special day. To **Kaitlin Denk**, we wish her a very happy birthday. We know she will enjoy it with her family. Happy birthday to **Ron Newman**, who you will always find covering events in the city. We wish him a great day. And finally, happy birthday

to **Alicia Lafuente**. We wish her the very best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Danzombie Guilmain**, **Tori Antonino**, **Michele Oliphant Spinale**, **Jane Sherrill**, **Montague Helen Kern**, **Zach Corey**, **Keith Anderson**, **John Alan Roderick**, **Kaitlin Denk**, **Heather Hanson**, and **Heather Marie Driscoll** 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 Flea** will be having their opening day **this Sunday** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **52 Holland St.**, Somerville.

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

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

At-home **COVID-19 tests** are a quick, convenient way to reduce transmission of the virus and protect friends and loved ones. Stock up now if you're running low. Free test kits are available at the following Somerville locations (one kit per family member): **City Hall**, 93 Highland Ave.; **City Hall Annex**, 50 Evergreen Ave.; **Central Library**, 79 Highland Ave.; **East Branch Library**, 115 Broadway; and **West Branch Library**, *Continued on page 16*

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's
Olio
#837

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What is an Indian method of cooking over a charcoal fire in a tandoor?

2. How many ribs are in a human body?

3. What is the tallest tree in the world?

4. Who was the first gymnast to score a perfect 10 score?

5. In what year was the first-ever Wimbledon Championship held?

6. Who was the first female driver to score points in a Grand Prix?
7. In Little Red Riding Hood, who does the wolf dress up as?

8. Where is the Sea of Tranquility located?

9. What Smashing Pumpkins song was originally done by Fleetwood Mac?

10. In which film did Paul Newman eat fifty eggs?

11. When was Bitcoin first introduced?

12. How long do elephant pregnancies last?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. There are 32 muscles in a cat's ear.
2. Alaska is the only state whose name is on one row on a keyboard.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD
AMERICAN HISTORY 101

- ACROSS
1. Frill on a blouse

6. Consumed

9. Toothy freshwater fish

13. Site of famous Texas Revolution battle

14. "Losing My Religion" band

15. Opposite of crazier

16. Marine polyp

17. "____ Te Ching", book

18. Gastric woe

19. First Catholic President

21. Underground Railroad conductor

23. Knot-tying vow (2 words)

24. Cold transmitter

25. Definite article

28. Popular fairy tale beginning

30. Woody tissue

35. X-ray units

37. Women in habits

39. It follows eta

40. Quantity of measurement

41. Crosswise, on deck

43. Old flames

44. Carryalls

46. Pavarotti's song

47. European money

48. Hairly, of plants and animals

50. Charitable contribution

52. Wrath, e.g.

53. American Girl, e.g.

55. Life story, for short

57. Louisiana Territory's previous owner

60. Infamous 1995 Oklahoma City event

64. Olympic torch, e.g.

65. Toni Morrison's "____ Baby"

67. The press

68. Fake duck, e.g.

69. "Home of the brave"

70. Choose by a vote

71. Stink to high heaven

72. Third degree

73. Hazards

- DOWN
1. "Boxed" clown

2. Burn-soothing plant

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3. Owl's hangout

4. Saudi neighbor

5. Canadian city on Lake Erie

6. Bohemian

7. 1773 cargo overboard

8. Bring character to life

9. Rodeo Drive tree

10. Machu Picchu builder

11. Hiking sandals manufacturer

12. Make a mistake

15. Hand over

20. Ritchie Valens' 1958 hit

22. Modern address

24. Grant, Patton or Sheridan

25. "Ain't I a Woman?" speaker

26. Capital of Vietnam

27. Marks on a manuscript

29. Bay of Pigs location

31. Clarified butter

32. Connection in a series
33. Wombs

34. Dixon's partner

36. Dance move

38. Go yachting

42. Lou Bega's "____ No. 5"

45. Actor Poitier

49. Brown of "Back to the Future"

51. Cook on low heat

54. Reduce pressure (2 words)

56. Obelus, pl.

57. What refugees do

58. Speed test

59. Crazily

60. Actor Pitt

61. "____ of March"

62. One of Jonas brothers

63. Gangster's pistols

64. The New Deal Pres.

66. Campfire residue
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Writers run local literature stand at Davis Square Farmers Market

By Ryan DiLello

I could feel my shirt sticking to my back as I biked through the thick air in Davis Square. Off the main road now, I turned down a brick-laid alley and emerged at a parking lot farmers' market. I ditched my bike, lodging it against an iron fence, and entered the paved paradise full of fresh produce, pressed juices, meats, and other local goods. It was nearly 6:00 p.m. and the market was winding down. I made my way through the aisles in the fading sun.

I was parched and in search of organically grown, locally sourced, freshly squeezed – literature.

The Literature table, which

was covered with books from Somerville-based authors, stood at the back of the fair. Two accomplished local writers, Denise Provost, and Lesley Bannatyne stood by the table, making introductions to their local wordy finds.

I asked them how they came up with this idea. Provost answered.

"Authors kept telling me they have great success at farmer's markets – but in this situation," Provost said, gesturing at the books and then at the surrounding vendors, "You can't sell things."

"I thought, why don't we promote it all? And so, we went around and harvested as many Somerville authors as we could find," Provost said.

No one was questioning the extension of "digestible goods," let alone "harvesting," so I moved on. I asked what led them to writing.

"I was making up poems before I could write them down," Provost told me. "For a while when I was little, my mother read poetry to me," she said. "Then she had too many kids to do that. So, I used to listen to song lyrics, memorize them, then make up alternative lyrics to the melody. You know, just making stuff up. And then I

decided that I should make them into books. In case my computer exploded, or my house burned down, my poems wouldn't disappear forever. Which I guess is a kind of vanity, but it afflicted me. And I keep getting in deeper. I am now Co-President of the new England Poetry Club and I think at this point all our officers in the New England Poetry Club live in Somerville. I'm dreading the day that some journalist comes up with the Somerville Poetry Mafia." I assured her that would not be me.

"I have a rejection letter from when I was six years-old," Bannatyne chimed in, with a sparkle in her eyes. "Did you submit something you wanted published?" I asked. "Yes," she said. "And they were nice enough to write back to me with encouragement – and you know there was no hard 'no' in that letter. So, I think there's still a possibility," she said laughing.

"I went down the rabbit hole of Halloween to start," Bannatyne said, pointing out a few books covered in pumpkins and ghouls. "Then about 10 years ago, I took a short story class and that..." she trailed off with a circular hand motion, signaling



Denise Provost and Lesley Bannatyne doing their part in promoting locally made literature at the Davis Square Farmers Market.

that the course marked a change in direction. "I just published my first collection of short stories and they're all fiction."

Both writers were eager to discuss the strength of the Somerville writing community. She affirmed that the table served both promotional as well as networking purposes.

For readers interested in supporting local authors, getting their own works out to the public, or simply hungry for local literature, the stand will return to

next week's market.



A selection of books are being promoted by Provost and Bannatyne at their Farmers Market stand:

Lesley Bannatyne – *Unaccustomed to Grace. Stories*
http://lesleybannatyne.com
Buy the book: <http://lesleybannatyne.com/grace.html>
UPCOMING EVENT: Saturday, September 10, 2:00 p.m., Somerville Library main branch, author reading w/Lesley Bannatyne and Kate Chadbourne <https://somervillepubliclibrary.assabetinteractive.com/meeting-and-study-rooms/a-reading-with-lesley-bannatyne/>

Bonnie Bishop – *One Foot in Another World*
<https://bonniebishopbookart.weebly.com/one-foot-in-another-world.html>
Buy the book: contact bonniebookart@gmail.com

Linda Conte – *Seldom Purely. Poems by Linda Haviland Conte*
<https://lindaconte.net/>
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Gary Duehr – *The Great Empty. A Regna in Time of Corona*
<https://www.garyduehr.com/poetry>
Buy the book: <https://www.lulu.com/shop/gary-duehr/the-great-empty/paperback/product-gqygv.html?page=1&pageSize=4>

Kirk Etherton – *Diving for Stones*

Bridget Galway – *What Moments Yield*

<https://m.facebook.com/people/Bridget-Seley-Galway/100011307669532>
Buy the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Moments-Yield-Bridget-Seley-Galway/dp/0359711774>

Louise Glück – *Winter Recipes from the Collective: Poems*
Buy the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Winter-Recipes-Collective-Louise-Gl%C3%BCck/dp/037460410X>

Dori Hale – *Disorientation and the Weather*
<https://www.facebook.com/dori.hale.7>
Buy the book: <https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/disorientation-and-the-weather-by-dorinda-hale/>

Doug Holder – *The Essential Doug Holder. New and Selected Poems*
<http://dougholderresume.blogspot.com/>
Buy the book: <https://www.amazon.com/Essential-Doug-Holder-Selected-Works-ebook/dp/B089QY1QNN>

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UPCOMING EVENT: Dave will be a special local guest at MICE 2022, October 22-23 micexpo.org

Denise Provost – *City of Stories*
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Last month, Lance Davis and Erika.Uyterhoeven organized a Davis Square discussion get-together at Seven Hills Park. About 30 neighbors came and each of us was invited to present comments. Mine were on three issues I think are big for Somerville, for Boston, and for the Commonwealth as a whole. Several attendees suggested I make my thoughts available to those who couldn't attend so I tidied up my notes and sent on as a letter to our mayor.

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne
City Hall
Somerville Massachusetts 02144

Dear Madam Mayor,

This letter summarizes remarks I was invited to present to a Davis Square community meeting at Seven Hills Park this past Sunday morning, which you were unable to attend. As they aroused considerable interest and go to issues beyond our local community, to Somerville and to the entire Commonwealth, I beg to bring them to your attention.

Some background: my family and I have lived in Somerville for almost 60 years,

though I myself spent many of them in Asia mainly in Buddhist countries, strongly influencing me to see the value of compassion for everyone, because we all suffer in one way or another. My youngest daughter, a physician, regularly calls to tell me the awful things she sees in treating drug addicts and schizophrenics in Manhattan. Together with her, I've studied this subject closely.

I have advanced professional training in government and in public administration and am an officer of the United States.

I'm also an active bike rider.

Today I'm concerned with the direction our City Elders are taking us. With my graduate training in government, I am highly aware of the centrality of the rule of law to our success as a nation. Some with good intentions are actively undermining it. You can see it in decisions to disable official cooperation in dealing with those illegally in our city, and in our city's announced plan to set up shooting galleries for dangerous and illegal drugs. The overthrow of the rule of law, our treasure and our great model to the world, is too great a sacrifice. Worse: the overthrow of the rule of law is exactly former President Trump's approach to public policy: "It's my pet

project and I'll have it done even though it's brazenly illegal." You see daily in the press how well that worked for America on January 6, 2021.

Formerly I spent a great deal of time with my customers in Silicon Valley, staying in San Francisco or in Berkeley. I witnessed with my own eyes the fall of these great communities. Now one sees open narcotic drug sale and use on their streets, and open public copulation and public defecation, all without consequence. Gangs swarm into shops with pocket calculators stealing just under \$1,000, then calmly walk out without consequence. The City Elders think it's great: the public are exercising their autonomy.

Sacrificing the rule of law would be too great even were noble goals reached. But they won't be. These well-intentioned California policies enable self-destructive behavior. Anyone who, like me, has sadly had an addicted relative or employee knows that enabling physically destructive behavior means to kill that person. Regardless of intention, that is the reality.

Some suggest that shooting gallery visitors will be offered help which they may decline. Medically and legally, it's known

addicts have diminished capacity, so this suggestion is a medical monstrosity and legal nonsense. Shooting galleries will also act as a public subsidy to narcotic drug dealers.

Our City Elders are on the way to making Somerville a horrorscape like San Francisco. I've seen these things happen with my own eyes. I urge you to stop these degenerative moves, and reverse course right now, because this is where Somerville is heading. We can find ways to actualize our compassion without destroying our city or setting a damaging precedent in the Commonwealth.

Finally, regarding bikes, I urge you and your colleagues to mandate training and licensing of all bike riders and a visible registration plate on all bikes on Somerville streets. A friend was gravely injured by an errant bike and spent a year in recovery. As with the other issues above, to maintain a safe and civilized community, you must attach consequences to actions. It's the very first lesson in Behavioral Science 1.

Very respectfully,

Jeffrey Race
Somerville

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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commonwealth are well prepared to respond to public health challenges."

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON WITH A NATURAL HAIRSTYLE (S 2796) - Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would make Massachusetts the 18th state in the nation to prohibit any person or entity including educational institutions, workplaces and public spaces from implementing any policy that would explicitly target someone who wears their natural hairstyle. The measure defines natural hairstyle as hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles including braids, locks, twists and other formations.

"On the long march toward justice, and especially racial justice, the Senate's unanimous passage of this legislation marks another step forward," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester). "We would not be at this point without the great courage and strength of Mya and Deanna Cook, who as 15-year-old students faced discrimination and abuse from their high school for their hairstyles, and bravely stood up for their rights and those of so many other Black women."

"This is a classic example, in many respects, of a citizen movement started by a very small number of people in which the right thing to do became clearer and clearer the longer the discussion went on," Baker said upon signing the bill.

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 period of July 25-31, the House met for a total of 39 hours and 55 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 45 hours and 44 minutes.

Mon. July 25	House 11:09 a.m.to 12:39 p.m. Senate 11:22 a.m. to 1:34 p.m.
Tues. July 26	House 11:03 a.m. to 4:46 p.m. Senate 1:14 p.m. to 5:26 p.m.
Wed. July 27	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. July 28	House 11:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Senate 1:05 p.m. to 6:32 p.m.
Fri. July 29	House 11:01 a.m. to 6:42 p.m. Senate 1:10 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Sat. July 30	House 11:01 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. Senate 12:20 p.m. to 5:38 p.m.
Sun. July 31	House 12:03 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. (Monday morning August 1) Senate 11:13 a.m. to 10:13 a.m. (Monday morning August 1)

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Somerville to host ‘The Moving Wall’ Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Somerville has been announced as a host city on this year’s nationwide tour of The Moving Wall, a half-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Moving Wall has been traveling to cities and towns across the country for nearly forty years to give those who can’t get to Washington a chance to experience the power of the memorial. This fall, it makes its way to Somerville for the first time, setting up in the Mass General Brigham Great Lawn at Assembly Row, 399 Revolution Drive, November 10-14.

Like the original monument, The Moving Wall displays the names of more than 58,000 American service members who died in the Vietnam War. The Somerville Department of Veterans’ Services worked to bring the memorial to Somerville to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and to give many in the community an opportunity they may never otherwise have.

“We are honored to host The Moving Wall in Somerville for the first time this year,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “This is one way we can pay our respects to our past and present service members and families and allow our younger generations to gain a new understanding of American history. Visiting the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial in person is often a profound, emotional experience, and I’m grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to deliver this opportunity to our community. I hope it brings healing to veterans and their loved ones in Somerville and beyond, and I look forward to welcoming The Moving Wall and its visitors this November.”

During its five-day stay, members of the public can visit the wall and make crayon rubbings of names. Grief counselors from the Boston Vet Center will be available, and volunteers will be onsite to assist visitors 24 hours a day. The Great Lawn on the Mass General Brigham Assembly Row campus will offer an accessible, park-like setting for reflection and contemplation with parking and lodging conveniently located nearby.

“This memorial serves as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It’s particularly poignant because it allows people in our local communities the opportunity to pay their respects—especially those who physically or financially may not be able to make the trip to D.C.,” said Dr. Gregg Meyer, President of the Mass General Brigham Community Division and former Colonel in the United States



Air Force. “As a leader in our community, and as an organization dedicated to healing, supporting, and employing our veterans, we at Mass General Brigham are honored to be able to host this important tribute.”

“The Moving Wall is intended to pay homage to these great American heroes who courageously served and fought in such divisive conflict,” said Ted Louis-Jacques, Director of Veterans’ Services. “I am thrilled to recognize the men and women who paved the way forward for future service members and remember the more than 58,000 souls who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. Heroism comes in many forms, but to give

one’s life while serving is one of the truest forms. This is a unique opportunity for us to pay our respect to our Somerville Vietnam War veterans.”

With the added distinction of hosting the wall over Veterans Day weekend, the Somerville Department of Veterans’ Services will lead the grand opening and official ceremony at the memorial on Friday, November 11. For volunteer opportunities and more information, please contact Veterans’ Services at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 or veterans@somervillema.gov.

About The Moving Wall

The Moving Wall is more than 252 feet long from end to end

and stands 6 feet tall at its highest point in the center. Its 74 separate frames display more than 58,000 names of American service members who died in the Vietnam War. The Moving Wall was built in the early 1980s by Vietnam veterans from California who sought to bring the power of the memorial in Washington, D.C., to people on the West Coast. Since then, the initiative has expanded to serve communities across the country. Today, thousands of visitors visit The Moving Wall at cities and towns around the United States to reflect and pay their respects to those who have and continue to serve. For more information, visit themovingwall.org.

Historical Fact

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20th century entertainment where popular specialty acts, such as comedy, slapstick, pantomime, and song and dance acts were featured. In 1915, vaudeville shows at the Somerville Theatre were the stock trade of the burgeoning Somerville Players and other song and dance troupers.

One of the players who danced across her floor was Ray Bolger who was remembered for his roles in *Babes in Toyland*, *April in Paris*, *The Great Ziegfeld* and most of all as the scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Others who graced her stage were Tallulah Bankhead, a budding young Marlon Brando and Francis X. Bushman who was known as the King of Movies until Clark Gable.

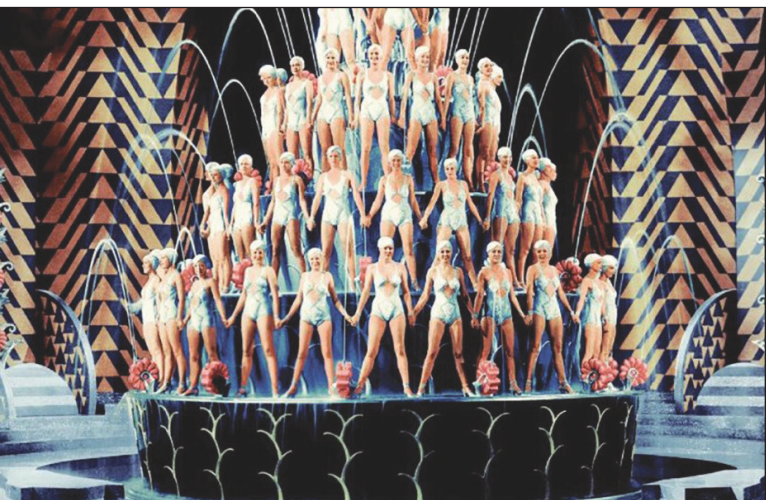
All but forgotten on the early Somerville Stage hit parade is Busby Berkeley who both acted and directed in Somerville. Some say his nickname came from his birth and others say it came from his early work with the Somerville Players.

After his time in Somerville, he brought his Army geometric formations, Air Corps kaleidoscopic

patterns and his choreographic genius to the Broadway stage and Hollywood screen. This was in the form of our greatest elaborate dancing-girl extravaganzas and also swim spectaculars with Esther Williams.

Busby was a soldier turned film maker. He invented the mono-rail camera and created his own imaginative techniques such as the birds-eye camera prospective which put holes in the ceiling for overhead shots.

For decades he was called the King of Dance but never took a lesson. It seems fitting that



his forty-five-year career on the stage began at the Somerville Theatre opposite College Ave-

nue, the road to Tufts University, and ended in the 1962 movie *Jumbo*.

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PLANNING BOARD

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, August 18, 2022**, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

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

TO CALL IN

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

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

- 59 Bow Street** 59-61 Bow St., LLC proposes to develop a five (5)-story, Net-Zero Ready, LEED Platinum general building and establish a Household Living principle use for 15 dwelling units in the Mid-Rise 5 (MR5) zoning district. This proposal requires Site Plan Approval and one (1) Special Permit.
- 394 McGrath Hwy** Contempo Builders proposes to develop a four (4)-story, Net-Zero Ready apartment building and establish a Household Living principle use for 15 dwelling units in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) zoning district. This proposal requires Site Plan Approval and one (1) Special Permit.
- 325-375 Assembly Row** Street Retail, LLC, on behalf of Federal Realty OP LP, proposes a revision to a previously issued Special Permit with Site Plan Approval (PB2016-14) in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District, to change the permitted design of ASQ Linear Park.

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

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IFB #23-09

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

West Somerville Neighborhood School - Schoolyard Improvements

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 **08/05/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **08/19/2022 12:00PM EST**. 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 PCS Department at procurement@somervillema.gov for more information.

5% Bid Deposit required.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, August 15, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

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

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

You have two ways to be heard at this meeting:

1. To attend and be heard, enter this link exactly as it appears into your internet browser anytime before the meeting: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/MEETINGID>. You can also find this link on the City website's calendar. You will then be asked to register, and after registering, you will receive an email with instructions to join the webinar.

2. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may send written comments by US mail to the Executive Secretary at 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, or by email to licensing@somervillema.gov. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the Hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Commission.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

LORI JEAN BATZEK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
LICENSING@SOMERVILLEMA.GOV

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, August 15, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

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

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LICENSING COMMISSION

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

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

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LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, August 15, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

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

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

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LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the **Licensing Commission** on **Monday, August 15, 2022**, at 6:00 PM, on the following Application(s):

Application of a Common Victualler and an Outdoor Patio License on Public Property, for La Cosecha Corp d/b/a La Cosecha Restaurant, 85B Broadway.

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

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PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
REBID IFB#23-05

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

Poured in Place Surfacing

The bid package and updates as they become available can be downloaded from: <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**. Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **Thursday, August 18, 2022, 2:00 PM**.

The City of Somerville may cancel this solicitation or reject in whole or in part any and all bids, if the City determines that cancellation or rejection serves the best interests of the City.

Massachusetts Prevailing Wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please email jremy@somervillema.gov for more information.

Jordan Remy
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x3409

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
IFB #23-07

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

On-call Plumbing Repairs for the Municipal Buildings

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 **07/28/2022**. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: **08/18/2022 1:00PM EST**. 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 PCS Department at procurement@somervillema.gov for more information.

5% Bid Deposit required.

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

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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 **8/10/2022** at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Hector Nunez unit #2393; Catherine Stone unit #302B. 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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Somerville Public Schools awarded
\$10,000 'It Gets Better' grant

The It Gets Better Project recently announced that Somerville Public Schools (SPS) has been awarded a “50 States. 50 Grants. 5000 Voices” grant. Somerville Public Schools will use the funds to support LGBTQIA+ students by providing our district’s Gender/Sexuality Alliances (GSAs) with materials, event funding, and inclusive and representative books for school libraries.

GSAs at each of the schools in Somerville will use the funds to purchase Pride Packages that include board games, decorations, art supplies, pride flags, and pronoun pins. They will also be allotted funding for GSA students and their allies to plan and host events that help reinforce a sense of acceptance, community, belonging, joy, and safety. Funds will also be used to enhance school library book collections with books that represent LGBTQIA+ identities.

As Dr. Jessica Boston Davis, SPS Director for Equity and Excellence, shares, “Creating inclusive and affirming environments that allow students to thrive is a core piece of our work as a district. I’m grateful for the partnership with our Out of School Time Director, Heather McCormack, and our GSA advisors who developed tangible ways in which we can foster inclusive environments for our students who are members of the LGTBQIA+ community.”

Heather McCormack, SPS Out of School Time Director, adds her thoughts, “I was so excited to work with Dr. Jessica Boston Davis and our amazing teacher advisors this year to ensure that every K-8 school in the district had a GSA. We are so grateful that this grant allows us to make sure every one of our GSAs has the resources they need to support our LGBTQIA+ students, and I look forward to supporting their efforts throughout the year.”

For more information about the It Gets Better Project, visit <https://itgetsbetter.org/>.

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40 College Ave. Each household is also eligible for three free shipments of tests from the federal government, and if you have health insurance, your provider may also cover the costs of at-home tests. Learn more at somervillema.gov/covidtesting.

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

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

Come to **Aeronaut** in person (or Zoom in) to August's **Streetwise Talk**, featuring **Yari DeJesus**, founder of **Women on Wheels**. She'll be talking about the empowering organization she has catalyzed. Visit bit.ly/3ORnXHN for Zoom link. Streetwise (formerly Bike Talk), Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler St, Somerville, **August 17, 6:00 p.m.**

The **City of Somerville** is hiring **polling place workers** for the upcoming 2022 election cycle. Hundreds of poll workers will be needed this year to conduct a successful election. The **Elections Office** is hosting two information sessions about becoming a poll worker on **Thursday, July 28**, at **City Hall**, 93 Highland Avenue, in the **City Council Chambers** on the second floor. The afternoon session is 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., and the evening session is 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/PollWorkerInfoSessions. If you are interested in learning more but not able to attend an information session, please contact the Elections Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

As of July 13, a new **Housing Stability Notification Act** amendment requires landlords to provide tenants with infor-

mation about their rights and resources at the start of all new housing rentals, rather than only when pursuing eviction. Anyone facing displacement or needing housing assistance is urged to contact the **Office of Housing Stability** at 617-625-6600 ext. 2581. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/ohs.

The **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** is now available 24/7, 365 days a year in Massachusetts and across the country. 988 is a direct three-digit phone line to trained **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** call takers. If you need suicide, substance use, or mental health crisis support, or if you are worried about someone else, you can call or text 988 or use the chatline at 988lifeline.org to access compassionate care and support.

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

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

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

The **City of Somerville's annual Somer-Movie Fest** returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings begin at dusk and the schedule is as follows: **Jumanji: The Next Level**, **August 4**, **Seven Hills Park**; **West Side Story**, **August 11**, **Seven Hills Park**; **Star Wars: The Force Awakens**, **August 18**, **Seven Hills Park**.

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

Attention Somerville artists! Showcase and sell artwork from the comfort of your yard at the **Somerville Arts Council's Yart Sale** on **Saturday, August 13**. Learn more at somervilleartscouncil.org/yartsale.

Groundwork Somerville will be hosting a concert in partnership with **SomerFest** and **EventThem**. The concert will take place on **Thursday, August 4** at **South Street Farm**, just minutes away from the new Union Square T station and across the street from Boynton Yards. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. Come check out RnB grooves from singer **Leah Parrett**, tantalizing flow from rapper **Sur5ILL**, games, food and more. Free general admission. All ages are welcome. Donations are highly encouraged to support further programming. Visit the website for more info: <https://groundworksomerville.org/event/aug4/>

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

The city's **Adopt-A-Tree program** has officially launched. Newly planted trees can be found around Somerville, and now they need your help. Look for the colorful "Adopt Me!" tags and scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/somervilletree to find a tree in your neighborhood and

go through the steps to adopt it. Name it, water it and even receive an adoption certificate. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/adoptatree.

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

Don't forget to visit **Somerville's farmers markets**. Every **Wednesday through November 23, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.** visit the **Davis Square Farmers Market**, across from American Flatbread at **44 Day St**. Visit: <https://www.massfarmersmarkets.org/davis>. Every **Saturday through October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, the **Union Square Farmers Market** takes place at **66-70 Union Sq.** visit: <https://www.unionsquaremain.org/2022-fmseason>. Every **Sunday through November 20**, the **East Somerville Farmers Market** takes place at **115 Broadway, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Visit <https://www.east-somervillemainstreets.org/market>. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

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

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mindful Eating "Getting Back to Basics" – A four week workshop. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, August 3, August 10 and August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This workshop will help us enjoy foods and reach satiety or the sensation of feeling full, while making healthy choices. Ditch the rules, use sound nutrition as a guideline and truly listen to what our bodies need. Class size is limited. Please RSVP by contacting Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email Mary at Headtofitness10@yahoo.com

Bingo – Tuesday, August 9, 16, and 30 at Ralph & Jenny Center starting at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, August 18 and 25 at Holland Street starting at 10:00 a.m. Keep your eyes open for occasional

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXERCISE

Virtual FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

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

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

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The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program Returns

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

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Wednesday, August 3					
6:30am	Chair Yoga w Chris	10:30pm	& Fireworks 2022		
7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II		City Council Spotlight: Willie Burnley, Jr	5:30pm	the Neighborhood Restaurant
8:00am	Arbor Day Celebration			6:00pm	Arbor Day Celebration
8:15am	SPD Ride Along	11:00pm	Envisioning 90 Washington St.	6:45pm	History of Your House & Family
8:30am	Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant	Friday, August 5			SPD Ride Along
9:00am	Art Beat 2022	12:05am	History of Your House & Family	7:00pm	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022
10:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV	1:00am	Art Beat 2022	7:30pm	Envisioning 90 Washington St.
11:00am	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	6:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV	8:35pm	Chair Yoga w Chris
11:30am	City Council Meeting 7-14-22	7:00am	Raising Families- Vaping	9:30pm	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7
3:00pm	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 2022	7:30am	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022	10:00pm	Art Beat 2022
4:00pm	Fit-4-Life Video #4	8:00am	Porchfest 2022	11:00pm	Porchfest 2022
4:30pm	Three Paths to Italy	9:00am	Art Beat 2022	Sunday, August 7	
6:00pm	Conway Park Ribbon Cutting	10:00am	Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant	12:00am	Senior Circuit:
6:30pm	City Council Spotlight: Willie Burnley, Jr				Older Adults & Mental Health
7:00pm	School Committee Meeting 6-27-22	11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	12:30am	Three Paths to Italy
8:40pm	Arbor Day Celebration	11:30am	City Council Spotlight: Willie Burnley, Jr	1:30am	90 Washington Public Meeting
9:00pm	90 Washington Public Meeting	12:00pm	Finance Committee of the Whole	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
10:30pm	Art Beat 2022	6:30pm	Arbor Day Celebration	8:00am	Memorial Day Ceremony 2022
11:30pm	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 2022	7:00pm	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022	8:45am	SPD Ride Along
Thursday, August 4			Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant	9:00am	Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant
12:00am	Assembly to E. Somerville Walking Tour	7:30pm	Commemoration of Unknown British Soldier	9:30am	Conway Park Ribbon Cutting
1:30am	Arbor Day Celebration	8:00pm	Commemoration of Unknown British Soldier	10:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice III
2:00am	Commemoration of Unknown British Soldier	8:35pm	SPD Ride Along	11:00am	Fit-4-Life Video #4
6:30am	Commemoration of Unknown British Soldier	9:00pm	Art Beat 2022	11:30am	Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant
7:05am	City Council Meeting 7-14-22	10:00pm	Envisioning 90 Washington St.		Senior Circuit:
10:30am	Old Powder House Docent Tour	11:05pm	Raising Families- Vaping	12:00pm	Older Adults & Mental Health
11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	Saturday, August 6			Old Powder House Docent Tour
11:30am	City Council Spotlight: Willie Burnley, Jr	12:00am	Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant	12:30pm	Jane's Walk
12:00pm	Envisioning 90 Washington St.	12:30am	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022	2:30pm	Assembly to E. Somerville Walking Tour
2:00pm	Arbor Day Celebration	1:00am	Art Beat 2022		Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7
2:30pm	Entrepreneur Spotlight at the Neighborhood Restaurant	2:30am	Assembly to E. Somerville Walking Tour	4:00pm	School Committee Meeting 6-27-22
3:00pm	History of Your House & Family	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II	5:00pm	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022
4:00pm	School Committee Meeting 6-27-22	8:00am	History of Your House & Family	6:35pm	Senior Circuit:
6:00pm	City Council Meeting 7-14-22	8:45am	SPD Ride Along	7:00pm	Older Adults & Mental Health
9:30pm	Old Powder House Docent Tour	9:00am	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022	7:30pm	Arbor Day Celebration
10:00pm	Independence Day Celebration	9:30am	Envisioning 90 Washington St.	8:00pm	City Council Meeting 7-14-22
			Chair Yoga w Chris	Monday, August 8	
			Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	12:00am	City Council Meeting 7-14-22
			Art Beat 2022	6:30am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice III
			City Council Meeting 7-14-22	7:30am	Envisioning 90 Washington St.
			Entrepreneur Spotlight at	8:35am	Conway Park Ribbon Cutting
				9:00am	Art Beat 2022
				10:00am	Porchfest 2022
				11:00am	Chair Yoga w Chris
				11:30am	Three Paths to Italy
				12:00pm	City Council Meeting 7-14-22
				1:04pm	Assembly to E. Somerville Walking Tour
				2:30pm	City Council Spotlight: Willie Burnley, Jr
				3:00pm	Art Beat 2022
				4:00pm	Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
				5:00pm	Three Paths to Italy
				6:00pm	Finance Committee: Budget FY23
				10:00pm	Envisioning 90 Washington St.
				11:05pm	Senior Circuit:
					Older Adults & Mental Health
				11:31pm	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022
				Tuesday, August 9	
				12:00am	History of Your House & Family
				1:00am	City Council Meeting 7-14-22
				6:30am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice III
				7:30am	Women in World Jazz at SPL
				9:00am	History of Your House & Family
				10:00am	Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy
				10:30am	Chair Yoga w Chris
				11:00am	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7
				11:30am	Senior Circuit:
					Older Adults & Mental Health
				12:00pm	City Council Meeting 7-14-22
				3:30pm	City Council Spotlight: Willie Burnley, Jr
				4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
				4:30pm	Raising Families- Vaping
				5:00pm	Three Paths to Italy
				6:00pm	Sullivan Bros. Memorial at Lexington Park
				6:30pm	101 South St. Ribbon Cutting
				7:02pm	Somerville Pride Flag Raising 2022
				7:30pm	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks 2022
				8:00pm	History of Your House & Family
				9:00pm	School Committee Meeting 6-27-22
				Wednesday, August 10	
				12:00am	Senior Circuit:
					Older Adults & Mental Health
				12:30am	History of Your House & Family
				1:15am	101 South St. Ribbon Cutting
				2:00am	Art Beat 2022

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Wednesday, August 3		8:30pm	SHS Volleyball Playoff vs GLT	3:00pm	Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert	1:30pm	Sullivan Bros. Memorial
8:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice I	10:00pm	Argenziano 5-8 Spring Concert	3:30pm	Brown School Spring Concert		at Lexington Park
9:00am	SHS Graduation 2022	10:30pm	ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert	4:30pm	Next Wave Graduation 2022	2:00pm	SHS Volleyball vs Everett 9-22-21
10:30am	SCALE Graduation 2022	11:00pm	SHS Softball vs Everett	5:30pm	WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising	3:00pm	SHS Graduation 2022
11:30am	WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising	Friday, August 5		6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball 1999-2000	4:30pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Medford 9-23-21
12:00pm	SHS Class Day 2022	12:10am	SHS Boys Hoop vs Billerica 1-27-98	7:00pm	SHS Boys Hoop vs Medford 1-5-00	6:00pm	SHS Football vs Malden 10-1-21
1:25pm	SHS Girls LAX vs Matignon	2:00am	SHS Football @ N Quincy 9-10-21	9:00pm	SHS Boys Hoop vs Malden 12-15-98	8:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs LC 9-30-21
2:30pm	Smithers Sanders Pool Dedication	8:00am	Brown School Spring Concert	11:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	9:30pm	WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising
3:00pm	Girls Intramural Basketball	9:00am	SHS Class Day 2022	Sunday, August 7		Tuesday, August 9	
	Championship 2022	10:30am	ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	12:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Cambridge
4:00pm	Boys Intramural Basketball	11:00am	Vocational Awards Banquet 2022	1:35am	SHS Boys Hoop vs Malden	1:30am	Sullivan Bros. Memorial
	Championship 2022	12:00pm	SHS Baseball vs Revere	8:00am	Healey School Moving On 2022		at Lexington Park
5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball 1999-2000	2:00pm	SHS Volleyball vs Burlington	9:00am	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	2:00am	SHS Volleyball vs Everett 9-22-21
6:00pm	el Sistema Spring Concert	4:00pm	Boys Intramural Basketball	10:00am	el Sistema Spring Concert	8:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea 9-14-21
7:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford		Championship 2022	10:33am	Smithers Sanders Pool Dedication	9:30am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere 10-5-21
8:30pm	WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising	5:00pm	Boys Intramural Basketball	11:00am	Full Circle Graduation 2022	11:00am	Boys' Intramural Soccer
9:00pm	SHS Graduation 2022		Championship 2022	12:30pm	Kennedy School Spring Concert		Championship
10:30pm	Next Wave Graduation 2022	6:00pm	Brown School Spring Concert	1:00pm	SHS Football vs Falmouth 9-13-19	12:00pm	Girls' Intramural Soccer
11:30pm	Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert	7:00pm	Argenziano 5-8 Spring Concert	3:30pm	WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising		Championship
Thursday, August 4		7:30pm	ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert	4:00pm	SHS Football vs Medford 9-28-18	1:00pm	SHS Graduation 2022
1:31 am	SHS Girls Basketball vs AB 3-8-01	8:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Cambridge	6:05pm	Healey School Moving On 2022	2:30pm	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
3:00am	HS Girls Basketball 1999-2000	10:00pm	SHS Boys Hoop vs Medford 1-5-00	7:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	3:00pm	Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert
8:00am	el Sistema Spring Concert	Saturday, August 6		8:00pm	el Sistema Spring Concert	3:30pm	Brown School Spring Concert
9:00am	Full Circle Graduation 2022	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Arlington	8:33pm	Smithers Sanders Pool Dedication	4:30pm	Next Wave Graduation 2022
10:30am	SHS Volleyball Playoff vs GLT	1:35am	SHS Boys Hoop vs Malden 12-15-98	9:00pm	Full Circle Graduation 2022	5:30pm	ESCS Moving On Ceremony 2022
12:00pm	Argenziano 5-8 Spring Concert	8:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea 9-14-21	10:30pm	Kennedy School Spring Concert	7:00pm	WSNS Moving On Ceremony
12:30pm	ESCS 5-8 Spring Concert	9:30am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere 10-5-21	11:00pm	SHS Football vs Falmouth 9-13-19	8:00pm	SHS Graduation 2022
1:00pm	SHS Softball vs Everett	11:00am	Boys' Intramural Soccer	Monday, August 8		9:30pm	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
2:30pm	Spring String Fling		Championship	1:30am	SHS Football vs Medford 9-28-18	10:00pm	Healey School 4-8 Spring Concert
3:00pm	SHS Football vs Malden 10-1-21	12:00pm	Girls' Intramural Soccer	8:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs LC 9-30-21	10:30pm	Brown School Spring Concert
5:00pm	Healey School Moving On 2022		Championship	9:30am	WSNS Juneteenth Flag Raising	11:25pm	el Sistema Spring Concert
6:00pm	el Sistema Spring Concert	1:00pm	SHS Graduation 2022	10:00am	SHS Volleyball vs Malden 10-6-21	12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Arlington
7:00pm	Full Circle Graduation 2022	2:30pm	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	12:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Cambridge	1:36am	SHS Boys Hoop vs Medford 1-5-00

Local artist’s sculptural lights bring a spotlight to Celeste

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Carmona combines his architectural knowledge, experience from working with lighting designers, and his own artistic vision to create a truly distinctive style that can be seen throughout all of his projects.

Fastened together with interlocking petals, the intelligent design of the pendant lights serves as a perfect display of Guzman

Carmona’s work within the intersection of art and architecture. “Light has the capacity to change what the space feels like, and how you can inhabit it,” explained Carmona. “Thinking about lighting in a residential, domestic, or small commercial context is interesting to me because it affects the day to day.”

The project was undertaken in

collaboration with the Somerville Arts Council, who provided a grant to Carmona as part of an ongoing grant program to support local BIPOC artists. “They originated from when COVID started, and we wanted to give money to artists for relief. But it was also in response to the social injustice happening during the time, we felt like we wanted to

do more for the BIPOC community in Somerville,” explained Iaritza Menjivar, the Somerville Arts Council’s Event and Public Art Coordinator.

While the grant program has been paused for this summer, they hope to restart it in the fall in order to give the many applicants another opportunity to share their voices.

“There’s just so many artists, designers, and people who really have a really particular opinion about how to liven up a space, and they’re all around us,” said Carmona. “So I think the Somerville Arts Council has a really huge opportunity to fund projects like this by providing resources to create something really special.”



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1882 – Congress passes the Immigration Act, banning Chinese immigration for ten years.

1908 – Allan Allensworth files the site plan for the first African-American town, Allensworth, California.

1914 – Germany declares war on France.

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YouthBuild Just A Start partners with Somerville Community Fridge

On July 29, YouthBuild Just A Start's construction students delivered and installed the first community refrigerator and pantry at St Clement Church in Medford, MA as a part of a collaborative partnership with Somerville Community Fridge, a volunteer-run mutual aid group that provides assistance building, maintaining, and stocking community refrigerators in the cities of Somerville and Medford and collaborates with other towns and cities in the Metro-North area.

YouthBuild Just A Start, based in Cambridge, MA, is a high school education, job skills, and leadership development program for youth. Its current cohort of seven construction students were tasked with building and assembling an enclosure for the community refrigerator, as well as delivering and installing it. The new fridge will provide food support to the community, serving many local residents and families while reducing food insecurity and minimizing food waste.

The refrigerator took three weeks to complete and in the course of the build out, the construction students, who had no prior building experience, learned and practiced valuable construction skills such as the safe use of power tools, basic floor, wall, and roof framing/sheathing, reading construction documents, and working together as a team. The materials were provided by donors to the Somerville Community Fridges.



"When Somerville Community Fridge first asked YouthBuild Just A Start construction students for help building Medford's first community refrigerator at St. Clement Church, we were thrilled," said Nate Bae Kupel, YouthBuild Just A Start's Director. Dan Madri, a YouthBuild Vocational Instructor, continued, "This project was a fantastic opportunity to give our students hands-on experience for them to test their skills and work together on something that would ultimately address food security, an issue we at YouthBuild Just A Start care a lot about."

The Blessed Andrew Phu-Yen Parish at St. Clement Church, located in Medford, will host the community refrigerator, which was first initiated by Father Phong, pastor of the first Vietnamese parish of the Archdiocese of Boston. He has long supported local pantries and is passionate about providing food support to the community. "This Community Fridge, in a gentlest way, validates and authenticates our faith as Catholics. We thus are profoundly honored to participate in the effort to better the lives of our brothers and sisters."

Somerville Community Fridge volunteers will routinely stock the refrigerator with fresh produce, dairy, meat, and other foods donated by area businesses and farmers markets. Members of the community are encouraged to contribute fresh wholesome and canned food, as well as pantry supplies including diapers and personal hygiene items.

"We are grateful to YouthBuild Just A Start and St. Clement Church for their support with this project," said Todd Kaplan, one of the Somerville Community Fridge lead organizers. "The fridges are a way for community members to help their neighbors in need with fresh, healthy food. Because the fridges and pantries are open 24/7 they allow convenient access to food in a private way. In the true spirit of mutual aid, we hope everyone will take what they need, and give what they can."

The refrigerator is located in the parking lot behind St. Clement Church via St. Clement Road. Access is also convenient from the front of the church at 64 Warner Street side by walking between the church and the church's hall.

About YouthBuild Just A Start

YouthBuild Just A Start is a full-time comprehensive youth development program that helps young people reclaim their education, gain job skills, and become leaders in their communities. The program serves students aged 16 to 24, offering youth the opportunity to earn their high school credential and build employment skills in their choice of Construction or Retail. YouthBuild students are also eligible to earn stipends of up to \$300 bi-weekly as they pursue their education and work experience. YouthBuild Just A Start is a proud affiliate member of the global YouthBuild movement. For more information, please visit <https://justastart.org/youth-programs>.

About Somerville Community Fridge

Somerville Community Fridge is a community collective and mutual aid group created to share food and resources in Somerville, MA, and neighboring communities. They currently have three community refrigerators: the newest one in St. Clement Church at 64 Warner Street in Medford, one at 35 Prospect Street in Somerville's Union Square, and one at 36 Sewall Street in the Winter Hill neighborhood of Somerville. A fourth fridge is in the works for the East Somerville Neighborhood School. The organization is completely volunteer-run, and relies on the generosity of local businesses and residents to keep the fridges clean, full, and running properly. To learn more about how you can give or receive support, please visit <https://linktr.ee/SomervilleFridge>. If you want to volunteer, please feel free to join the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/somervillecommunityfridge>.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Back in the building, 'Elvis' the movie

Article by Off the Shelf Correspondent
Michael Todd Steffen

Just a “hey there” to moviegoers considering *Elvis*, Baz Luhrman’s biopic of iconic rock legend Elvis Presley. If you’re scrunching your nose and thinking naw, this is just about a flashy rhinestone Vegas entertainer – think again.

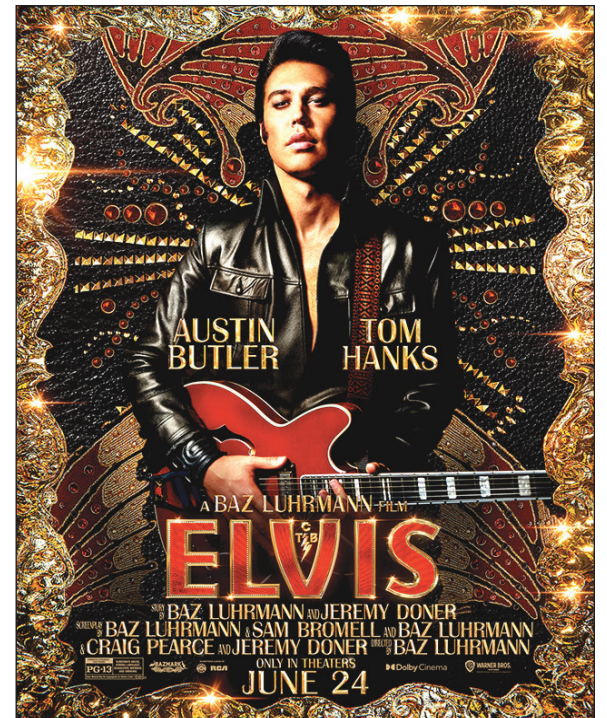
The movie starring Austin Butler (as Elvis Presley) and Tom Hanks (as Presley’s notorious manager Colonel Parker) plumbs unexpected depths of social feeling (rather than commentary) about the racial strife America so bitterly suffered in the time of Presley’s stardom (1956-1977), beginning with Elvis’s thorough embodiment as a white entertainer of the American South’s black music culture from his childhood around black blues dives and black tent spiritual revivals in Mississippi and Tennessee.

Luhrman’s carefully sifted and sequenced film makes a startling documentation of the origins of Presley’s meteoric rise to the nation’s attention with his controversial early television appearances, emanating a mix of hillbilly country and negro blues while swinging and gyrating his hips and shaking his legs and shoulders in an unprecedented sexual choreography that made young women scream uncontrollably and drew intense opprobrium from white, especially the deep South white conservatives – all the way to a Congressional committee formed to censor his performances for indecency. The complaint precisely was that the white boy was exhibiting black behavior.

Other than portraying the Congressmen’s complaints and efforts against the performer, the movie maintains a rigorous political silence, in terms of language, while Luhrman lucidly follows and puts out on display the young entertainer’s fierce rebellion against any censorship of his music or physical expression from television producers, his bumbling business-savvy manager Colonel Parker (a brilliant performance by Tom Hanks), or even the police.

This was his act, sure, and Colonel Parker’s shallow money-raking philosophy about show business and show business are repeated as a leitmotif throughout the film. Yet the portrayal of Presley also drives home that this embodied union of white and black America was deeply who Elvis Presley was and its life and expression through him and the wild enthusiasm and love it engendered in American popular culture was an electrifying and amalgamating force from the soles our shoes through our hearts into the tingling of our brains.

This music overrode the intellectual, political hatred which manifested themselves terribly in the



tragic assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy, events the movie quietly pauses to observe and digest in a dramatic sequence of the film where the singer undergoes a transformation from rebellion to simple and powerful affirmation of faith in his performance of the spine-chilling anthem *If I Can Dream*, sung on a Christmastime TV special culminating the crisis year in December ’68. The song’s repetition of the word dream resonates poignantly with the I have a dream speech of Martin Luther King Jr. (Elvis was also known as ‘The King’) who was slain by gunshots at a motel in Memphis less than 10 miles away from Presley’s Graceland mansion.

Meanwhile throughout the movie Luhrman brings plenty of mother love, charm and excitement to entertain us with the mesmerizing spectacle Elvis Presley made for America. The film reveals both the exhilarating wild fun of Elvis’s personality and fame and the deep dark side of the driven exhaustion, frustration and bitter anger his dedication to that inspiration brought into his life, not innocent of his manager’s addictive greed to draw all he could from the megastar.

Besides making its own subtly, deeply felt statements on our contemporary crises with gun violence, the conflict between language and expression propriety and censorship, government, the young generation’s driven rebellion to be heard, the slippery dangers of fame, our ongoing racial conflicts, sexual exhibition and addiction, *Elvis* the film entertains us with the light and charm of an exalted icon of Rock ‘n’ Roll and American culture as it celebrates Presley’s magnanimous talent, gift and generosity to our spirit and our lives.

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The Quiet Kayak

I slip over the surface of the water
almost silently, close along the shore,
inches above the lake floor,
burnished gold, pocked with pebbles.

Out in the open, over the deep,
dark to black, under a pale sky
seamless as time, I gaze down-lake,
green walls narrowing like a canyon.

Over the dark deep,
under the empty high,
the space is the quiet,
the quiet is the space.

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