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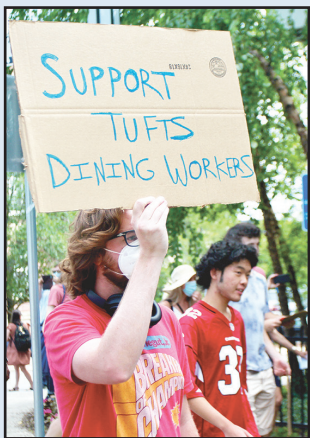
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## Indoor masking strongly recommended by city



Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 variants, the City of Somerville is recommending the wearing of face coverings in most public indoor settings.

By Jim Clark

On Friday, July 30, the City of Somerville announced that, given the increasing case numbers of COVID-19, both locally and nationally, due to the emergence of the Delta variant, and in light of the CDC's updated guidance on masking, it is strongly recommending all people wear face coverings in indoor public settings regardless of whether they have been vaccinated against the virus.

In a public press release, the city's Deputy Director of Communications, Meghann Ackerman, issued the following statement:

While vaccinated individuals have vastly better protection against being infected by the coronavirus and suffering severe COVID symptoms, it is still possible for them to get infected with and transmit the virus. This was demonstrated by a recent outbreak in Provincetown *Continued on page 4*

## Donations needed for new mural coming to Somerville

By Rachael Hines

Nonprofit group East Somerville Main Streets is creating a new food-themed mural for Deano's Pizza, located at 15 Garfield Ave., in the east Somerville business district.

The mural is currently expected to be completed by the end of summer, and will feature the artwork of acclaimed artist and storyteller Michael Talbot.

"My aim and approach with this mural was to not just to highlight the business and what they do, but provide for the viewers an introspective dialogue to the statement 'You are what you love,'" said Talbot.

A large portion of the mural's cost was covered by a grant from the Somerville Arts Council, but individual donations are still needed to complete the project in time. To donate online or to find more information on ESMS, see east-somervillmainstreets.org/murals.

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Michael Talbot's artwork will be gracing the premises at Deano's Pizza in Somerville, funded in part by East Somerville Main Streets.



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The deadline to **register to vote** or update your party affiliation or address for the **September 14 preliminary election** is **Wednesday, August 25**, at 8 p.m. Massachusetts voters have the option to register online or via a paper form. To register by mail you can call (617) 625-6600 ext. 4200 and request a form be mailed to you, or you can download one from the Elections website. Don't forget that your form must be returned to the **Somerville Elections Department** by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25. You can also visit the Elections Department in City Hall to register to vote. Please note face coverings are required in all City buildings. This year there will be preliminary votes held to narrow the field of candidates for Mayor, Ward 5 City Councilor, and Ward 7 City Councilor.








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The **Somerville High Class of 1961** is holding their **60th reunion** on **September 28**, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at *Seasons 52*, 6 Wayside Rd., Burlington. The cost is \$40, you can mail checks to SHS Class of 1961 c/o 30 Murray Hill Rd, Cambridge, MA, 02140.

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Help to **reimagine the Union Square Plaza** and join in for an in-the-plaza session this **Saturday, August 7**, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (rain date, Sunday, August 8, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) on the Union Square Plaza. Come on out and join the conversation: Learn more about the Union Square Plaza and Streetscape redesign project and more ways to get involved at <https://voice.somervillema.gov/union-square-p-and-s?fbclid=IwAR0qPEqfxtJ5kEvmaMt8ckW-Lmc8eDOZ5jI8ooIAE70vLI4VQ2pabDWnc5A>

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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 Norton**, we wish her a very Continued on page 7

## Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 4 – August 10 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 <b>Wednesday</b> <i>August 4</i>	Cloudy	79°/66°	23%	18%	SE 10 mph
 <b>Thursday</b> <i>August 5</i>	Rain	74°/65°	67%	37%	NNE 11 mph
 <b>Friday</b> <i>August 6</i>	Sunny	86°/68°	15%	10%	WSW 9 mph
 <b>Saturday</b> <i>August 7</i>	Cloudy	87°/67°	11%	6%	SW 11 mph
 <b>Sunday</b> <i>August 8</i>	Partly Cloudy	81°/65°	24%	11%	NNE 9 mph
 <b>Monday</b> <i>August 9</i>	Partly Cloudy	79°/67°	20%	13%	ENE 9 mph
 <b>Tuesday</b> <i>August 10</i>	Partly Cloudy	86°/69°	23%	9%	SW 10 mph

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

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: **Demolitions/construction approved at Historic Preservation Commission meeting**

BMac says:

Shame. I mean most of the original crown molding was destroyed by leak in the upstairs bathroom, but still a beautiful old house. Supposedly owned by the Tufts family a hundred or so years ago. The shed out back still has, or at least had when it was sold, a stone watering trough for the horses. Beautiful, carved out of one big slab of stone.

### Response to: **ONCE Somerville hosting events at Boynton Yards**

BeantownDavid says:

While I am glad that ONCE has survived – I have to question the wisdom of holding even \*outdoor\* live music events during the Delta variant-induced COVID surge. We're only a few weeks into that – but the rise in area COVID hospitalizations is already concerning. Not everybody is vaccinated, after all. And while the vaccines certainly do reduce the severity of the illness – they are limited in their ability to prevent infection or prevent transmission by the infected. I've no doubt that ONCE will follow CDC guidelines for large outdoor events – but there is growing reason to believe that these guidelines will soon be modified to advise against such gatherings. I would hate to heap yet another financial crisis upon Ms. Gonson and her employees, but it doesn't seem like responsible public health guidelines should allow for these shows to be held at the present time.

### Response to: **Summers gone by**

BMac says:

6 kids in the back of a Rambler Rebel Wagon going to the Mystic Lakes for the day. Get a ticket and probably a child endangerment charge now. Somerville Hospital used to have a cook out every summer at Canobie Lake Park. You got a ticket with so many stars on it and the punched out a certain number for each ride. Was about the only time we went to the park, but I remember going for a number of years.

### Response to: **Urban development progresses in Union Square area**

union jobs says:

“One of the most outstanding concerns that I have, and that many in the community share is that there are currently hundreds of residents employed by Royal Hospitality and the fate of those jobs is unclear if and when this project moves forward,” I think we all know the fate of those jobs. High paying jobs for locals typically doesn't translate to union based, labor intensive jobs for people that speak little to no English.

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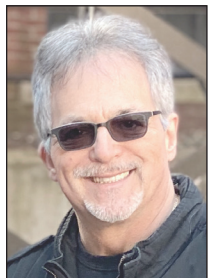
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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Somerville – where the stars come out



This article was first published on March 19, 2013.

We all know by now that President Obama once lived in Somerville. But there are lots of other famous people that have been in and out of Somerville as well. I am taking everyone's word that the following events are true.

I recently asked my friends who was the most famous person they had ever seen visiting Somerville. I got a flood of very interesting responses.

The people mentioned that I was most impressed by were actually members of the same family, The Kennedys. One guy who lives on my street saw John F. Kennedy and his brother Robert in Davis Square. Ted visited Somerville High School and Davis Square also. Another friend saw Jackie O on Temple Street in 1960.

Hillary Clinton visited the Edgerly school years ago.

One of my favorite experiences was when Dick Enberg and Merlin Olsen spent a couple of hours at The Embassy Lounge on Somerville Ave. in the late 70' or early 80's. They were in town to broadcast a Pat's game and just popped in. A friend bought former Detroit Pis-

ton Bill Laimbeer a beer at the Surrey Room. Celtics legend Bill Russell was at a Somerville corner store years ago.

Cambridge Rindge and Latin alum Patrick Ewing was seen frequently in the Ville. A friend told me she crashed her car into his once. Former Red Sox pitcher Luis Tiant was hanging out at a house on Belmont St., and Mo Vaughn was at Lincoln Park Community School. Hulk Hogan actually dropped into my daughter's birthday party at the Holiday Inn in Somerville back around 1994.

Actor Chris Evans was at the Mount Vernon for his grandmother's birthday party. He is Somerville coach Tom Hellen's cousin.

A select number of people got the privilege of seeing U2 at The Somerville Theatre back in 2009, but rock stars have always hung around Somerville. The J Geils Band played at Somerville High decades ago and Aerosmith had a rehearsal space on Lowell St. for years. They also used the Somerville Police prison cell to for an album photo shoot. Other famous rockers who performed in the Ville were Bo Diddley, Peter Tork of The Monkees, The Guess Who, and The Grass Roots.

"Da Schnoz" himself, Jimmy Durante visited Somerville High once, and former fitness guru and actress Jane Fonda was seen at Brighams on Winter Hill in 1980. Remember Nan's Sub shop across from



the High School? Actors Patty Duke and John Astin were former customers. Kevin Spacey performed his Bobby Darin act at The Somerville Theatre and a guy I work with saw Tom Cruise at a house party in the early 1980's.

I also heard that Robert Urich drove his famous green Mustang through some Somerville streets while filming an episode of *Spenser for Hire*. And I love this next sighting. Mr. T was signing autographs at the opening of the Brooks Pharmacy on Somerville Ave. Someone said they saw The French Chef Julia Child shopping at McKinnon's in Davis Square (she lived in Cambridge). Farrah Fawcett Majors was supposedly at Memory Lane. Rex Trailer rode a horse in Somerville's Memorial Day parade one year. Queen Latifah was in Casey's.

Cam Neely and Lyndon Byers were seen in the Ville a lot back in the day (I

used to see L.B. in Redbones). Cowboy and music legend Roy Rogers appeared at Somerville High years ago. Former Celtics star Hank Finkel was in Mama Gina's around 1975. The ill-fated 1985 Super Bowl bound New England Patriots were allegedly bar hopping in Somerville before the big game.

I met Arlo Guthrie and James Taylor after a concert at Tufts. I got Arlo's autograph on a dollar bill, then framed it.

Somerville is lucky to have produced talented entertainers such as Bobby "Boris" Pickett and my good friend actor and comedian Tony V. Ben Affleck, Jimmy Tingle and Lenny Clarke are also talents that frequent the Ville.

So you see, Somerville is a popular place for famous people to hang around. It all started long ago with Paul Revere and George Washington, and it just keeps getting better.

# Fab 16

## Boston Hub Events August 9 - 14

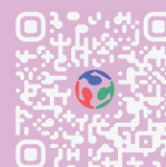
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## She was just upset

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Broadway location on reports of a person inside throwing bottles.

Upon arrival, the officers observed two elderly men attempting to restrain a female party.

The officers took control of the scene and separated everyone. The female was placed in handcuffs for safety reasons because she reportedly continued behaving erratically.

The officers spoke with both men, one of whom stated he was opening up for business when the female, identified as Lorena Dos Santos, came in and sat at the bar asking for a drink. Dos Santos was informed that the bar was not open yet but she could return later in the evening.

According to the man, Dos Santos was not happy with the response. She grabbed a half a gallon bottle of Jameson Irish Whiskey off the bar and threw it at the other man, and missed striking him while the first man attempted to stop her. During this time Dos Santos bit the first man on the forearm, causing the skin to break.

The man punched Dos Santos in order to make her let go. The second man came around from the register to assist first man, because Dos Santos was allegedly behaving erratically.

An officer asked Dos Santos to explain what happen and she reportedly stated, "Nothing, I was just upset."

All parties were offered medical attention and advised. Dos Santos was placed under arrest on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60.

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that featured numerous breakthrough infections among vaccinated individuals.

All Somerville City buildings currently require staff and visitors to wear masks that cover their nose and mouth. Indoor masking of staff and students is also required for current summer programs in Somerville schools and is expected to continue for the return of full classes in the fall. While Middlesex County does not currently have substantial or high transmission rates of the coronavirus, the Delta variant is significantly more contagious than earlier variants of the virus. Suffolk County, located right next to Somerville, and Cape Cod, where many people visit during the summer, do qualify as higher transmission areas where the CDC is urging indoor masking in public spaces.

"This is about keeping coronavirus on a leash," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "The disease is spreading more easily. We still have a substantial number of people, including children, who've yet to be vaccinated against this virus. Wearing a face covering when you're in indoor public settings will help prevent you from picking up this virus and spreading it around. We have worked hard to reach the point we're at where we can get out and do most everything we did before this pandemic hit. In order to keep that going, we're going to need people to take basic precautions like wearing a mask indoors. It's something we've all done and it's not a difficult thing to do. It's a basic preventative measure that can make a real difference."

Currently in Massachusetts the disease is spreading quickest among those ages 20-39.

"We're not cutting back at this moment on what people can do and we'd like to avoid that," Curtatone said. "Just recognize how to do things safely in public settings. There are people of all ages with assorted health conditions for whom this disease poses a real threat and the simple act of wearing a mask when you're inside a public space can help prevent this disease from spreading to them. If case numbers keep trending in the wrong direction, we will consider an indoor mask mandate to keep our community safe."

The threat posed by the Delta variant also underscores the necessity for those still in need of a vaccination to get one immediately. As of last week, 54,520 Somerville residents (72% of the city's total population) were fully vaccinated and 58,790 (78%) had received at least one dose.

"The vaccines are proving to be highly effective in preventing serious cases of COVID-19, even with the variants," said Somerville's Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress. "That is why it is vital for everyone to get their vaccine. There are still tens of thousands of people locally and more than 150 million people nationally who do not have this protection just as a highly contagious variant threatens to cause a new round of outbreaks. Until we have the overwhelming majority of our population vaccinated, the potential for this virus to do serious harm will persist."

**Vaccine Requirements for City and School Staff Under Consideration**

Additionally, Mayor Curtatone and the City's Incident Command Structure (ICS) team are considering a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for all City and school employees. It is being reviewed as a basic protocol for maintaining a safe and healthy work environment.

"The vaccines have proven safe and effective," Curtatone said. "We are a public entity, and with that comes the expectation that we will play a leading role on public health issues. We haven't reached a final determination at this moment, but it is important that we make it known the matter is receiving serious consideration."

Factors such as the threat posed by emerging variants will be weighed in making the final decision, and input from departments and unions is being gathered.

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# Commission continues to debate cannabis retailer license

By Joe Creason

The City of Somerville Licensing Commission held a special meeting on August 2. The focus of the special meeting was further public debate on the approval of a Group A New Marijuana Retailer License for the cannabis retailer Advesa, MA on Broadway in Ball Square.

Advesa MA has been certified an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant by the Cannabis Control Commission for demonstrating business practices that promote economic empowerment in communities harmed by cannabis prohibition.

“Starting from my team’s earliest days in the cannabis industry, it has been a dream of all of ours to open and operate a cannabis store that embodies economic empowerment and equity,” said Advesa MA part-owner Jessica Pelletier.

Over the past few months, Advesa MA has held virtual community outreach, open houses,

informational meetings for fellow businesses in Ball Square. According to Pelletier, sustained community outreach including a petition with 387 signatures from residents supporting the Advesa location in Ball Square and a neighborhood meeting on July 31 yielded a breakthrough in understanding.

“Advesa does not just want to be another business in Ball Square, but an active member of the square and good neighbor to the residential neighbors and businesses alike,” Pelletier said.

According to Pelletier, Advesa more than meets the criteria set forth in the licensing ordinance and that they have developed a good relationship with the surrounding community despite what the local opposition group would like the commission to believe.

“As Advesa is an economic empowerment applicant and is willing to meet the conditions set by the licensing commission, we want to make sure that

any restrictions that are placed on us are enforced on other businesses within a mile of us so there are no competitive advantages,” said Advesa MA part-owner Shanel Lindsay.

Lindsay says that her reason for voicing this concern comes as a result of the many requirements, constraints and regulations that are enforced by the state on Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, which could make Advesa less competitive when compared to other businesses.

The public comment portion of the meeting provided a wide range of perspectives on the issue.

“If Advesa is approved at the current size, it will be the largest store in Ball Square by far, please shrink the square footage” said Somerville resident Bodell Thomas.

Other reservations were voiced by residents.

“It was a really productive and cordial discussion with Advesa,” said Sasha Chanoff. “The concerns that I raised and that I continued to have are around the



Advesa MA continues its quest to gain approval from the Somerville Licensing Commission to open a retail outlet at 690 Broadway.

size and the points of sale. As a father I walk around ball square with my kids and I ask that you not approve this license as is.”

According to Chanoff, who lives just a block from Ball Square, says he is concerned about the largest retail space being a cannabis store. He says that when he reviewed the impact report of the NETA dispensary in Brookline, many who approved that license did not realize the impact that would be had on the surrounding area.

While there were reservations,

there were also strong voices of support for Advesa from Ball Square residents.

“I met these guys at their open house and I believe they have the right attitude and will be a positive addition to the cannabis conversation as well as my Ball Square Neighborhood,” said David Anneck.

Anneck, a board-certified practicing psychiatrist, says that while there are dangers with cannabis usage, he believes that Advesa has wellness and a mature perspective at heart.

## Three Somerville polling locations relocated

Three of Somerville’s polling places have been relocated for the upcoming election cycle. All other polling locations will remain the same as they were last year. Before voting in the September 14 preliminary election, don’t forget to double-check your polling location. The new polling locations are as follows:

### Ward 3 Precinct 1

New Location: A room in Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Ave.  
Former Location: Central Library, 79 Highland Ave.

### Ward 6 Precinct 3

New Location: A room in the West Branch Library, 40 College Ave.  
Former Location: West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.

### Ward 7 Precinct 3

New Location: A room in the VNA Assisted Living Facility, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway  
Former Location: West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.

You can look up your polling location by visiting [www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville](http://www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville) and entering your address. You can also call 311 for assistance. All polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the preliminary election on September 14.



## Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Orange, Peach, and Mint Fruit Salad

This fruit salad recipe can be used as a dessert or breakfast topping. I like it over cottage cheese or Greek yogurt. It also goes well with lemon sorbet. It’s tart, sweet, and refreshing.

- 1 Orange, segmented, juice reserved
- 1 Peach, sliced thin
- Lime zest
- Juice of 1/2 Lime
- 1 Teaspoon honey, or agave, optional

6 Mint leaves, plus garnish

Segment the orange into a bowl. Use this video for segmenting all citrus fruit. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQr9QQLtBU0> This will surely impress your friends! Add the lime zest and juice to the bowl and drizzle with the honey or agave. Add the peach and sliced mint leaves and gently coat with the juices. Garnish with mint. Serves 2.

Visit Dorothy’s website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.





COMMENTARY

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A look at the races in Wards 5 and 7



By Ken Brociner

This fall, voters in Wards 5 and 7 have the opportunity to take a historic and long overdue step towards making Somerville’s city government more reflective of the racial and ethnic make-up of our community. Until now, no Latino or Latina has ever been elected to public office in Somerville. However, this year we may see not one, but two Latinas elected to the Somerville City Council.

Now I would be the last person to urge anyone to vote for either Beatriz Gómez-Mouakad (in Ward 5) or Judy Pineda Neufeld (in Ward 7) solely because their elections would represent a breakthrough for racial and ethnic diversity. A much more important reason is that Beatriz and Judy are extraordinarily qualified to represent the residents of Wards 5 and 7 on the City Council.

Gómez-Mouakad was born and raised in Puerto Rico. Her mother was a high school chemistry teacher and her father a university physicist.

Beatriz came to the U.S. to attend college in 1988, got married in 1999 and she and her

husband moved to Somerville in 2003. They quickly developed a strong connection to the Somerville community, which is the main reason she decided to run for city council. As Beatriz puts it, “I love this city, which was built by immigrants and the working class. This is a time of great opportunities for Somerville, and I believe that together, we can build a vibrant, sustainable and equitable future for everyone in this city. I want to put my skills and experience to work for Ward 5, which is being transformed by the Green Line expansion. The GLX has created enormous development opportunities, but also new challenges. We need to ensure that working-class and middle-class people in our community are not priced out, and that we have the right infrastructure to meet everyone’s needs.”

And Gómez-Mouakad’s skills and experience are as impressive as anyone who has run for office in Somerville in recent memory. She’s has worn so many hats throughout her impressive career that she would be a valuable asset to practically every committee and agency throughout city government. To cite just a few of her accomplishments and credentials: Beatriz has held upper-level professional positions in the fields of architecture, affordable housing, and project management.

Notably, Gómez-Mouakad has already applied her skills in a number of ways to help make

Somerville a better and more equitable community for all. For example, she was on the city’s Design and Review Committee for the Maxwell Green development project, she helped to bring state and local officials to a meeting to address the lack of repairs to Foss Park, and more recently advocated for improving school building management, communications and transparency during the COVID pandemic. Furthermore, by collaborating with a diverse network of Somervillians, she has been instrumental in identifying social inequities and language barriers impacting immigrant and Latino/x families.

If elected, some of the issues that Gómez-Mouakad wants to focus on are: helping to make our streets safer for both pedestrians and bicyclists; addressing the ongoing inequities in educational programs for immigrants as well as in programs that serve adults; helping to break down the cultural barriers that all too often divide people in our community; and promoting equitable and sustainable development that creates affordable housing and ensures accessibility.

In addition to her many professional accomplishments, Beatriz and her husband are the proud parents of two children, both of whom are students in the Somerville Public Schools. On top of all of her other activities, she also makes the time to serve on the boards of a number

of community organizations including the Somerville Community Corporation and Somerville Youth Soccer.

Judy Pineda Neufeld describes herself as the “proud daughter of immigrants.” Her mother was born and raised in Mexico City and immigrated to Los Angeles as a single mom with her family when she was 26 years old. Judy says that got her “feminist roots” from her mom.

Her father, a child of Holocaust survivors, was born in a displaced persons camp after WWII. As a teenager, he worked in the civil rights movement in New York City first raising funds among high school students for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee’s voter registration projects in Alabama and Mississippi. As an adult, he devoted his life to the fight for civil and labor rights. Judy calls her dad her “political mentor.”

Judy has lived in Somerville for 15 of the last 20 years and has packed more progressive activism in her 38 years than just about any of my contemporaries (and I just turned 72). To say that she would add a terrific blend of energy, commitment, and expertise to the city council would be quite an understatement.

As she has explained on her campaign website, “Through my work with the non-profit Emerge, and the National Democratic Training Committee, I have recruited, trained, and sup-

ported thousands of women and people of color to run for office and serve their communities through their political leadership.” In addition, since April of 2020, Judy has led Somerville’s Immigrant Services Unit as part of the city’s response to the crisis created by Covid-19.

If she is elected to the City Council, Judy will focus on creating more affordable housing, increasing financial support for low-income residents and small businesses, expanding services to meet the needs of Somerville’s immigrant population, and creating safer streets for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Because there are two other candidates running for City Council in Ward 5 and three others running in Ward 7, Beatriz and Judy will need to finish in the top two in the September 14 primary in order to qualify for the November election. While I fully expect that both of them will make it past the September primary, they will need all the support they can get on Nov. 2 to become the first two Latinas ever elected to public office in the history of Somerville.

I don’t live in either Ward, but if I did, I think you can guess who I’d be voting for.

Ken Brociner has lived in Somerville since 1975. His essays, columns, and reviews have appeared in Dissent, In These Times, the Boston Phoenix, and the Somerville Journal, among other publications.

Somerville’s first ever Yart Sale planned for August 14

Did your children make tons of macaroni artwork during quarantine? Did you find the postcard collections from your great-, great-, great-grandparents in your basement? Or are you an artist making lots of artwork and need to sell or exhibit? Yart Sale is an opportunity for you to showcase or sell artwork from the comfort of your yards, driveways, and porches and for art lovers to browse new work and maybe pick up a new piece or two. Think of it as a yard sale for art.

Yart Sale will take place on Saturday, August 14 (rain date August 15), from noon to 6:00 p.m. Depending on their location in the city, artists will be displaying work or merchandise at the following times:

- Noon to 2:00 p.m. - West Zone (west of Willow Ave.)
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Central Zone (between Willow Ave. and Central St.)
- 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. - East Zone (east of Central St.)

How does Yart Sale work? To participate as an exhibitor, sign up using the Somerville Arts Council’s (SAC) online form. SAC will then create a Google map that art lovers will be able to access at [www.somervilleartscouncil.org/yartsale](http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/yartsale) starting Friday, August 13. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 8. Exhibitors are encouraged to be creative with their displays, but remain respectful of their neighbors by not blocking any streets or sidewalks.

Examples of things that can be part of the Yart Sale:

Any art medium (paintings, photography, collage, projections, ceramics, etc.); Handmade objects (jewelry, pottery, quilts, knitted items, etc.); Family artwork; Collectible items (coins, postcards, baseball cards, instruments, magnets, etc.); Plants; Musician/band merchandise; Art tools, supplies, and books

For questions, please contact Iaritza Menjivar at [imenjivar@somervillema.gov](mailto:imenjivar@somervillema.gov).

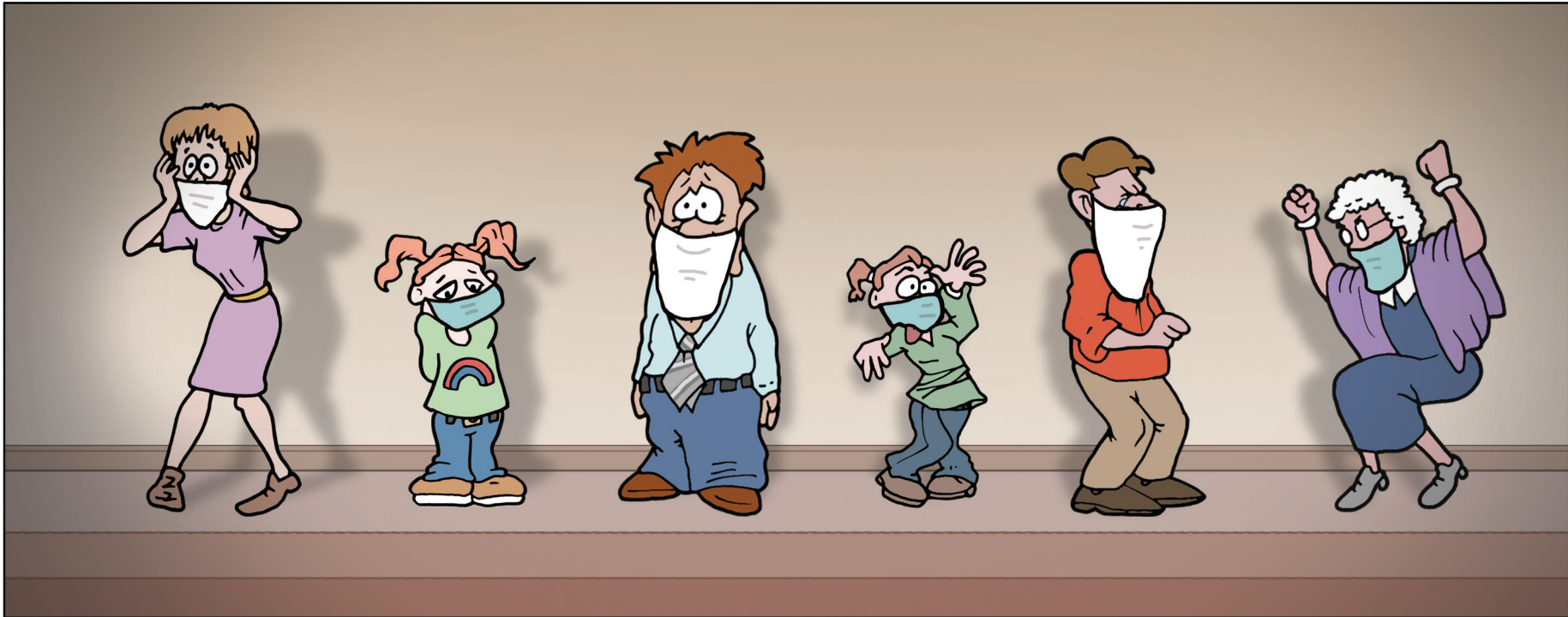




COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



It's masking time again.

Our View Of The Times



It can sometimes seem overwhelming, keeping up with all the latest orders and advisories that are issued as we all deal with the daunting task of protecting ourselves and others against the further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

And yet it must be recognized and acknowledged that this is an entirely fluid situation, a thing that is so new and maddeningly unpredictable that even the world's foremost authorities on viral infections are still contending with the wild fluctuations of infections, even as so many are getting vaccinated.

So, we are still taking whatever measures we need to take in order to keep ourselves safe and as free from risk as possible. Social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines were the beginning. Now, as deadly variants of the virus are emerging, we are advised to wear masks or facial coverings whenever we gather in indoor spaces, whether vaccinated or not.

We are constantly adapting to the ups and downs of the situation as we go about our day to day lives. While we double down on vaccinations alongside the wearing of masks, we are also taking tiny steps towards returning to some semblance of normalcy as restaurants, bars, and other businesses that were once shuttered have reopened, all hoping to stay active through the remainder of the pandemic.

However frustrating it may be to keep masking up, it is still important to do so.

We must all remain flexible and adaptable to the ever-changing parameters of this crisis that we're working through. We'll get through this thing best by working together as a real community.

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happy birthday. We know she will enjoy it with her family. And finally, happy birthday to **Alicia Lafuente**, we wish her the very best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Michele Oliphant Spinale, Jane Sherrill, Zach Corey, Keith Anderson, John Alan Roderick, Heather Hanson, Heather Marie Driscoll and Dale Hodgkins** 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.

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The **City of Somerville's Economic Development Division** recently published its second **Diversity Catalog**, which highlights women-, minority-, veteran-, and LGBTQIA-owned businesses in the city. The Diversity Catalog can be found at [www.somervillema.gov/diversitycatalog](http://www.somervillema.gov/diversitycatalog). The catalog serves as a marketing tool for Somerville businesses that want to offer their products and services to customers throughout the region and the information gathered to create it helps **Economic Development staff** design business support programs that meet the needs of local businesses. For more information about the Diversity Catalog, contact **Daniela Carrillo**, Economic Development Assistant, at [dcarrillo@somervillema.gov](mailto:dcarrillo@somervillema.gov).

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The **Somerville High Class of 1971** is looking for classmates for their **50th reunion** on **Saturday, October 23**, at **Anthony's Function Hall** in Malden from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The price is \$65 per person. Please contact **Rosalie DeLucia** or **Jimmy Del Ponte**, or the SHS71 page on Facebook for more information. Wave high your guilded banners as SHS 71 celebrates their 50th!

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A **town hall meeting** focused on the potential impacts of a **supervised consumption site (SCS)** on neighbors and businesses originally planned for Tuesday, July 27, has been postponed to **Thursday, August 12** at 6:00 p.m. Attend the town hall online or by phone: The meeting will be hosted on Zoom, and there will also be an option to call into the meeting from a phone. Visit [somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall](http://somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall) at the start time of the meeting to join live or get call-in information. Call-in information will also be available on the day of the meeting on GovTV, RCN channel 13 and Comcast channel 22, or by calling 311. All of the town halls will be shown live on GovTV, RCN channel 13 and Comcast channel 22, and at [youtube.com/somervillecitytv](http://youtube.com/somervillecitytv). They will also be rebroadcast on GovTV and available to watch later on YouTube.

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**Groundwork Somerville** is excited to announce their **2021 South St. Farm Open Hours**. Stop by **any Saturday between July and September**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 138 South St., and check out Somerville's very own urban farm. This time is set aside for our community to tour the farm, enjoy the green space, volunteer, or have a picnic. No registration is required, just come by. <http://www.groundworksomerville.org>.

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All **city buildings** are now open, with limited staffing. Both visitors to city buildings as well as staff will be required to wear face coverings while inside the buildings. Staff will be available on a walk-in basis in all departments for quick transactions like paying a bill or picking up a document. For matters that will take longer, residents will need to schedule an appointment with city staff. Many city services are also available online and, whenever possible, residents are encouraged to continue to use online services.

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The **Somerville Flea** kicked off their 10th year in **Davis Sq.** on **Sunday, August 1**, at 10:00 a.m., 56 Holland St. The best local vintage purveyors and artisans are back. Come on out and support them after a year-long hiatus. Shop local!

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Enjoy **Live Music Fridays** at **Assembly Row at Assembly Square**. Join them on the new green space, located between **Night Shift's Owl's Nest** and **PKL Boston**, for free, live

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# FUN & GAMES

*Ms. Cam's*

*Olío*

**Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

# #789

1. What was the title of the season one's first episode of *The Walking Dead*?
2. What is Cher's maiden name?
3. What was Radiohead's first hit?
4. What iconic world landmark is situated in Lisbon, Portugal?
5. "Come on over, and do the twist" is in what Nirvana song?
6. Construction hard hats were first used on what project in 1933?
7. Which company has the motto "You're in good hands"?
8. What MTV reality show features Ashton Kutcher pulling pranks on celebrities?
9. How many feet separate the stakes in a game of horseshoes?
10. Which actress has won the most Oscars?
11. Who played Neo in *The Matrix*?
12. In which film did Humphrey Bogart say, "We'll always have Paris"?

Answers on page 11

## The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. The Automated Teller Machine (ATM) was introduced in England in 1965.
2. About 200,000,000 M&Ms are sold each day in the United States.

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

## TV THEME SONGS

## ACROSS

1. \_\_\_\_\_'s razor
6. Credit card-related acronym
9. Goes with rave
13. Garlic mayo
14. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
15. Echo sounder
16. Beauty shop
17. European Economic Community
18. Falstaffian in body
19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work \_\_\_\_\_"
21. "So no one told you life was gonna be \_\_\_\_\_"
23. Pocket watch chain
24. Uncouth one
25. Place to get a massage
28. Boozer
30. Pie nuts
35. Sharpen
37. Orange powder drink mix
39. Tennis-affected joint
40. Bright thought
41. Reputation-damaging gossip
43. Symphony member
44. Famous Beethoven symphony
46. Microsoft browser
47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
48. Dines at home
50. Telephoned
52. Up to present time
53. Neat
55. Diamond stat
57. "Gee, our old \_\_\_\_\_ ran great, those were the days"
61. "...through the courtesy of Fred's \_\_\_\_\_"
65. Loosen laces
66. Opposite of vend
68. Kind of artery
69. One Beatle
70. Recipe amt.
71. Opposite of atonal
72. "Where the kisses are hers and \_\_\_\_\_ and his, Three's company too"
73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

## Down

1. Brewer's kiln
2. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so \_\_\_\_"

**Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:**

6	4	2	8	3	5	1	7	9
5	3	9	6	1	7	2	4	8
7	1	8	2	9	4	3	5	6
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3	6	5	1	7	8	9	2	4
2	8	4	9	5	3	7	6	1
1	9	7	4	2	6	8	3	5

## CROSSWORD

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4. Remote in manner
5. S.S. \_\_\_\_\_ of "Gilligan's Island"
6. Not many (2 words)
7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the \_\_\_\_\_"
8. Right-hand page
9. Schneider and Reiner
10. Afresh
11. Astronaut's insignia
12. Three pointer
15. Evening party
20. Sad newspaper notices
22. Goes with skip and a jump
24. Without a trace of moisture
25. "Everybody finds a way to \_\_\_\_\_"
26. Podium, pl.
27. Concerning, archaic
29. "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your \_\_\_\_\_"
31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
32. The Beatles' "\_\_\_\_\_ Road"
33. Not a soul (2 words)
34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds

away on my way to where the air is  
"

36. "Good \_\_\_\_" cooking show
38. Lady nEe Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
42. Extend subscription
45. Infamous German leader
49. Naught
51. Barley kernels
54. Financial woes
56. Where there's trouble?
57. Verdant
58. Initial stake
59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
60. A snob puts them on
61. Use a keyboard
62. Marine eagle
63. Bibliographical abbr.
64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a \_\_\_\_"
67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning \_\_\_\_!"

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

**Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:**

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**Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.**

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



OBITUARY

Fred Maynard Whitaker



**Fred Maynard Whitaker** – Born July 29, 1925, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Sidney and Alva Maynard Whitaker, Fred passed away on June 22, 2021 at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Orange, CA.

Fred always described his childhood growing up in Somerville, Massachusetts and Hamilton, Ohio with idyllic stories. His father Sidney Whitaker, a veteran of World War I was very involved in civic leadership on the vestry of their church, the Elks, the Masons, and the American Legion. The family was proud of its heritage going back to the founding of Massachusetts and service from the Revolution to the Civil War, and World War I. It was this legacy of service that Fred followed his entire life and later instilled in his own sons.

When World War II arrived, duty called, and Fred volunteered as a 17 year old, asking his parents to sign the permission form, being under age. Immediately after high school graduation in 1943 and still not 18, the Army shipped him to Engineering school at Stanford University. As the war heated up, they needed more infantry and Fred volunteered, but those credits allowed him automatic admission later to Stanford after the war.

Assigned to the 87th Infantry Division of Patton’s 3rd Army, Fred trained at Fort Benning Georgia then travelled to England on the Queen Elizabeth. The 87th was inserted into Europe during the campaign for the Saar Valley in late 1944, they then went on to the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) where Fred was wounded on Christmas Day 1944, the campaign for the Rhineland, and finally the Campaign for Central Europe cutting through the heart of Germany, ending with the liberation of the Death Camp at Buchenwald.

Fred’s military decorations include the Distinguished Unit Citation (formerly Presidential Unit Citation) for the night time crossing of the Rhine under fire, the Bronze Star with V, Purple Heart, WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the French Legion of Honor.

After the war, Fred sought adventure, canoeing in Canada for several months, working in Alaska, and hitchhiking across America twice. He started his own business in Glendale, CA then returned to Stanford University in 1950 before the GI Bill ran out. Graduating

from Stanford in 1953 with honors, he began a 68 year career as a life, health and disability insurance broker with active clients until the day he passed away.

In the 1950s he was the National President of Episcopal Young Laymen, and being transferred to Los Angeles in 1957 by Travelers, he met the President of the Christopher’s Group at All Saint’s Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills – Jane Manning. They were married on December 31, 1960 and remained married until her passing in 2007.

Fred & Jane had two sons, Fred and Charles, establishing a life of service for over 33 years in Glendale, CA. In addition to Jane’s public service in community groups and 16 years as an elected member of the Glendale School Board, Fred served in many places of community leadership. He served 17 years on the Republican Party Central Committee with 3 different terms as Chairman. He was on the Committee of 100. He was also a Sunday School Teacher at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Glendale, Chief of his sons’ Indian Guides tribe, President of the Fellowship Club at St. Mark’s, and President of the President’s Advisory Council in Glendale.

Although he was a member of the 87th Infantry Division Association for many years, it was Saving Private Ryan and Tom Brokaw’s book The Greatest Generation that inspired Fred to become even more active as a veteran. Shortly thereafter, he became Commander of the American Legion Post 127 in Glendale, National Commander of the 87th Infantry Association, Commander of the LA Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, and after moving to Orange County in 2002 to be closer to family - Treasurer of the Freedom Committee of Orange County. It is the latter where he dedicated almost 20 years to speaking to school children in the 5th, 8th and 11th grades all over Orange County and the Inland Empire about his war experiences. He translated that ethic of service and doing hard things to life lessons for students. His vivid story telling and analogies to every day life made him one of the most sought after speakers.

After Jane’s death in 2007, Fred married Arlene Springe of Villa Park, CA in 2009, and was married until her death in 2020. They enjoyed traveling together. Fred is survived by his son’s Fred and Charles, daughter in law Mignon, and his three adult grandchildren – Jayne, Anne, and Jack.

Burial will be private. A memorial service with military honors will be held on August 14, 2021 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Orange.

In lieu of Flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the charities he chose to recognize in his estate, your choice of the Freedom Committee of Orange County, The Community Foundation of the Verdugos, or Trinity Episcopal Church of Orange.

Safety improvements coming to Powder House Circle in August

Improvements to Powder House Circle will be officially underway in mid-August as the City of Somerville makes a series of safety upgrades to benefit all road users. Powder House Circle is a high-crash intersection with an antiquated design. The city will convert the high-speed, chaotic rotary into a modern roundabout intersection using low-cost “quick-build” materials including pavement markings, signage, and flex posts.

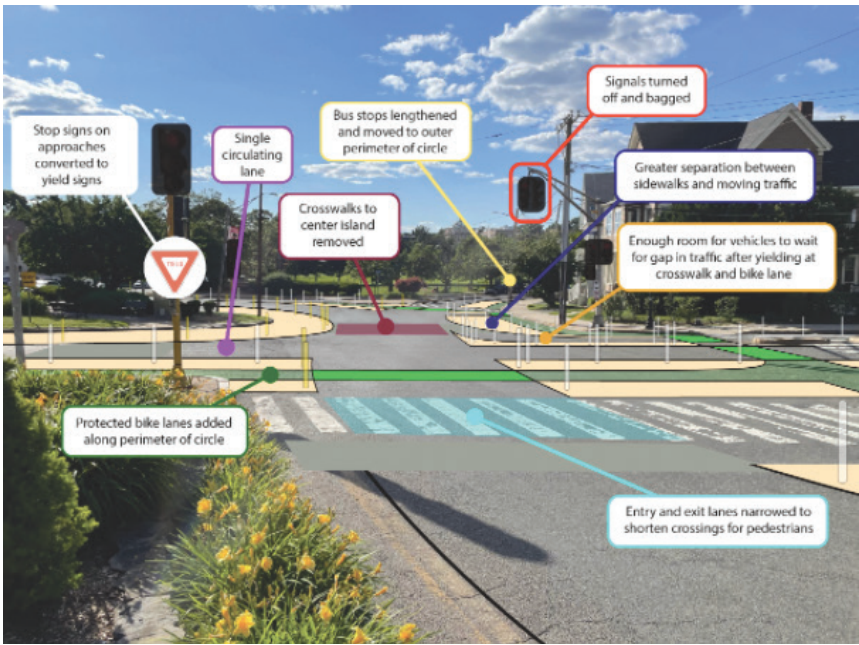
Key design elements of the safety project include shortened crosswalks, relocated bus stops, and protected bike lanes. A single travel lane around the circle will reduce dangerous weaving behavior. The work will proceed as a quick-build project with no heavy construction, bringing immediate safety improvements to this intersection and allowing the city to plan more permanent changes like curb extensions and the addition of new green space. A full visual breakdown of the project can be viewed at [somervillema.gov/PowderHouseCircle](http://somervillema.gov/PowderHouseCircle).

“This is Vision Zero in action,” said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, referring to the City’s strategic plan to eliminate crashes that result in severe injuries and fatalities. “Our community asks us to take bold and proactive steps to reduce risk at locations like Powder House Circle. This new design will make the intersection safer and more predictable for all users. It will also address a major barrier for Somerville families who wish to walk or bike to our wonderful public schools.”

One of the key elements of the new configuration is that pedestrians no longer will be able to cut through the center of the rotary, which stops vehicle traffic and increases the potential for pedestrians to be struck by motorists seeking to navigate the circle. A safer, more efficient pedestrian passage around the outer rim of the circle will be created.

For drivers, the new design should enable a steady flow of traffic at reduced speeds, limiting the potential for collisions. Cyclists will have their own separate lanes leading into and around the circle.

“Somerville residents have advocated for a safer, slower Powder House Circle,” said City Mobility Division Director Brad Rawson. “Our staff are excited to implement the community’s vision, and we’re working hard to complete these changes in time for the start of school this fall. I want to thank our stakeholders who have been engaged in this project and other safe streets initiatives in Somerville.”



Docent tour of Old Powder House

Thursday, August 5, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Powderhouse Park, Somerville. Sponsored by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and the Somerville Museum [www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation](http://www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation) & <http://somervilmuseum.org>

Donations needed for new mural coming to Somerville


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(ESMS) is a non-profit group that is working to promote business, culture, and tradition in the east Somerville area. In addition to art projects, ESMS offers technical help and assists local store owners with business improvements. In 2021, ESMS has offered pandemic related assistance to local businesses, by offering assistance with COVID-19 relief funding and adjusting to the new normal. For more information about Talbot and his work, go to [talbotsart.com](http://talbotsart.com), or check out Talbot’s instagram, @talbotsart.



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**LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)**

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:45pm** on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

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**DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTIES)**

**HPC.ALT 2021.44 – 22 Porter Street**  
Applicant: Melissa Gomez, Great Sky Solar  
Owner: Daniel Mikesh  
*Installation of solar panels*


**DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

**HPC.DMO 2021.15 – 108–110 Prospect Street**  
Applicant: 108-110 Prospect Street, LLC  
Owner: Same as applicant  
*Demolish principal structure*

**HPC.DMO 2021.17 – 383 Broadway**  
Applicant: Broadway Somerville Apartments, LLC  
Owner: Same as applicant  
*Demolish garage*

*Please see the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases> to look up case information. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email [historic@somervillema.gov](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov) with inquiries.*

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES (PCS) DEPARTMENT**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT**  
**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) #22-03**


The City of Somerville is prequalifying construction management (CM) firms (under MGL c.149A) to develop and build a new public safety building at 90 Washington Street. The new 80,000ft<sup>2</sup> facility will serve as police and fire headquarters and create a multi-story parking garage. Estimated total construction cost is \$51M and project duration is 24 months. This project is currently in Schematic Design Phase. Design Development is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021. Site remediation and preparation will begin in Fall 2021. All firms must be prequalified in order to bid on this project. The City intends to utilize the selected CM for preconstruction services to include site remediation, construction of New Washington St. modifications to site utilities and infrastructure, in addition to those “pre-construction” services customarily performed during the design and bidding phases of a building project.

Access this RFQ online starting on 4 August 2021 at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home>. Parties intending to submit SOQs must email [purchasing@somervillema.gov](mailto:purchasing@somervillema.gov) stating that they want to be added to the prospective bidders list.

Optional briefing session is at **11:00AM on 8/11/21** at the project site. The deadline for submission of Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) is **Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 2:00PM**. Anticipated completion of the prequalification process is in **September 2021**.

**Angela M. Allen**  
**Chief Procurement Officer**  
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**Request for Proposals-Rooftop Antennas**

1.INTRODUCTION

This Request for Proposal is issued by the Somerville Housing Authority (herein after the “Authority”) to solicit proposals for the lease of available rooftop and penthouse space. These spaces are available for the installation and operation of communication facilities. These facilities are not limited to ,Cellular Telephone, Personal Communication Systems, Paging , Land Mobile Radio, and Internet Antenna’s. The lease of these spaces will be on a non exclusive basis.

2. PREMISES TO BE LEASED

The Authority has rooftop and penthouse space for lease at **27 College Ave.** in Somerville, Ma. Included in this document is a layout of the roof at this site. Specific locations on the roof or penthouse for installation of equipment will be viewed in the field and negotiated as such.

3. LEASE TERM

Lease Terms are negotiable.

4. LEASE RATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

The monthly rent is subject to negotiation as is the yearly escalator.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

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B. Respondents must supply a list of references complete with Names of Owners and locations of other sites where they currently lease rooftop space for antenna equipment.


C. Respondents must supply a monthly rental rate for proposed installed equipment, an annual escalator and a length of lease.

D. Respondents must include in their bid a full description of antenna equipment to be installed including space mounting requirements.

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For the Commission  
Christopher Allen  
Christine Lindgren  
Joseph P. Lynch Jr.

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**Request for Proposals-Rooftop Antennas**

1.INTRODUCTION

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2. PREMISES TO BE LEASED

The Authority has rooftop and penthouse space for lease at **15 Weston Ave.** in Somerville, Ma. Included in this document is a layout of the roof at this site. Specific locations on the roof or penthouse for installation of equipment will be viewed in the field and negotiated as such.

3. LEASE TERM

Lease Terms are negotiable.

4. LEASE RATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

The monthly rent is subject to negotiation as is the yearly escalator.

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Massachusetts Prevailing wage rates apply. A 5% bid deposit is required.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at [tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov](mailto:tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov)

**Thupten Chukhatsang**  
**Procurement Analyst**

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Tufts Labor Coalition and supporters hold rally for dining workers

By Camille Andersen

Tufts Labor Coalition (TLC) held a rally on Friday, July 30, to stand with the Tufts dining workers as they demand the university pay them for the summer months.

TLC is a student organization that works to promote solidarity with all Tufts workers including janitorial staff, facility workers, and dining staff. TLC has events to bring students and workers together and organizes around issues concerning workers.

The rally on Friday was part of the current campaign to get Tufts to pay its dining workers who have not been given an opportunity to work this summer. Over 130 workers have not received summer hours and are unable to collect unemployment due to the university contesting their unemployment requests.

These workers have been left without a paycheck for two months. TLC's demand is that Tufts pays for the entirety of summer 2021 for dining workers who are not employed since they have been unable to collect unemployment.



Members of neighboring communities joined the Tufts Labor Coalition in supporting Tufts dining workers' demands for summer pay. — Photos courtesy of Tufts Labor Coalition

Over 80 people attended the rally on Friday including Tufts students, dining workers, Medford and Somerville community members, and elected officials from the area.

The group gathered in front of Dewick-Macphie Dining Center on the Tufts campus. The speakers included one TLC member David Boulet-Gercourt, two dining workers Tricia O'Brien and Christine Tringale, and one community member

Marianne Walles who is the co-chair of the Our Revolution Somerville PILOT working group. The rally marched from the dining hall past Tufts' President Anthony Monaco's house and ended at Ballou Hall.

Tufts has not responded to TLC or the dining workers yet. Several students and one dining worker are meeting with members of the Tufts administration on Wednesday, August 4, to discuss the issue



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# Candidates forums for mayor and City Council will discuss housing issues in Somerville

The Somerville Renters’ Committee and the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) will hold three virtual forums in August to discuss housing issues in the City of Somerville, MA. Events will start with the Somerville Mayoral Candidates on Housing, on Sunday, August 8, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, which will be open to the public. The Mayoral forum will be streamed on Zoom with simultaneous translation from English into Portuguese, Spanish, Haitian Creole.

On Wednesday, August 11, the “Ward Council Candidates Forum” will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, and on Friday, August 16th, the “At-Large Council Candidates Forum” will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The City Council candidate forums will be closed to the public but open to interested media. All forums will be recorded on Zoom and then posted online for public viewing, along with the housing questionnaires submitted by the public.

The goal of the forums is to understand candidates' proposals for housing issues in the City of Somerville. Attendees will have the opportunity to see candidates address the housing challenges, concerns, and aspirations facing working class, low-income, and immigrant renters.

The forums are taking place at a very opportune time, as this year Somerville will have a municipal election to elect a new mayor for the first time in nearly two decades, along with new councilors for the City Council. In this election there are four candidates for Mayor, and 21 candidates running for Ward Council and At-Large Council seats.

Somerville is also at the center of the affordable housing crisis facing this region. Development has made the city wealthier, but it has caused massive displacement of lower income households. Renters make up 64% of Somerville’s population, so the Somerville Renters Committee wishes to hear how candidates will fight for their needs and help them remain in the city that they love.

“The Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) is very proud to partner with the Somerville Renters Committee for the candidates forum on housing,” said Nicole Eigbrett, CAAS director of community organizing. “We are organizing for a municipal government that fights for the needs and aspirations of our vulnerable residents. We want Somerville to truly be a city for everyone, and that means ensuring that quality, affordable, and dignified housing is a human right.”

Andrew Livolsi, a resident of Somerville and a member of the Somerville Renters Committee, also affirms the importance of the forum for the discussion of housing. “The goal is to ensure that everyone in Somerville who is disabled or veterans knows their rights and that everyone has the right to a safe place to live, even low-income people,” he says.

Yolanda Montiel, a mother and immigrant from El Salvador who is also a member of the Somerville Renters Committee, speaking through an interpreter added: “Come and meet the Mayor and Council candidates of our city. As residents of Somerville, we want to be part of this forum. It is very important for our community and our families, and we want you to know that [the Somerville Renters Committee and CAAS] is a group of people interested in the well-being of our community.”



### SCHEDULE

Somerville Mayoral Candidates Forum on Housing  
Sunday, August 8, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm (On zoom, open to the public)  
Link to register: [bit.ly/SomervilleRentersForum](https://bit.ly/SomervilleRentersForum)  
This event will have simultaneous translation into Portuguese, Spanish, Haitian Creole.

Somerville Ward Council Candidates Forum  
Wednesday, August 11, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Recorded and available soon)  
This event will have simultaneous translation into Spanish for Somerville Renters Committee members.

At-Large Council Candidate Forum  
Friday, August 16, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Recorded and available soon)  
This event will have simultaneous translation into Spanish for Somerville Renters Committee members.

### ABOUT CAAS

The Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) is a federally designated anti-poverty agency that has served Somerville, Massachusetts, since 1981. The mission of CAAS is to help local families and individuals achieve financial security while working to eliminate the root causes of economic injustice.  
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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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- 1944 – RAF pilot T. D. Dean becomes the first pilot to destroy a V-1 buzz bomb when he tips the pilotless craft's wing, sending it off course.
- 1971 – The U.S. launches the first satellite into lunar orbit from a manned spacecraft (Apollo 15).
- 1972 – Arthur Bremer is sentenced to 63 years for shooting Alabama governor George Wallace, later reduced to 53 years.
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As a seven-year-old boy I visited my grandparents on Manida Street in the Bronx. Now, I hear it is a historical district. It was a magical place for me back then. In my career as a poet, I have written a number of poems about the Bronx.

Manida Street Bronx 1962

As a boy  
I viewed it  
as magic  
far  
from the antiseptic  
of the Long Island  
suburbs.

Yes  
horse carts  
still on the  
street  
the croon  
from the vendors,

"get your tomatahs  
for your tomatah!"

And with my grandmother  
the butcher  
wrapped in white  
a freshly butchered  
limp whole chicken  
looking  
for all the world  
like some comic  
prop  
in a burlesque  
comedian's bag.

My grandmother  
told me  
a chicken lived  
a whole week  
with his cut off  
I loved her..  
I believed  
her.

At night you  
would hear  
the occasional  
cry from the  
girl's reform school  
across the street.

I would sneak down  
to our tenement basement  
to an ancient, defunct  
nightclub  
wrapped my self  
in a spaghetti of confetti  
and looked at the empty  
whiskey bottles  
the dusty elegance  
of cocktail glasses.  
Imagining  
the Prohibition  
revelers.

Such ghosts.  
I prayed  
I would  
never have  
to leave.

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OFF THE SHELF

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'The Wind's Tale'

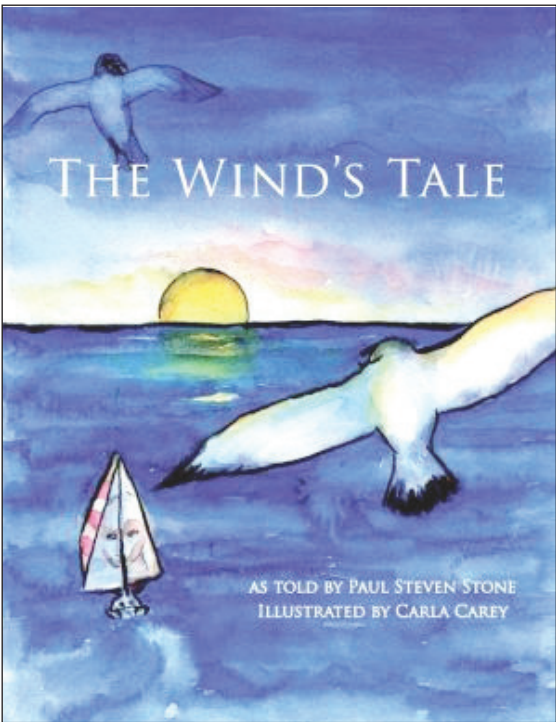
by Paul Steven Stone

*The Wind's Tale*, by Paul Steven Stone, illustrated by Carla Carey, transports the reader to a magical place as seen through the eyes of Bobby, a young boy confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak.

Through Bobby's eyes we see gorgeous sunsets and, as the shadows of night approach, an imaginary world of bandits, wild horses and jungles. All of these images come alive in Stone's story and in the gorgeous watercolor illustrations of Carey.

Bobby sees the world as a vibrant and enchanted place and yet only his older brother, as he looks deeply into Bobby's eyes, seems to truly understand the richness of his disabled brother's world.

A story that conveys the magic of the natural and imaginary world, as well as the deep bond between two brothers, *The Wind's Tale* is a book children and adults will be sure to treasure.



*Touched by Homelessness* and the forthcoming children's book *My Brother is not a Monster: A Story of Addiction and Recovery*.

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performances on **select Friday nights**, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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Visit the **East Somerville Market** this **Sunday, August 8**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at **Deano's Pasta parking lot**, 15 Garfield Ave. Shop local small businesses, pre-ordering is available. For a full list of participating vendors visit <https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org>.

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The **City of Somerville's annual SomerMovie Fest** returns this year with a series of seven family-friendly films being shown in parks around Somerville. Screenings begin at sundown and the remaining schedule is as follows: **Thursday, August 5, Coco**, East Somerville Community School; **Thursday, August 12, Black Panther**, Baxter State Park; **Thursday, August 19, Guardians of the Galaxy**, Seven Hills Park. While attendees are not required to wear masks, anyone who is not fully vaccinated is advised to wear one whenever they are in a crowd.

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**Walk-in vaccinations** are available at multiple locations: You now can get a **COVID-19 vaccination** without having

to pre-register or make an appointment. There are walk-in vaccination sites all around Somerville, and just outside it as well. **Cambridge Health Alliance vaccine clinics** have larger supplies of doses and can vaccinate kids ages 12 – 17. You do not need to be a CHA patient to use these clinics. They are free and open to all. **Local CVS pharmacies** and the **Stop & Shop** on McGrath Hwy. are also offering walk-in vaccines. **Local Walgreens pharmacies** require a brief pre-registration, but can process people quickly if they have open slots and you walk in. Here are the CHA walk-in sites: **CHA Somerville Vaccine Center** at 176 Somerville Avenue in Somerville, Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Tufts University Gantcher Center** at 161 College Ave. in Medford, Wed – Thurs. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Encore Boston Harbor** at 1 Broadway Center in Everett, Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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**Individuals younger than 18** will need **parental or guardian consent** to receive the **COVID-19 vaccine**. A

parent or guardian can either accompany a minor age 16 or 17 to their vaccine appointment, or fill out a consent form that the minor can then bring with them to the appointment. Consent forms in multiple languages are available at the state's website. Parents must accompany children ages 12 – 15 to their vaccine appointments.

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Help **support your neighbors** through the **Somerville Cares Fund**. If you're lucky enough to have some extra money, please consider a donation to the Somerville Cares Fund. This donation-based fund provides direct assistance to Somerville residents, workers, and parents of school children so that they can cover basic expenses like housing, food, and utility bills. If you're unable to donate you can still help by sharing information about the Somerville Cares Fund with your friends and family.

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