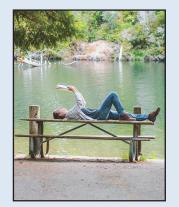
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The Brown School has received funds to renovate its playground and surrounding exterior spaces.

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

In 2017, the Brown School PTA and its members were awarded funds by the City of Somerville to develop landscape design plans for the renovation. After approval from the city in late 2021 the playground was slated to be rebuilt this past summer.

The surface, mainly made of concrete, is full of cracks and other imperfections leading to countless injuries to the students.

Summer has come and gone but the playground is still in disrepair and children continue to trip and fall. As reported by the Times back in February, Somerville Public Schools and the city government planned to fix the area during the summer, but when children returned to school, the playground had not

"The cracks are still there, the injuries are definitely going to happen." Sean Becker, Continued on page 4

Fall in Love with Fluff at the 17th **Annual What the Fluff? festival**

What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Innovation returns for a 17th year next Saturday, September 17, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. (rain date September 18) in Union Square. This zany, madcap festival honors the invention of Marshmallow Fluff by Archibald Query in Somerville in 1917 and salutes the spirit of innovation that thrives in Union Square today.

Like peanut butter to its Fluff, the world can be salty and sweet. This year, Fluff at First Sight: Back on Track presented by Boynton Yards hits the streets in its traditional festival format and scoops a spoonful of Somerville to help life's absurdities go down.

For a sweet remedy to construction cones, public transit troubles, and feeling like you're living in a quarantine meme, make your way Continued on page 7



What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Innovation takes place this Saturday in Union Square.





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September is Recovery Month. Additional Narcan distributions will take place Thursday, September 15, in Union Square from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, September 30, at Foss Park from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, resources, or to get involved, email mmitchell@somervillema.gov or visit https:// www.somervillema.gov.

Groundwork's 22nd Annual Harvest Gala has been POST-PONED. They will reschedule the gala later this year (date TBD). If you have already purchased tickets to the gala, you can hold onto them for the rescheduled gala, or you can request a refund by emailing jessie@groundworksomerville.org. They apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to seeing you at the rescheduled gala.

Congratulations to the winners of the preliminary election. Once again, the people have spoken. Best of luck to all in the general election in November.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Mary Jo Rossetti, who is a lifelong resident and a former Councilor At-Large. We wish her a very happy birthday. Also this week, we wish another local person, Conor Brennan, the owner of PJ Ryan's in Teele Square, the very best on his birthday. Happy birthday to Donna Piro-Andon. We wish Donna the very Continued on page 9

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of September 14 – September 20 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
*	Wednesday September 14	Sunny	83°/57°	6%	5%	W 15 mph
*	Thursday September 15	Sunny	70°/49°	2%	2%	NW 13 mph
*	Friday September 16	Sunny	73°/50°	4%	2%	NW 11 mph
	Saturday September 17	Partly Cloudy	70°/58°	4%	2%	S 8 mph
	Sunday September 18	Partly Cloudy	80°/64°	11%	8%	SW 11 mph
•	Monday September 19	Rain	83°/70°	40%	32%	SW 12 mph
*	Tuesday September 20	Sunny	82°/61°	26%	17%	WNW 11 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: The Breakfast Club

BMac says:

Years ago, I took my roommate to Kelly's.

She was really enjoying it and remarked how it reminded her of the dinner she went to as a kid in Delaware.

I asked if the dinnner she went to was on this road etc.

When she said yes, I informed her that this was the dinner she went to as a kid. Small world.

Response to: Rock is dead, but records keep rolling

What a load of BS, Rock and Roll is alive and kicking, it's not dead! I go to Rock shows frequently. YOU, are a liar!

Janine B. says:

Have to agree with John. What a bizarre "news article".

Tim K. says:

"As I explored my first crate of the day, I tucked my elbow to preserve access to the bin next to me, which a man was furiously thumbing through. 'Suppose that's how the veterans do it'...." Furiously thumbing through? Veteran? More like a flipper.

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Enjoying retirement



I've been retired for almost five years. I miss that nice paycheck every week and my former work buddies but that's it. I don't miss the bosses at all. In fact,

I have a recurring nightmare that has one of my past bosses terrorizing me. I don't miss getting up early every day. I don't miss cleaning the car off when it snows. I don't miss taking orders from a little twerp – lol.

I asked my friends and readers for their opinions on what the best part of retirement is. Each new quotation is a different person.

"Traveling, binging on what makes you happy, no alarm clocks going off at the crack of dawn, spending more time with the ones you love, hitting the beach during

the weekdays, lunch dates and getaways, etc. Love retirement."

"Sitting in the parking lot at your old workplace and watching everyone showing up to work on a beautiful summer day."

"Not worrying about anything in life but doing what I want when I want. Damn, I'm having fun."

"I finally found something I do really

"No more driving during a blizzard. Not having to drive period."

"When we are retired if we don't want to do something today, we can always do it on another day. Make sure you exercise and keep in good shape."

"I love everything about it, especially sipping on your cup of coffee in the morning without having to rush out the door aaaahhhhhhh!"

"No more Sunday night anxiety. I'm



now prepared to do what I want!"

After almost five years I still have weird dreams where I'm getting in trouble at work. I also still have some anxiety when I think of all those jobs and the idiot bosses.

My biggest accomplishment in retirement was being able to use the remote without looking at it.

Annual Somerville Homeless Coalition 5K Road Race

Returning for its 27th year, the Somerville Homeless Coalition will be holding its annual 5K Road Race on Saturday, October 1. Fittingly held in the heart of Davis Square the coalition holds the race to support those experiencing homelessness, eviction and food insecurity within the Somerville and Greater Boston area. With deep ties in the community, the Somerville Homeless Coalition holds the road race as a way to bring people together to help raise awareness for the underserved population.

The race will include certified chip timing, a continental breakfast and fun prizes for kids of all ages. The event is open to everyone and participants are encouraged to run, walk, jog or just go at their own pace. Registration is open until the race start time of 9:00 AM and can be done online or in person.

Those not interested in running but still want to get involved can sign up to volunteer with SHC staff and clients during the race. If you are interested visit the Somerville Homeless Coalition website to learn more and register.

Event Info: https://somervillehomelesscoalition.org/events.







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By Jim Clark

Hotel guest scores no points with police

On Saturday, September 10, Somerville Police control received a call from the Row Hotel management reporting that a guest had used someone else's reward points to book a room.

Police officers responded to the hotel and spoke to the reporting party, who stated that a person named Oluwatomide Oloyede checked into a room that was booked under a different person's name. Oloyede reportedly told the hotel staff that his stepfather had reserved the room, that his flight had been delayed, and that he would like to remain in the room until his stepfather arrived.

Oloyede checked out of the hotel at around 9:40 a.m. and asked the staff if he could leave his belongings at the front desk while he went shopping at Assembly Row.

The hotel management subsequently received a call from a man named, who informed them that although he was in New York and had not reserved a hotel room in Somerville, he had received a message on his phone indicating a hotel room key had been issued to him. At this time the hotel management contacted Somerville Police and reported the incident.

A hotel staff member informed the officers that Oloyede had come back to get his items. The officers went to the lobby where they introduced themselves and told Oloyede the reason they were there.

Oloyede told the officers a friend from college booked the room for him. The officers asked Oloyede what the friend's name was but he did not respond.

Oloyede was asked where he attended college and he reportedly stated he did not.

The officers gave Oloyede an

opportunity to pay the hotel bill of \$400, and after an hour and a half on this call for service trying to convince him to pay bill, he tried two credit cards that were declined.

The officers placed the defendant under arrest on charges of defrauding an innkeeper over \$100 and Larceny under \$1200. He was transported to the Somerville Police headquarters for booking.

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Assembly Fire Station

The city is fitting out a new fire station on the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Foley Street in Assembly Square. The City Council approved the lease in Fall 2021 and the tenant fit out will start in 2023. The 10,000 square foot, first floor, fire station will be part of a larger development.

The space will have three apparatus bays including turnout and decontamination rooms, a dayroom and kitchen, a fitness room, and individual bunk rooms. The fossil-fuel-free firehouse will have

environmentally sustainable features including:

- · Air-source heat pumps
- Energy recovery unit
- Red-list-free materials

The fire station will be the first new station in Somerville in over a generation which will be reflected in the design. The firehouse is part of a larger, mixed-use building and features glass apparatus doors and storefront so it will interact with the street front. The firehouse will serve as a welcoming presence at a key entry road into the neighborhood.



A sticky situation at Brown School CONT. FROM PG 1

member of the PTA, said.

After a last-minute effort to improve the surface, children were met with a sticky mess, according to parents at the Brown school. The sealant used to fill cracks at the playground had not been allowed to set. Children who played on it were covered in the substance from head to toe.

The city provided an update on

the current situation at the school in a virtual meeting last Wednesday. Here officials laid out a plan where the Brown school's playground would be renovated in the summer of 2023. The plans involve repaving the surface of the playground. They would also add new storm drains, basketball courts, and surface graphics and improve drainage.

In an interview, members of the

PTA were critical of the meeting format and reasoning for delaying the project.

"We're just really disappointed with the meeting format. There was no discussion portion of it, it was a one-way communication from the city to us," Ryan Williams, president of the PTA, said. "They didn't seem to express any sense of urgency behind the need to repair the

playground."

In a statement to The Somerville Times, city officials explained their reasoning for moving the renovations at the Brown school to 2023.

"Because of the school needs and lack of indoor space at the Brown school, the school has asked for construction to begin in June 2023 as soon as students are released for summer break," according to a city spokesperson.

According to Jackie Carrington, a member of the Brown school PTA for three years, the issue of the playground is bigger than the school itself.

"We had a great turnout, a lot of new parents, a lot of kindergarten parents. I think they lost a lot of trust in the city, it was disappointing," Carrington said.

Pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements in Davis Sq.



Beginning in September 2022, the city will be making pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements around Davis Square. Planned improvements include ADA-compliant accessible curb ramps and crosswalks. These improvements will increase safety and make it easier for people to move around the square.

What is an accessible curb ramp?

An accessible curb ramp is located at the point where the sidewalk and street meet at a crosswalk and allows anyone traveling, including people with disabilities using mobility devices, to move from the sidewalk level to the street level and use the crosswalk. These curb ramps also include detectable warning pads, or tiles with raised bumps, to signal to people with visual impairments that they are transitioning from the sidewalk into the crosswalk.

Anticipated Work Schedule:

Work will begin in September and continue through the fall. Work will then resume in spring 2023. Please refer to the map above to see which components of the work are anticipated to be completed in 2022 and which components are scheduled for 2023.

Construction Impacts:

Temporary parking restrictions and short-term detours anticipated. Please observe posted signage. Notification of any parking restrictions will be posted no less than 48 hours in advance.

Questions? Email construction@somervillema.gov or call the Engineering Division at 617-625-6600 ext. 5400. — City of Somerville

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #262

City of Squares

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Squares are hip throughout the world. London has its Trafalgar Square, Rome has its St. Peters Square, Moscow its Red Square, Paris its Place de la Concorde, Beijing its Tiananmen Square, and New York has its Time Square.

In common reference, a square has been described as a major intersection usually with many street approaches. They are often named for a particular person, place, inci-



Formally named squares are found in most cities, towns and hamlets. Somerville's small 4.2 square-mile area is an exception. She has dozens which is many more than most. Interested in old names? The city's major squares were not always known by today's names.

Today, some of the city's most popular squares are:

- · Assembly Square Was the home of Henry Ford's New England assembly plant which was located there for
- Ball Square Formerly Willow Bridge was named after ex-Alderman John N. Ball.
- + Davis Square Formerly Elm Square and Clarendon Square was named after Alderman Person Davis



+ Gilman Square - Formerly Winter Hill Station was named after Charles E. Gilman who was the Clerk of Somerville for 46 years. Continued on page 15

Adda Santos named 2022 Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year

Adda Santos, a history teacher at Somerville High School in Somerville, MA, has been named the 2022 Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the nation's leading organization dedicated to K-12 American history education.

Inaugurated in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and U.S. Territories.

"Knowledgeable and impassioned teachers bring our country's history to life for students, allowing them to understand engaging with history is about more than a series of facts," said James G. Basker, President of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. "Teachers are the lifeblood of our students' education, and these are the best of the best."

Adda Santos has been teaching at Somerville High School for 24 years. She holds a B.A. in History and a M.Ed. in Secondary Education from UMass, Boston. She currently teaches American History. Ms. Santos takes an approach to American History that is both unflinching and hopeful. In her words, "American history is filled with stories of incredible resilience in the face of terrible oppression, and I hope these stories inspire and empower students to always fight for what they believe."

In 2020, Ms. Santos was awarded The William Spratt Award for Excellence in Teaching Secondary Social Studies from the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies. As the advisor to the Somerville High School Local History Club, Adda Santos led the creation of a student-designed and researched exhibit called "The Basement Project: Not Your Usual Junk." Filled with annotated artifacts found in the basement of The Somerville Museum, the exhibit exemplifies her emphasis on primary sources.

For her creation of The Basement Project and for the exhibit, Ms. Santos and The Somerville Museum won The American Association of State and Local History Leadership in History Award in 2021. Ms. Santos continues her education through summer seminars, workshops, and by reading primary and secondary sources in her main area of interest, African American History. She was born and raised in Brazil and moved to the United States to attend college. Like many of her students, English is not her first language. She hopes her recent achievements send a message to immigrant students that with hard work and perseverance they too can achieve their version of the American Dream.

Former Somerville High School History and Social Studies Department Chair Alicia Kersten, currently co-Interim Principal at SHS, says, "Ms. Santos is a remarkable teacher whose passion for history inspires and empowers her students. Her immense skill and remarkable knack for creating a safe, warm classroom environment allows her wide range of students to thrive and truly connect with history. She is dedicated to the concept of teaching "hard history." She does not shy away from the difficult topics and is sure to provide the space students need to understand and process their reactions. She reaches students at all levels of readiness and from

different backgrounds by centering student voice, and by giving focused, individual feedback and support. Ms. Santos' approach helps students know the fundamental history that made the United States what it is today, while making sure that students see that they are and can still be part of that history. Adda is absolutely deserving of this award and we are delighted to see her getting the recognition she deserves."

In addition to a \$1,000 honorarium, Adda Santos receives a core archive of American history books and Gilder Lehrman educational materials, recognition at a local ceremony in her honor, and becomes one of 53 finalists for the 2022 National History Teacher of the Year Award.

The winner of this year's National History Teacher of the Year Award will be announced in October 2022. Past presenters of the award include the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, Good Morning America's Robin Roberts, First Lady Laura Bush, former U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Nominations for the 2023 History Teacher of the Year Awards are now open. Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate K-12 teachers for the award by visiting gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy. The deadline for 2023 nominations is April 30, 2023.

About the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 by Richard Gilder and Lewis E. Lehrman, visionaries and lifelong supporters of American history education. The Institute is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to K-12 history education while also serv-



2022 Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year Adda Santos.

ing the general public. Its mission is to promote the knowledge and understanding of American history through educational programs and resources.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is supported through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations. The Institute's programs have been recognized by awards from the White House, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Organization of American Historians, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the National Daughters of the American Revolution.

About Somerville High School Somerville High School is a comprehensive high school with over 1300 students in a newly renovated, state-of-the art facility designed to encourage cross-curricular and collaborative work between students and between staff. Students can take Advanced Placement Courses, prepare for a vocational career alongside taking a full academic load, and participate in extensive arts, music, theatre, and athletics extracurricular activities and coursework. Dual enrollment is also available with several local colleges along with intensive career and college guidance support to prepare students for life after high school. Known for its diversity, Somerville High School boasts more than 50 home languages spoken by its student body with 56% of students speaking a language other than English as their first language and 15% who are academic English Language Learners. Somerville High School prides itself on meeting the needs of all

Growing Center releases roster of fall events

The Somerville Community Growing Center has finalized its community events for the fall season, which include music performances, yoga, a film screening and panel, garden workshops, and the annual events, The Gathering of the Fairies and Harvest Festival. The season culminates with several major fundraising events, October into December. The full slate of fall events, ending with our annual Winter Wreath Project, can be found here: bit.ly/3eJmDbT.

The Growing Center's signature fall children's event, The Gathering of the Fairies, is a garden celebration for young children. Activities include building a fairy house out of all-natural materials, creating one's own fairy wand, hearing fairy stories, face painting, raffle and fairy postcards. Donations are strongly encouraged to support the Growing Center and future events. A limited supply of fairy garden building materials will be available for making Fairy Houses.

NEW IN 2022: Music duo Receita de Samba presents a Portuguese/English bi-lingual performance of the fairytale, "Why the Sea Moans," This Brazilian Cinderella story set on the northeast coast of Brazil, tells the story of a young girl and her unlikely friendship with the sea. Local dancers to perform as part of the fairytale from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

WHAT: Gathering of the

WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Sunday, September 25)

WHERE: Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave., Somerville, MA

HOW: This event is free and open to all, but is geared toward children ages 1-8

FACEBOOK EVENT: https://fb.me/e/2z7kRR6bH

On Saturday, October 15, the Growing Center is host to a film screening and panel discussion of the movie Snow Money 7:00-9:00 pm. An intimate short film by Kristen Chin on how everyday people are impacted by climate change, with panel and discussion to follow, this free event is co-sponsored with filmmaker and Climate Coalition of Somerville. In addition, free yoga sessions, fall gardening workshops and live music are on offer this fall.

The season culminates with two fundraisers: the Growing Center's Seasonal Salvage Sale and Makers' Market takes place on Saturday, October 22, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. An annual event pre-pandemic that raised funds for the Growing Center's Annual Fund, the "Yard Sale" is morphing after a multi-year hiatus into a two-part shopping experience: a curated, seasonally-themed secondhand sale where 100% of the proceeds go to the Growing Center; and a new "Makers' Market" filled with local craft vendors. And the Growing Center's Annual Winter Wreath Project, the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, is a pre-order sale in October and November featuring volunteer-decorated evergreen wreaths, each with a homemade bow, adorned with locally sourced pinecones, delicate dried flowers, and ornamental peppers and berries.

The Somerville Community Growing Center is a quarter-acre,



28-year-old community garden space run primarily by volunteers; it is a space for gathering, learning, and celebrating. Its long history includes building local community through coordinating ecological and multicultural educational programs and events. The Friends of the Community Growing Center is the non-profit organization that oversees the Growing Center. The Friends

seeks to educate and engage the full population of Somerville, with a focus on children and youth, to provide a welcoming space that fosters positive community interactions, engagement with nature and provides culturally enriching experiences.

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Fall in Love with Fluff at the 17th Annual What the Fluff? festival

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way to Union Square and fall in love with Fluff all over again. This What the Fluff? will feel like the first time. Festival goers will descend in droves upon Somerville to make a spectacle of their love for Marshmallow Fluff. A wide variety of themed happenings promises cost-free fun for all ages:

Take part in hilarious antics with sticky activities like Fluff Musical Chairs, Fluff Hairdos, and Fluff Jousting on the Shenanigans Stage hosted by Fluff Fest's longtime Archibald Query impersonator

Groove with Emcee Jay Lockett, owner of Himalayan Kitchen and DJ Mixtress on the Fluff'n Jam stage featuring: Samba Lolo, Home Despot, MonaVeli, and DJ Mixtress

The Fluff Freaks: orchestrated

by former Mayor of Somerville Joe Curtatone, this collection of incredible musicians features horns, percussion, and soulful, sticky, sweet, flufftastic funk.

and ... the annual presentation of the Mayor Joe Flufftastic Innovation for Impact Award.

Challenge yourself or friends to navigate a flufftastic parkour course hosted by Parkour Generations Boston.

Try your hand at old-school, boardwalk-style games including Fluff Bowling, Fluff Ring Toss, and more at the Midway Games Area (free to play, free to win prizes).

Leave your mark at the Creation Station with arts, crafts, and other interactive activities.

Strike a pose with colorful cutouts of your favorite Fluff characters by local artists Nathaniel Devarie and Culture-

Browse 50 vendors ready to serve up sweet and savory Fluff-inspired dishes, oodles of Fluff-themed items, and crafts.

Shop scores of local businesses who will be opening their doors to Fluff lovers in the lead up and during the Festival for you to enjoy scrumptiously sticky treats, buy limited edition Fluff goodies, and take advantage of other flufftastic specials. Participating businesses and more details can be found at https://www.flufffestival com

"Union Square is loved for its hip vibe and eclectic happenings. Visitors love the sense of discovery that unfolds as they explore our funky Square every day, but especially during Fluff Fest." said Jessica Eshleman,

executive director of Union Square Main Streets. "Following two years of pandemic-induced modifications, there is so much excitement about Somerville's signature event returning to its traditional street festival format to welcome festival-goers from Boston and beyond."

The endlessly entertaining What the Fluff? Festival is made possible by the generosity of its sponsors: Boynton Yards, Somernova, Liberty Cannabis, USQ, Eaglebrook Capital, Verizon, EventThem, CultureHouse, Parkour Generations Boston, and Boston.com.

"As a proud partner of Union Square Main Streets, Boynton Yards is thrilled to see Fluff Fest back in full force. We applaud the hard work of the USMS team to bring together the community

and celebrate Somerville's iconic tradition." said John Fenton, managing partner of DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, on behalf of the Boynton Yards development team. "Boynton Yards looks forward to a continued partnership with USMS and many more exciting community offerings to come."

Festivities are expected to attract 20,000 Fluff fans and traffic will be rerouted around Union Square to accommodate festival activities. Revelers are highly encouraged to walk, bike, boogie, or take public transit. New this year: a free bike valet will be offered by Mass Bikes.

What the Fluff? is produced by Union Square Main Streets and the Somerville Arts Council. More details: www.flufffestival.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on the percentage of times local representatives voted with their party's leadership in the 2022 session.

The votes of the 2022 membership of 26 Republicans were compared with those of GOP House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). The votes of the 2022 membership of 124 Democrats were compared to House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 99 votes from the 2022 House session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not quorum calls or votes on local issues.

Rep. Susannah Whipps (U-Athol) is unenrolled and not affiliated with either the Republican or Democratic party. We based her voting record on how many times she voted with Democratic House Speaker Ron Mariano.

THE DEMOCRATS: A total of 53 (42.7 percent) of the 124 Democrats voted with Mariano 100 percent of the time. Another 55 Democrats (44.3 percent) voted against Mariano only once. That means a total of 108 (87.0 percent) of the 124 Democrats either never voted against Mariano or voted against Mariano only once.

Only three Democrats (2.4 percent) voted with Mariano less than 90 percent of the time.

The Democratic representative who voted the lowest percentage of times with Mariano is Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) who voted with Mariano only 72.4 percent of the time.

She is followed by Reps. Jeff Turco (D-Winthrop) 84.8 percent; David Robertson (D-Tewksbury) 86.8 percent; Patrick Kearney (D-Scituate) 92.8 percent; and Chris Markey (D-Dartmouth) 93.9 percent

THE REPUBLICANS: Only four (15.3 percent) of the 26 GOP members voted with Jones 100 percent of the time. Eighteen Republicans (69.2 percent) voted with Jones at least 90 percent of the time. Four Republicans (15.3 percent) voted with Jones less than 90 percent of the time.

The Republican representative who voted the lowest percentage of times with Jones was Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica) who voted with Jones only 86.8 percent of the time.

He is followed by Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick) 87.7 percent; Donald Berthiaume (R-Spencer) 88.8 percent; Alyson Sullivan (R-Abington) 89.8 percent; and Peter Durant (R-Spencer) 90.9 percent.

REPRESENTATIVES' SUPPORT OF THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN 2022

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported his or her party's leadership in 2022. The number in parentheses represents the number of times the representative opposed his or her party's leadership

Some representatives voted on all 99 roll call votes. Others missed one or more roll calls. The percentage for each representative is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted.

> Rep. Christine Barber 98.9 percent (1) Rep. Mike Connolly 97.9 percent (2) Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven 96.9 percent (3)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

U.S. LABOR SECRETARY MARTY WALSH TALKS UNIONS AND THE FUTURE - The momentum of labor, including the growth of unions and the increased leverage of workers, is reshaping the traditional workplace dynamic In Massachusetts and beyond. Join Labor Secretary Marty Walsh and Massachusetts labor leaders for a special event hosted by the State House News Service and MASSter-List that will explore the important labor trends: labor's gains, goals and the outlook for the future. The in-person event is Wednesday, September 28, at the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) at 10 Winter Place (Downtown Crossing) in Boston. Doors open for networking and light refreshments at 7:30 a.m., with the program kicking off at 8:15 a.m. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-newpower-of-labor-in-massachusetts-and-beyond-tickets-414176953417?aff=BHRCSept

EDUCATION BILLS SENT TO A STUDY COM-

MITTEE - Several bills affecting public schools and education were sent to a study committee where bills are rarely actually studied and are essentially defeated. It is a way to kill a proposal without holding a vote on the bill itself. Here are some of the education bills that were sent off to a study committee:

SEX ED IN SCHOOLS (H 662) - Would require grades 7, 8 or 9 in all public schools to offer a required course to educate students about the development of the child in utero. Each school would be required to inform at least one parent or guardian of each student at least one week prior to the beginning of the course. The parent or guardian would have the right to exempt a student from

The course would be designed to educate students Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

of the anatomical and physiological characteristics of unborn children at increments of four weeks from fertilization to full term. It would include visual images, including ultrasound images of fetal development at eight, 12, 18 and 24 weeks, and include the basics of prenatal and postnatal care for the purpose of educating students about the real expectations and responsibilities of parenthood.

"As expanding sex-ed continues to be a priority agenda item, I feel it is important to have equal education and focus on a very real possible outcome of sex-pregnancy and children," said Sponsor Rep. Joseph McKenna (R-Webster). "I believe that it's critical to ensure that the health and wellness curriculum includes the development of a fetus into a baby and ultimately through birth. This should include [how] a pregnant mother's decisions and lifestyle, including nutrition and substance use, impact fetal development and baby health."

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of September 5-9, the House met for a total of 13 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 25 minutes.

No Senate session. Tues. Sept. 6 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Wed. Sept. 7 No House session

No House session

No Senate session

Mon. Sept. 5

Thurs. Sept. 89 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 2 No House session No Senate session

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville goes purple in support of Overdose Awareness Day.

Our View Of The Times



If there is one thing that most Somerville residents can agree on it's the importance of supporting initiatives that help solve the problem of addiction and recovery in our community and others.

In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day on Wednesday, August 31, and Recovery Month in September, the City of Somerville planted 15 purple flags on the City Hall lawn in memory of the 15 Somerville residents who died of an opioid-related overdose in 2021.

A larger flag will also be on display in recognition of all Somerville residents who have died of an overdose. City Hall is being illuminated with purple lights through September to bring awareness to Recovery Month.

International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that aims to raise awareness and reduce stigma of overdose, and Recovery Month is observed nationally to promote evidence-based recovery practices.

Here are some ways Somerville residents can take action and show support:

Pick up free Narcan, fentanyl test strips and more resources at a distribution event: Thursday, September 15, Union Square Plaza, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday,

September 30, Foss Park (corner of Broadway and McGrath), 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Attend a virtual Overdose Prevention Training to learn how to prevent, recognize, and respond to an opioid overdose. To schedule a training email Matt Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, at mmitchell@somervillema.gov.

Going purple is one way we can all share in the effort to make a difference.

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best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Cheryl Tucker, Mary Ann Beaton, Carol Cook O'Leary, Gary DiZoglio, Jane Becker, Jessica Obrien, Gay H. Sheldon, Kimberly LaCascia-Winslow, Jackie Shepardhancock, Ed Grandmont, Debra Lawson Kennedy and Jeff Peras 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.

Welcoming Week at the SPL: Sidewalk Chalk Community Art Project, Friday, September 16, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Join in them out in front of the Central Library

(79 Highland Ave) for an afternoon of chalk art to celebrate what makes you feel welcome. Local artists and community members of all ages are encouraged to pick a block of space on our sidewalks and the pathways around the playground and up to the library's front doors and draw pictures or write messages that share what makes you feel welcome in your community, or send a message of welcome to someone else. Chalk will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you would like.

Fall in Love with Fluff at the 17th Annual What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union

Square Innovation Festival. What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Innovation returns for a 17th year next Saturday, September 17 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. (rain date September 18). This zany, madcap festival honors the invention of Marshmallow Fluff by Archibald Query in Somerville in 1917 and salutes the spirit of innovation that thrives in Union Square today. www.flufffestival.com

Join the **Somerville Museum** for their new exhibition, *Sanctuary City*, showcasing emerging and accomplished mid-career artists and a variety of media, from installations to award-winning comic

books, the works on view address themes of immigration and community building. Trauma experiences are commonplace in immigrants' lives, but that does not invalidate or diminish the experiences and narratives of love, found family, resilience, resistance, and friendship. The exhibit opens Friday, September 16, and runs through November 19. For more info, visit https://www.somervillemuseum.org/sanctuary-city.

The East Somerville Foodie Crawl is back for the 11th year on Tuesday September 20. East Somerville is home to some of the region's Continued on page 22

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What country has the greatest number of natural lakes?
- 2. Who invented the first ATM machine?
- 3. When did the original World Trade Center in New York City open?
- 4. When was the first terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, NY?
- 5. XXX How many hijackers were involved in the 9/11 attacks?
- 6. What relative of Tom Brady was the first American prisoner of war during World War II?

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- 8. Who was the youngest astronaut to date?
- 9. In 2014, what automobile broke the world record for an automobile sold at an auction?
- 10. In what year did the FBI first begin to maintain a public list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives?
- 11. What is the only Zodiac sign that is not represented by a living creature?
- 12. In what year did the Gulf of Mexico oil spill take place?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. Basenji dogs are the only breed that doesn't bark.
 - 2. You can't hunt camels in Arizona.

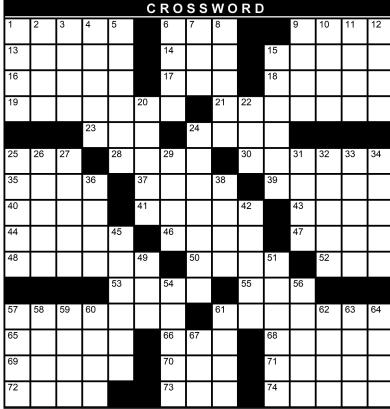
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ACROSS

- 1. Relating to Vatican's Francis
- 6. Denouement
- 9. HVAC tunnel
- 13. Lesser Antilles destination
- 14. Big Island necklace
- 15. Truth without proof
- 16. Luciano Pavarotti, e.g.
- 17. Distressing acronym
- 18. Acrylic fiber
- 19. Outing in a wagon
- 21. Overnighting outdoors
- 23. "____ Te Ching"
- 24. RC or Jolt
- 25. Tax pro
- 28. Lowest brass instrument
- 30. Alfresco meal
- 35. Kaa's warning
- 37. This and that
- 39. Extended family member
- 40. "The Sun is ____ a Star"
- 41. Namely (2 words)
- 43. "The Parent Trap" child
- 44. Renter's paper
- 46. H. H. Munro's pseudonym
- 47. Snaky swimmers
- 48. Geisha's garb
- 50. Kids' construction block
- 52. Caustic chemical
- 53. Display displeasure
- 55. Blunder
- 57. S'more cooker
- 61. U-Pick destination
- 65. Yahoo! message
- 66. Hyperactivity acronym
- 68. Relating to hilum
- 69. To the point
- 70. Make a pigeon sound
- 71, Silly
- 72. Ancient eternal life symbol
- 73. H in British HMS
- 74. Socially inept

DOWN

- 1. Promenading route
- 2. Atlas stat
- 3. Small and weak
- 4. Cut short





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- 5. Cowboy's catcher
- 6. Additional
- 7. Opposite of paleo
- 8. "Xanadu" music genre
- 9. Village, mostly in South Africa
- 10. Tangerine plus grapefruit
- 11. Colloquial "Follow me!"
- 12. NASA's orange drink
- 15. Master's area
- 20. Meryl Streep/Philip Seymour Hoff-
- man 2008 movie
- 22. Climbing peak
- 24. Fashion week stage
- 25. Sidewalk artist's medium
- 26. Mushroom caps
- 27. Indian black tea
- 29. Unwelcome reception, pl.
- 31. Give a quote

- 32. Handrail post
- 33. In an unfriendly manner

- 34. Incense without prefix
- 36. Comme ci, comme Áa
- 38. Nature walk
- 42. Detroit mascot
- 45. Store as fodder
- 49. Not their
- 51. Lady Slipper, e.g.
- 54. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"
- 56. Horny odd-toed ungulate, for short
- 57. Between Phi and Kappa 58. Bad luck predictor
- 59. Police informer
- 60. Angling reward
- 61. O in b.o.
- 62. Having wings
- 63. Military status
- 64. Squirrel's nest
- 67. Rudolph's Clarice, e.g.
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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OBITUARY

Richard A. 'Dick' Hart



Richard A. "Dick" Hart of Woburn, formerly of Somerville, died peacefully, at the age of eighty-one, September 12, 2022, at his home with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of nearly 49 years to Mary (Kane) Hart. Cherished father of Kristin Chalifour of NH, Edward Jordan, his wife Dierdre of Medford, Nancy Jordan of Woburn, Pamela Feffer, her husband Scott of North Reading, Ricky Hart, his wife Jaime of FL, Tyler Hart, his wife Lauren of Medford, Rachael Hart, her partner Todd Gagnon of Woburn, Maureen Maguire, her husband John of Peabody, Mary Drouin,

her husband Jeff of Haverhill. Dear brother of Eugene Hart, his late wife Marilyn of Arlington, James Hart, his wife Myra of Mattapoisett and Joseph Hart, his wife Patricia of VA. Proud Papa of Cheryl, Courtney, Nora, her husband Jon, Tim, Molly, Noah, Emma, Ricky, Megan, Melanie, Cody, Lauren, Eddie, Keira, Carri, Ryan, Jack, Allie, Finn and the late Sierra.

A Funeral Mass will be Celebrated in St. Charles Church, 280 Main Street, Woburn on Monday, September 19 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in New Calvary Cemetery, Mattapan. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to calling hours in the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, Woburn on Sunday, September 18th from 1-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dick's memory to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to St. Charles Church, Woburn.

Dick's Funeral Mass will be live streamed on Monday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Somerville Kiwanis Club welcomes new member at **District Interclub**

On Thursday, September 8, the members of the Somerville Kiwanis Club gathered at the Mount Vernon Restaurant for the first joint meeting of District Kiwanis Clubs as well as local Service clubs since 2019.

The annual gathering, known as an Interclub Meeting, has not been held due to the restrictions and concerns caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. Kiwanis members from East Boston, Malden and Medford and Greater Boston Young Professionals and members of the Somerville Rotary Club and Lions Club attended the celebration which was themed, Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day.

Cambridge Police Deputy Superintendent Pauline Wells opened the event by singing the National Anthems of Ireland and the United States followed by a wonderful buffet dinner.

President Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa addressed the members, recounting the wonderful work that had been completed in the community over the past year despite the pandemic. Some of those included boxed lunches for senior residents, Christmas gifts for children in the Head Start program distributed by members, Christmas gifts for the Marine Corps Toys For Tots program, Reading is Fundamental program where members visited Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms and donated books for every student, scholarships for high school seniors, distribution of over 200



Member (Mayor Emeritus) Eugene Brune, John Caruso, Kiwanis President Mernaysa



bicycle helmets to children and finally a very successful school supply, backpack program where over 200 backpacks and supplies were provided to students most in need of assistance

The highlight of the evening was the induction of new member John Caruso, who was presented his "builders apron," a symbol of the club theme, We Build. Following dinner, our keynote speaker was Joe Lynch, a well-known local cable TV celebrity as was as a Licensing Board Commissioner. Joe gave a great summary of the workings of the Licensing Commission and the new challenges that the board will be facing with changes in cannabis laws which will affect every community sooner or later.

A great night was had by all. If you are interested in learning more about the Kiwanis Club of Somerville, visit their web page, www.somervillekiwanis.org like us on Facebook, Kiwanis Club of Somerville.

Western Washington St. **Mobility Improvements Public Meeting**

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott invite you to a virtual community meeting to discuss roadway upgrades and transportation safety improvements on the western portion of Washington Street, from Line Street to Webster Avenue.

The city is planning to reconstruct sidewalks, repave Washington Street, and install changes that will improve street safety and usability, including wider sidewalks at bus stops, raised crosswalks for traffic calming, and protected dedicated bike lanes. Construction is expected to begin in 2023.

At this meeting, city staff will present a proposed design for Washington Street and gather input from attendees. After the meeting, the proposed design will be posted to the project website along with a survey for additional feedback.

The meeting will take place Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m. Portuguese interpretation will be provided. Visit somervillema.gov/westernwashington to register to attend.



Cambridge Police Deputy Superintendent Pauline Wells.



Speaker Joe Lynch.

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AVISO:

Lista de Espera Federal de Habitação Social Familiar

A Somerville Housing Authority anuncia que a lista de espera Federal **de Habitação Social Familiar** está aberta para **TODOS as opções de <u>1, 2, 3, 4, e 5 quartos</u>**. A SHA tem 215 unidades familiares federais.

As solicitações podem ser obtidas na Somerville Housing Authority no <u>30 Memorial Road ou 530 Mystic Avenue em Somerville, MA 02145</u>.

Se você gostaria de receber uma solicitação pelo correio, ou se tiver alguma dúvida, ligue para nosso escritório ao (617) 625-1152. Você também pode acessar à solicitação em nosso site em www.sha-web.org. Se você é uma pessoa com deficiência, você tem o direito de solicitar uma acomodação razoável.

Requisitos Gerais

- O solicitante ou Chefe de Família deve ter 18 anos de idade ou ser um menor emancipado
- Pelo menos um (1) membro da família deve ser um cidadão dos Estados Unidos, de nacionalidade dos Estados Unidos ou não-cidadão com estatuto de imigrante elegível
- O solicitante, e todos os membros da sua família, devem revelar o número completo e preciso do seguro social (SSN) atribuído a cada um, e a documentação necessária para verificar cada SSN (exceto os não-cidadãos que não contendam com o status de imigração elegível)
- A renda bruta total de uma família não pode exceder os seguintes limites:

Família de 1 pessoa: \$78.300 Família de 2 pessoas: \$89.500 Família de 3 pessoas: \$100.700 Família de 4 pessoas: \$111.850 Família de 5 pessoas: \$120.800 Família de 6 pessoas: \$129.750 Família de 7 pessoas: \$138.700 Família de 8 pessoas: \$147.650

As solicitações serão classificadas na lista de espera, por data e hora da solicitação, e de acordo com as categorias de preferência estabelecidas.

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AVI

Lis datant Federal pou Lojman Piblik pou Fanmi

Otorite Lojman Somerville anonse Lis Datant Lojman Piblik pou Fanmi Federal la ouvri pou TOUT <u>1, 2, 3, 4, ak 5 chanm[/b</u>]. SHA gen 215 inite fanmi federal.

Aplikasyon yo ka jwenn nan Somerville Housing Authority nan <u>30 Memorial Road oswa 530 Mystic Avenue nan Somerville, MA 02145</u>.

Si ou ta renmen pou yo voye yon aplikasyon pa lapòs ba ou, oswa si ou gen nenpòt kesyon, tanpri rele biwo nou an nan (617) 625-1152. Ou kapab jwenn aksè nan aplikasyon an tou sou sitwèb nou an nan <u>www.sha-web.org</u>. Si ou se yon moun andikape, ou gen dwa pou mande yon aranjman rezonab.

Kalifikasyon Egzijans:

- Aplikan an oswa Chèf Kay la dwe gen 18 an oswa yon minè emansipe
- Omwen yon (1) manm fanmi an dwe yon sitwayen ameriken, yon nasyonal ameriken oswa ki pa sitwayen ameriken ak estati imigrasyon elijib.
- Aplikan an ak nimewo vil Sekirité (social security number, SSN) bay tout moun ki bay chak moun pou yo
 mande yo egzaminen yo, ak kantite moun ki disponib pou verifye chak moun (SSN bay chak moun) pou yo
 egzaminen yo. elijib)
- Revni total brit yon kay pa ka depase limit sa yo:

Kay 1 Moun: \$78,300 Kay 2 Moun: \$89,500 Kay 3 Moun: \$100,700 Kay 4 Moun: \$111,850 Kay 5 Moun: \$120,800 Kay 6 Moun: \$129,750 Kay 7 Moun: \$138,700 Kay 8 Moun: \$147,650

Aplikasyon yo pral klase sou lis datant la dapre dat ak lè aplikasyon an ak dapre kategori preferans etabli yo.

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NOTICE

Federal Family Public Housing Waitlist

The Somerville Housing Authority announces the **Federal Family Public Housing Wait List** is open for <u>ALL 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedrooms</u>. The SHA has 215 federal family units.

Applications may be obtained at the Somerville Housing Authority at <u>30 Memorial Road or 530 Mystic Avenue in Somerville, MA 02145</u>.

If you would like to have an application mailed to you, or if you have any questions, please call our office at (617) 625-1152. You can also access the application on our website at www.sha-web.org. If you are a person with disabilities, you have the right to request a reasonable accommodation.

Eligibility Requirements

- The applicant or Head of Household must be 18 years of age or an emancipated minor
- At least one (1) family member must be a US citizen, U.S. National or non-citizen with eligible immigration status
- The applicant and all members of the applicant's household must disclose the complete and accurate social security number (SSN) assigned to each household member, and the documentation necessary to verify each SSN (Except noncitizens who do not contend eligible immigration status)
- A household's total gross income may not exceed the following limits:

1 Person Household: \$78,300 2 Person Household: \$89,500 3 Person Household: \$100,700 4 Person Household: \$111,850 5 Person Household: \$129,750 7 Person Household: \$138,700

8 Person Household: \$147,650

Applications will be ranked on the wait list by date and time of application and in accordance with established preference categories

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<u>AVI</u>

Lis datant Federal pou Lojman Piblik pou Granmoun

Otorite Lojman Somerville lan anonse Lis Datant Lojman Piblik Federal pou granmoun aje yo ouvri pou TOUT **1 ak 2 chanm**. SHA gen 369 inite federal pou granmoun aje.

Aplikasyon yo ka jwenn nan Somerville Housing Authority nan <u>30 Memorial Road oswa 530 Mystic Avenue nan Somerville, MA 02145</u>.

Si ou ta renmen pou yo voye yon aplikasyon pa lapòs ba ou, oswa si ou gen nenpòt kesyon, tanpri rele biwo nou an nan (617) 625-1152. Ou kapab jwenn aksè nan aplikasyon an tou sou sitwèb nou an nan <u>www.sha-web.org</u>. Si ou se yon moun andikape, ou gen dwa pou mande yon aranjman rezonab.

Kalifikasyon Egzijans:

- Chèf Kay la, Konjwen oswa Ko-Tèt la dwe gen 62 an oswa plis, oswa yon moun ki gen andikap ant laj 18 ak 61
- Omwen yon (1) manm fanmi an dwe yon sitwayen ameriken, yon nasyonal ameriken oswa ki pa sitwayen ameriken ak estati imigrasyon elijib.
- Aplikan an ak nimewo vil Sekirité (social security number, SSN) bay tout moun ki bay chak moun pou yo
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3-alarm fire in Somerville's Magoun Square

At around 5:00 p.m. on Monday, a fire broke out at 509 Broadway in a vacant Chinese restaurant.

Medford and Somerville fire departments were the first to responded. As the fire reached 3 alarms other neighboring departments arrived at the scene.

No injuries were reported at this time. The fire is under investigation.







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AVIS0

Lista de espera de viviendas públicas federales para familias

La Autoridad de Vivienda de Somerville (Somerville Housing Authority, SHA) anuncia que la **Lista de espera de** viviendas públicas federales para familias está abierta para TODAS las casas con 1,2,3,4 y 5 dormitorios. La SHA cuenta con 215 unidades familiares federales.

Las solicitudes se pueden obtener en el establecimiento de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Somerville: 30 Memorial Road o 530 Mystic Avenue en Somerville, MA 02145.

Si desea que se le envíe una solicitud por correo postal, o si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a nuestra oficina al (617) 625-1152. También puede acceder a la solicitud en nuestra página web: <u>www.sha-web.org</u>. Si usted es una persona con discapacidad, tiene derecho a solicitar una adaptación razonable.

Requisitos de elegibilidad:

- El solicitante o cabeza de familia debe tener 18 años o ser un menor emancipado
- Al menos un (1) miembro de la familia debe ser ciudadano o nacional de los EE. UU., o bien, si no es ciudadano, debe tener un estatus de inmigración elegible.
- El solicitante y todos los miembros de su hogar deben comunicar de forma completa y exacta el número del Seguro Social (Social Security Number, SSN) que se le asigna a cada miembro del hogar, así como presentar la documentación necesaria para verificar cada SSN (excepto las personas sin ciudadanía que no afirmen tener un estatus de inmigración elegible).
- Los ingresos brutos totales de un hogar no pueden superar los siguientes límites:

Hogar con una persona: \$78,300 Hogar con dos personas: \$89,500 Hogar con tres personas: \$100,700 Hogar con cuatro personas: \$111,850 Hogar con cinco personas: \$120,800 Hogar con seis personas: \$129,750 Hogar con siete personas: \$138,700 Hogar con ocho personas: \$147,650

Las solicitudes se clasificarán en la lista de espera según la fecha y la hora de la solicitud, y de acuerdo con las categorías de preferencia establecidas.

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AVISO

Lista de espera de viviendas públicas federales para adultos mayores

La Autoridad de Vivienda de Somerville (Somerville Housing Authority, SHA) anuncia que la Lista de espera de viviendas públicas federales para adultos mayores está abierta para TODAS las casas con <u>1 y 2 dormitorios</u>. La SHA cuenta con 369 unidades federales para adultos mayores.

Las solicitudes se pueden obtener en el establecimiento de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Somerville: 30 Memorial Road o 530 Mystic Avenue en Somerville, MA 02145.

Si desea que se le envíe una solicitud por correo postal, o si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a nuestra oficina al (617) 625-1152. También puede acceder a la solicitud en nuestra página web: www.sha-web.org. Si usted es una persona con discapacidad, tiene derecho a solicitar una adaptación razonable.

Requisitos de elegibilidad:

- El/la cabeza de familia o su cónyuge o corresponsable debe ser mayor de 62 años, o bien, debe ser una persona con discapacidades de entre 18 y 61 años.
- Al menos un (1) miembro de la familia debe ser ciudadano o nacional de los EE. UU., o bien, si no es ciudadano, debe tener un estatus de inmigración elegible.
- El solicitante y todos los miembros de su hogar deben comunicar de forma completa y exacta el número del Seguro Social (Social Security Number, SSN) que se le asigna a cada miembro del hogar, así como presentar la documentación necesaria para verificar cada SSN (excepto las personas sin ciudadanía que no afirmen tener un estatus de inmigración elegible).
- Los ingresos brutos totales de un hogar no pueden superar los siguientes límites:

Hogar con una persona: \$78,300 Hogar con dos personas: \$89,500 Hogar con tres personas: \$100,700 Hogar con cuatro personas: \$111,850 Hogar con cinco personas: \$120,800 Hogar con seis personas: \$129,750 Hogar con siete personas: \$138,700 Hogar con ocho personas: \$147,650

Las solicitudes se clasificarán en la lista de espera según la fecha y la hora de la solicitud, y de acuerdo con las categorías de preferencia establecidas.

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NOTICE

Federal Family Public Housing Waitlist

The Somerville Housing Authority announces the Federal Elderly Public Housing Wait List is open for ALL 1 and 2 bedrooms. The SHA has 369 federal elderly units.

Applications may be obtained at the Somerville Housing Authority at <u>30 Memorial Road or 530 Mystic Avenue</u> in Somerville, MA 02145.

If you would like to have an application mailed to you, or if you have any questions, please call our office at (617) 625-1152. You can also access the application on our website at www.sha-web.org. If you are a person with disabilities, you have the right to request a reasonable accommodation.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant or Head of Household must be age 62 or older, or between age 18 and 61 and meet the HUD definition of a disabled individual.
- At least one (1) family member must be a US citizen, U.S. National or non-citizen with eligible immigration
- The applicant and all members of the applicant's household must disclose the complete and accurate social security number (SSN) assigned to each household member, and the documentation necessary to verify each SSN (Except noncitizens who do not contend eligible immigration status)
- A household's total gross income may not exceed the following limits:

1 Person Household: \$78,300 2 Person Household: \$89,500 3 Person Household: \$100,700 4 Person Household: \$111.850 5 Person Household: \$120.800 6 Person Household: \$129,750 7 Person Household: \$138,700

8 Person Household: \$147.650

<u>Applications will be ranked on the wait list by date and time of application and in accordance with</u> established preference categories

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AVISO:

Lista de Espera Federal de Habitação Social para Idosos

A Somerville Housing Authority anuncia que a lista de espera Federal de Habitação Social para Idosos está aberta para TODOS as opções de <u>1 e 2 quartos</u>. A SHA tem 369 unidades federais para idosos.

As solicitações podem ser obtidas na Somerville Housing Authority no <u>30 Memorial Road ou 530 Mystic</u> Avenue em Somerville, MA 02145.

Se você gostaria de receber uma solicitação pelo correio, ou se tiver alguma dúvida, ligue para nosso escritório ao (617) 625-1152. Você também pode acessar à solicitação em nosso site em www.s Se você é uma pessoa com deficiência, você tem o direito de solicitar uma acomodação razoável.

Requisitos Gerais:

- O chefe de família, côniuge ou co-chefe deve ter 62 anos ou mais, ou ser uma pessoa com deficiência entre 18 e 61 anos de idade.
- Pelo menos um (1) membro da família deve ser um cidadão dos Estados Unidos, de nacionalidade dos Estados Unidos ou não-cidadão com estatuto de imigrante elegível O solicitante, e todos os membros da sua família, devem revelar o número completo e preciso do seguro
- social (SSN) atribuído a cada um, e a documentação necessária para verificar cada SSN (exceto os não-cidadãos que não contendam com o status de imigração elegível)
- A renda bruta total de uma família não pode exceder os seguintes limites:

Família de 1 pessoa: \$78.300 Família de 2 pessoas: \$89.500 Família de 3 pessoas: \$100.700 Família de 4 pessoas: \$111.850 Família de 5 pessoas: \$120.800 Família de 6 pessoas: \$129.750 Família de 7 pessoas: \$138.700 Família de 8 pessoas: \$147.650

As solicitações serão classificadas na lista de espera, por data e hora da solicitação, e de acordo com as categorias de preferência estabelecidas

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

Date of Publication: September 8, 2022

Responsible Entities City of Somerville

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development 93 Highland Avenue, 3rd floor, Somerville, MA 02143 Tel: 617-625-6600, x. 2565

This combined notice is intended to satisfy two separate, but related, procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Somerville (The City), acting by and through the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD).

On or about September 29, 2022 The City will submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Boston Regional Office, for the release of HOME Investments Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, 32 U.S.C. 12701 et seq., as amended, to undertake Phase II of a project known as the Mystic Water Works located at 2 Capen Ct, Somerville, MA, for the purpose of creating up to 21, 1-bedroom units for low-income seniors and non-elderly disabled through acquisition, demolition, and construction on the area where a non-historic vacant garage sits. Total development cost for Phase 2, including acquisition, remediation, demolition, construction, soft costs, utility related and other site work, and development fees, is estimated at \$14,934,650, of which The City's share is estimated at \$1,716,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City and DHCD have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) documenting the environmental determinations for this project is on file at SPCD, 3rd floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Housing Programs, 2nd floor, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 and may be examined and/or copied Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday from 8:30 a.m - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to The City at the address given above. All comments received by the end of the business day on September 21, 2022 will be considered by The City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of nents should specify which Notice they are addressing. funds. Con

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to HUD/Boston that Alan Inacio, in his capacity as Director of Finance and Community Development and Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD/Boston's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows The City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

(The City and DHCD are referred to generically in this paragraph as "RE", which stands for "Responsible Entity".)
HUD/Boston will accept objections to its release of funds and The

City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officers of The City; (b) the The City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/Boston; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to: HUD/Office of Community Planning & Development, Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Boston (617-994-8200) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Alan Inacio. Director of Finance and Community Development, OSPCD 9/14/22 The Somerville Times



The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites e-bids from DCAM Certified Roofing Contractors for the Partial Roofing Replacement at the (200-2) Mystic River Apartments Development, 30 Memorial Road in Somerville, Massachusetts, DHCD No. 274145, in accordance with the documents prepared by SOCOTEC AE Consulting Inc. of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Project consists of: The replacement of all existing low-sloped built-up roofing with a new modified bitumen roofing system over the existing precast concrete modular additions at designated buildings and locations. Also, the project includes roofing at the Administration Building that involves the replacement of existing built-up roofing with a new EPDM single-ply membrane roofing and asphalt shingles with new prefinished standing seam metal roofing, and related work,

The work is estimated to cost \$ 335,000.00, including Alternates.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by DCAMM pursuant to M.G.L.c. 149 Section 44D. The General Bidder must be certified eligible in the DCAMM Prime/General category in **ROOFING**.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer of the

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM, Wednesday September 22, 2022, and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to **BidDocs ONLINE Inc.** Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Ridders

The site will be available for inspection at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Please meet at Mystic River Apartments, Facilities Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

> Somerville Housing Authority August 29, 2022

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Legal Notice

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to modify the existing building wireless telecommunications facility located at 230 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts 02143 (N42° 23' 23.7" and W71° 06' 35.1"). AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Action Section 106. Parties interested in commenting on this Federal undertaking or with questions on the proposed facility should contact Impact7G, Inc. at 8951 Windsor Parkway, Johnston, IA 50131 or call 515-473-6256 and reference project #NE 945/ JC. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 6:00pm through GoT-

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/10369919652208140

Webinar ID: 932-908-051

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (914) 614-3221 Access code: 765-761-656

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

21 Francesca Avenue Manuel Zepeda and Katherine Jong propose to establish a Backvard Cottage in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) district which requires Site Plan Approval.

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

Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals 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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Web: www.sha-web.org

The Somerville Housing Authority is requesting quotes from qualified Electrical Contractors to perform electrical work including installations and repairs on an as needed basis. Proposals should include an hourly rate for electrical services.

Term: 6 - 12 months

Not to exceed \$50,000.00

Quotes are subject to M.G.L c.149 sec.44A (2)(A) and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

Scope of work: The Contractor shall provide all labor and tools to provide the necessary work as directed for the completion of the electrical services at the SHA's various developments. The Contractor shall apply for and obtain permits and regulatory approvals as may be required. The SHA shall reimburse the contractor the amount paid. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

The Contractor shall be required on site within one week as scheduled

Stock and Materials: The Contractor shall use SHA furnished fixtures and finishes unless otherwise authorized. Items purchased by the Contractor at the SHA's request shall be billed at no more than cost plus 15%. The Contractor will be required to present the original itemized invoice to the SHA. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

Payment Invoicing: Contractor's invoicing must be itemized to reflect contract pricing for each item.

Contractors who intend on bidding shall email Ryan Cummiskey at Ryanc@sha-web.org after 11:00AM on Thursday, September 8th to request a bid package.

Proposals must be received by 2:00PM on Thursday, September 22nd. Proposals can be emailed to Ryanc@sha-web.org. Please contact Ryan Cummiskey at Ryanc@sha-web.org with any questions.

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Quotes are subject M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

The work is estimated to cost \$ 50,000,00

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Quotes must be received no later than 2:00PM on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022, by preferred method of email to Ryanc@sha-web.o

Questions should be directed to Ryan Cummiskey at 617-625-1152 x 330

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING SERVICES** INVITATION FOR BIDS RFQ# 2023-03 V2

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites sealed bids for:

Records Inventory Management

The bid package may be obtained online at

https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement or from the City of Somerville's electronic bidding platform at

omervillema.gov/BidExpress on or after: Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Sealed bids will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, and 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: 2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville

Please email <u>purchasing@somervillema.gov</u> for more information.

Procurement Analyst 617-625-6600 x3409

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB #23-14

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites sealed bids for:

Printing & Mailing Services for Water Bills

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 09/14/2022. Sealed bids will be received at above office until: 09/29/2022 2:00PM 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 <u>acaruth@somervillema.gov</u> for more information.

> **Thupten Chukhatsang** Senior Procurement Manager 617-625-6600 x3400

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for **Thursday September** 29th beginning at 6:00pm via Zoom. The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at 304 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Email for questions, link for meeting material and the Zoom meeting link and dial in information below:

Email Address for inquiries/questions: SomervilleQuestions@libertycannabis.com

Presentation Document Access Link:

Zoom Meeting Link:

m.us/j/85924046364?pwd=L3o5SXA2ajFJZIBSd3J0TTFnQ3E2Zz09

Topic: Liberty Cannabis - Community Outreach Meeting - September 29th 6-7pm

Time: Sep 29, 2022, 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 859 2404 6364 Passcode: 565253

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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

- Magoun Square Formerly Pollard Square or The Corner was named after Magoun Farm.
- Powder House Square Formerly Reynolds Circle was named after James Reynolds who was a Tufts College engineer.
 - Teele Square Formerly Russell Square.
- + Union Square Formerly Sand Pit Square and Liberty Pole Square. This was the city's first square and at the beginning of the Civil War, it was a recruiting center. This is where its present name

originated.

In 2015, the city celebrated a week-long Square Flair event for her All-America City status. The theme was everything square shaped. There was music, games and square dancing at the City Hall concourse. Today, you can square off at one of her boxing clubs, square dance at one of her studios, get a square deal across the Mystic at the Encore casino, or get a square meal at one of the city's great restaurants.



The 10th Annual Ryan Harrington Foundation Cornhole Tournament

On Saturday, September 10 the Annual Ryan Harrington Foundation Cornhole Tournament took place at Trum Field. It was a great day for the tournament. There was live music, raffles, food and more, a great day of fun for a great foundation. All monies raised from the tournament will go to youth organizations in local communities.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner













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SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands

On Sunday, September 11, SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands took over Highland Ave. between Central St. and Lowell St. It was a free and family friendly event. This street festival includes local craft vendors, community tabling groups and many interactive activities for kids and adults. Esh Circus Arts, Parkour Generations, Somerville Recreation activities, and Event Them brought all the yard games.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner













Riverfest 2022 at Assembly Row

To cap off the summer season, Riverfest 2022 returned Saturday, September 10, at Assembly Row at Assembly. It was a day filled with free events, fun, and fireworks all brought to you by Assembly Row and Capital One Café. There was handmade goods at the mini craft fair brought to you by Boston Women's Market, live music, a Chalk Walk, airbrush tattoos and retailer giveaways, all culminating in a fireworks show over the Mystic River! — Photos by Bobbie Toner













Somerville residents saddle up to feed neighbors in need

On Sunday, October 2, Somerville residents Eliza McDonough and Michael Walz will be among a team of cyclists to participate in the Ride for Food to support Food For Free's food rescue and redistribution efforts across East-

ern Massachusetts. The 11th annual event, hosted by Three Squares New England, invites anti-hunger nonprofits to ride and raise awareness for the 1 in 8 Massachusetts residents struggling with enough to eat. One

hundred percent of participant raised money goes back to the hunger relief organizations and their work.

Food For Free riders include a mix of long-distance riders, casual cyclists, families, bike commuters, and bike delivery professionals. Last year, cyclists raised more than \$13,000 to feed hungry neighbors in need.

"Food For Free takes food that normally goes to waste and gets it to people who need it," says Walz. "What's not to love? I cannot imagine an objection to their mission. The Ride for Food is a great way for me to do something tangible to help and to tell more people about them. The nonprofit has so many volunteer opportunities, but the event lets me talk about what I'm doing without feeling like I'm patting myself on the back."

All routes begin and end at the Noble and Greenough School, 10 Campus Drive in Dedham, Mass. Participants choose from a virtual, 25, or 50-mile ride or a 5K walk through the scenic suburbs of Massachusetts. Registration ranges from \$25 to \$75. Riders are asked to set a fundraising





Eliza McDonough and Michael Walz will be participating in Food For Free's Ride for Food event in support of neighbors in need of food on Sunday, October 2.

minimum goal of \$500. The fully supported ride with breakfast, lunch, and snacks along the route also includes family-fun activities including music, face painting and more.

"It's incredible to see so many food partners, big and small, rally together in the fight against food insecurity in our communities," says Eliza McDonough, Food For Free's Events and Communications Coordinator. "We are so thankful to our riders, some longtime volunteers, and staff members, who go beyond packing donation boxes of food for our organization. Year after year, they saddle up to en-

sure we can continue providing healthy food to people of all ages in need."

This year, Food For Free hopes to raise \$15,000 to aid its food rescue and delivery programs and continue to provide healthy food for underserved populations in more than 20 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts.

For more information about Food For Free, or to learn how to make a financial contribution toward a rider's fundraising campaign, or to register to ride, visit foodforfree.org/events. For questions, email Eliza McDonough at eliza@foodforfree.org.

Ms. Cam's Tom page 10 Answers

- 1. Canada
- 7. The Mystery Machine
- 2. John Shepherd-Barron
- 8. Sally Ride 32 years, 23 days old when she flew on STS-7 in June 1983
- 3. April 4, 1973
- 9. A 1963 Ferrari 250 GTO sold for US \$34,650,000
- Ryder truck detonated in the underground garage of the North Tower

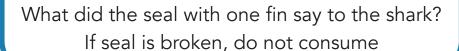
4. A bombing on Feb-

ruary 26, 1993, when a

- 10. 1950
- 5. 19
- 11. Libra
- 6. Michael Buckley Jr., Tom's great uncle
- 12. 2010

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1146 – Zangi of the Near East is murdered. The Sultan Nur ad-Din, his son, pursues the conquest of Edessa.

1544 - Henry VIII's forces take Boulogne, France.

1321 – Dante Alighieri dies of malaria just hours after finishing writing Paradiso.

1791 – Louis XVI swears his allegiance to the French constitution.

1814 - Francis Scott Key writes the words to the Star Spangled Banner.

1847 – U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott capture Mexico City, virtually bringing the two-year Mexican War to a close.

1901 – Vice President Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the 26th President of the United States upon the death of William McKinley

1960 - Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia form OPEC.

1994 – Major League Baseball players strike over a salary cap and other proposed changes, forcing the cancellation of the entire postseason and the World Series.

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best and most diverse food and drink. Broadway, the community's main street, is bustling with Mexican, Italian, Brazilian, Ethiopian, Salvadoran, and Portuguese cuisine. After two years of the COVID19 pandemic, which has devastated many migrant-owned restaurants, it is vitally important to celebrate these small businesses - the heart and soul of East Somerville. With the purchase of one ticket, you will be off on a culinary journey full of authentic foods, colors and smells. On the night of the event confirm your ticket purchase and check in at one of our tables, you will receive a wristband and brochure with restaurant and event information, enjoy and sample food from restaurants along Broadway. Come experience the best that East Somerville has to offer and find a new favorite restaurant (or five!). All Tickets are advance sale only https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org/foodiecrawl.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Dick Hart** who passed away this week. Dick was a great man who raised a large family with his wife Mary here in Somerville. They have many many friends here in the city and beyond and are well loved. Dick will be very much missed by all of us! His full obituary can be viewed on www.thesomervilletimes.com and https://lynch-cantillon.com/

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott invite you to a virtual community meeting to discuss roadway upgrades and transportation safety improvements on the western portion of Washington Street, from Line Street to Webster Avenue. The city is planning to reconstruct sidewalks, repave Washington Street, and install changes that will improve street safety and usability, including wider sidewalks at bus stops, raised crosswalks for traffic calming, and protected dedicated bike lanes. Construction is expected to begin in 2023. At this meeting, city staff will present a proposed design for Washington Street and gather input from attendees. After the meeting, the proposed design will be posted to the project website along with a survey for additional feedback. The meeting will take place Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00

p.m. Portuguese interpretation will be provided. Visit somervillema.gov/west-ernwashington to register to attend.

Ward-based Community Meetings, formerly called the ResiStat program, are back this October. Hear from Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and city staff to find out what's happening in your neighborhood, learn how to get involved, and ask questions about issues that are important to you. All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and can be attended in person or online. First up is Ward 5 on Monday, October 3, at the Kennedy School. A meet-andgreet with refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m. Interpretation and accessibility assistance is available. For the full schedule and to learn more, visit somervillema. gov/communitymeetings.

Fundraising Support Needed: The Connexion Mural is underway. This mural is supported in part by the Somerville Arts Council and now they need to raise \$3,000 more. Please consider giving to the Connexion Mural Fund to help make East Somerville an even more beautiful place. To make a donation visit their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/connexionumc/

Free, blank **CharlieCards** are now available at all **Somerville library locations** (Central, East, and West branches) during regular hours, while supplies last. Register your CharlieCard at https://www.mbta.com/fares/charliecard or visit https://www.somervillema.gov

The 30-day full closure of the Orange Line from Oak Grove to Forest Hills stations and the 28-day closure of the Green Line from Union Square to Government Center stations began. The MBTA released the Rider's Guideweb to help commuters. Read the full release on our website, www.thesomervilletimes.com.

The SHS Class of 1982 40th Reunion will be held at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St, Winchester, MA on November 15, 6:30 – 11:30pm. Cost: \$40 per person, dinner included, cash bar. (\$50 after November 4). Payment meth-

ods: include Paypal: mbmbrennan44@ gmail.com, Venmo: SHS Class of 1982 @shsclassof1982, Check: made out to SHS Class of 1982 mailed to Marybeth Caturello, 85 MacArthur Road Stoneham, MA 02180. For any other questions, please email Marybeth Brennan at mbmbrennan@comcast.net or call Marybeth Caturello at 617-851-2519.

Join the Somerville Chamber of Commerce on September 20 at the Donald Ross designed Sandy Burr Country Club Golf Course with lunch and dinner on site. There are many ways to participate – golf, sponsor, contribute swag (80 count), contribute raffle items, volunteer for registration desk or for hole in one witness: https://business.somervillechamber.org/events/details/chamber-golf-classic-1652.

The Somerville Flea is now open Sundays 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.

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, 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.

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.

Mark your calendars: students in grades 9-12 and their families won't want to miss the in-person **College Fair** on **October 18** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the SHS Cafeteria.

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.eastsomervillemainstreets. org/market. There is a \$15 SNAP match at all Farmers Markets across Somerville.

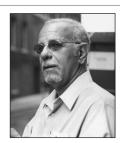
******** The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market is open for the season, selling fresh, local produce through October 15. The market schedule is as follows: Fridays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging/SCALE (167 Holland St.); 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.: East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.) 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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Vincenzo's Song

Every day started the same way, up before sunrise, his black button-down sweater, worn trousers, sturdy dark shoes guiding him through the kitchen door and into his determined, lush world.

When he left the old country he wanted to farm America, but he grew to accept the need to replicate his dream in an Upstate New York backyard. This carefully orchestrated plot of ground, a fertile bed of tomatoes, eggplant, green peppers, lettuce, herbs, fruit trees, roses—his sensitive hands pruning and tending a small city garden, what seemed acres of land.

— James de Crescentis

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Reviewed by off the shelf correspondent David P. Miller

The title of Mary Buchinger's chapbook is not Clouds. Rather, it's "clouds" in the International Phonetic Alphabet. What's the difference, you ask? Isn't the word as it appears the same as the word pronounced? Only if we assume that what we see is the same as what we picture to ourselves. What does an upper-case block letter "a" have in common with its lower-case script cousin? Apart from the fact that they may represent the same speech sound, not much that meets the eye. (Not to mention what a Fraktur letter would present.)

Clouds have always fascinated, soothed, or terrified us. Cooled water vapor, condensed on nuclei of dust, pollen, or smoke, ephemeral entities. A web search for "cloud metaphors" retrieves what you might expect: pillows, sheep, marshmallows, the place online where you store passwords. See that profile in the sky? It looks just like the Old Man of the Mountain. But the Old Man finally crumbled, and look, that profile in the air is dissolving. It's morphing into a sail, maybe a kite.

/ k l a U d z / represents these sky phenomena with twenty different, unexpected collective nouns: a "mewl" of clouds, for example, an "unravel" or a "ligament" of clouds. Those poem titles are, exactly:

/ myul / as in "a mewl of clouds"

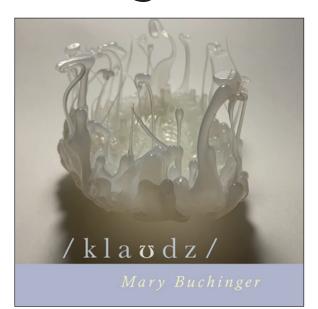
/ An ræv əl / as in "an unravel of clouds"

/ 'līg ə mənt / as in "a ligament of clouds"

We readers get a quick assist this way with the (dis-)connection between sound and designation. But we're also tossed right into each poem's puzzle: what is a ligament of clouds? How is an always-shifting group of water molecules a tær ən tel ə, even for a moment? (Tarantella.)

These poems are visual. Each uses the resources of the page - white space, margins, lineation - uniquely. I'm not sure these are concrete poems overall, though a few are shape poems. I haven't seen a pocket-shaped cloud in the sky, but there's "a pocket of clouds" on that page ('ppk It). It would be a wonder to see "a hive of clouds" (haIv) from my front porch, as it's presented here.

Buchinger's klaudz aren't composed of water vapor, of course, but text. The poems are meditations on cloud-likenesses associated with their collective nouns. The "flagellation" of clouds thrashes its tight



connections:

flung; Fahrenheit; cloistered; caught; muddled immolation; dry scarlet indraw; de-berried vines; ponderous drape; wracked; varicose; [...]

The "tarantella" twists through the center of the page, beginning with "midnight & carmine; / click & grind; / Dionysius & pals / (no pall); / piped hysteria; / spidery; unpopped / herky-jerky- / stompstomp;" Notice the semicolons: they pervade every poem. There are commas, ampersands, parentheses, and slashes, but the semicolon - that often-derided punctuation mark between comma and full stop (of which there are none here) – dominates. Its syntactic half-linkage, which almost but not quite joins clauses, is the image of forces that give shape to clouds even as they already give way. (Let's drop the blanket prohibitions of language resources: yes to semicolons, yes to adverbs, yes to your love-to-hate.)

Once into the progress through / k l a u d z /, lookback and recall that the opening poem isn't a cloud. Titled "derivation / der. ∂ veI. ∫ ∂n /:" it suggests the ground, both earthly and inspired, from which condensed water vapor and images arise alike:

a daily ration; whence cometh; watershed; meadow & muck; begotten not made; [...]

Its final line summons the about-to-be-spoken, nearly-created: "whereas; Genesis; & etc." It's hard to imagine a more economical introduction to everything that follows: grimalkin, swift, braid, lantern, trans ...





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