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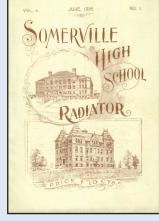


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# **Dilboy Stadium and natural grass fields** project awaits final approvals



The natural grass fields have been hard-packed over years of use and when it rains water "sheet flows" into Alewife Brook and causes pooling on the fields. Residents, like Erin Turco, as well as athletes, should see a difference with the new drainage system. - Photo by Denise Keniston

### By Denise Keniston tw:@denisekeniston

West Somerville resident Erin Turco walks her dog Wally most days and when it isn't raining, she heads to the Dilboy Stadium and Fields complex. Because of limited recreation space in Somerville, natural grass athletic fields often double as recreation spaces for residents like Turco. "These fields are disgusting!" says Turco. "They are especially gross in the spring and fall. When it rains there's mud, muck, and the rain forms pools of standing water which attracts bugs."

### Phase One: The Dilboy Synthetic Turf Stadium and Track

The Dilboy Stadium and Fields Renovation Project falls under Somerville's "Fields Master Plan." The site design includes two phases: Dilboy Stadium and the natural Continued on page 4

# Local indoor recreation businesses blocked from operating are asking why

### By Jessica Sisavath

It was announced that Somerville has moved into Phase 3, Step 1, allowing a few businesses to open, such as yoga, dance studios, and other fitness facilities. On September 8, Tuesday, the businesses that were allowed to open with restrictions would be able to do so. However, two known indoor recreation businesses in Somerville are forced to keep their doors closed Brooklyn Boulders and Urban Axes.

In July, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced that the state may reopen indoor recreations in Phase 3 Step 1 which has created weeks of missed opportunities for both of these businesses. Due to Somerville's decision to delay moving along with the state's reopening plan, an increased number of loss revenue and customers has significantly impacted Brooklyn Boulders and Urban Axes. A chance to take care of the livelihood of their employees and welcome back the Continued on page 6



An artist's work out in the world page 15

Two indoor recreation facilities in particular – Brooklyn Boulders and Urban Axes – are struggling to stay afloat until current COVID-19 restrictions are eased. – Photo by Jessica Sisavath

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Please remember, it is important to support local businesses during this trying time. Sadly, True Bistro in Teele Sq. had to permanently close their doors on September 6. They are sharing this message with the community: "The best way that you can take action to protect independent restaurants, is to contact your local representative about the Restaurants Act and ask that they pass this business-saving legislation. If you're interested, more information on the Restaurants Act is available at saverestaurants.com."

### \*\*\*\*\*

On the morning of Friday, September 11, the City of Somerville held a small ceremony to remember and honor those who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attack and its aftermath. The ceremony was recorded and will be shown on City Cable TV (channel 13 on RCN, channel 15 on Comcast) and is available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube. com/SomervilleCityTV.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Somerville's artists and the cultural community, as well as all interested persons, are invited to join in for a virtual town hall to discuss challenges faced by the arts community that have been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as possible solutions. The town hall will be held on Tuesday, September 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. Details are available at somervillema. gov/news.

### \*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Mary Jo Rossetti, who is a lifelong resident and a hard working 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 a lady whose family has deep roots here in Somerville, Donna Piro-Andon. We wish Donna the very best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Gay H. Sheldon, Kimberly LaCascia-Winslow, Ed Grandmont, Cathy Harrington, Continued on page 7



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# **Somerville Weather Forecast**

for the week of September 16 – September 22 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
*	Wednesday September 16	Sunny	75°/59°	9%	12%	SSW 15 mph
¥	Thursday September 17	Sunny	80°/56°	10%	19%	WSW 9 mph
	Friday September 18	Cloudy	60°/46°	21%	21%	NNE 12 mph
Č	Saturday September 19	Partly Cloudy	60°/46°	10%	20%	NNE 12 mph
*	Sunday September 20	Sunny	59°/45°	0%	12%	NNE 11 mph
¥	Monday September 21	Sunny	64°/46°	0%	10%	NE 10 mph
*	Tuesday September 22	Sunny	67°/49°	19%	11%	NNE 10 mph

# TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

### **Response to:** Small Italian sub

### Steve Keenan says:

I had Mister Jones at SHS for Problems of Democracy. He was the greatest teacher I ever learned from and he was one of the finest men I ever met. Steve Keenan-Class of 1968 SHS

### Steve Murphy says:

Same for me, Steve, although I was Class of 1970. He was a hell of a man.

### joseph sylva says:

nice article...mister jones was a great influence on me

### JB says:

Geez from the title I thought it was gonna be a food article and sub shop war...hehe...good article as always Ji mmy...Jones family lived a stones throw away when growing up...great family!... Aloha!

### **Response to:** Karl Stephan: A Somerville artist with an eye to community

Sherry Sherrill says:

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Karl is a great grad of Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. I am a proud owner of one of his works.

## **Response to: Karl Stephan: Somerville's 2020 State Primary Unofficial Results**

### Yet another poster says:

Wow - interesting results. Catia and Erika pretty much had the same positions on everything and both seemed competent - I'd be happy with either, based on their descriptions. Catia has lived here 6 years and campaigned like a fiend. Erika moved here just in time to run for the seat and never even stepped foot in my neighborhood – all I got was a mailer from ORS telling me to vote for her. She won 61% of the vote. And over at the governor's council race, a whopping 63% voted for change, ousting the incumbent from a job that likely only 1% of the voters could actually describe if asked, but for that same ORS mailer. I guess knee-jerk endorsement following is something we all engage in, regardless of political affiliation or level of education.

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# Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

# **Dear old Golden Rule days**

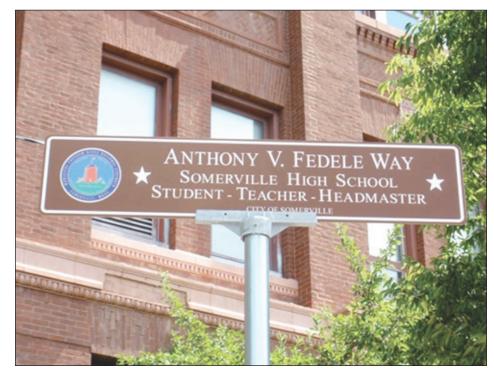


September is back to school season and although this year will be very different, we are still reminded of our wild and crazy high school days.

Recently I posted a question: mention something you were good at in high school. Comments came from Somerville High School students from the 60's, 70's and so on.

I stated that I became pretty good at sneaking over to Nan's Sub shop across the street. The real challenge was getting back into the building. It involves an unguarded side door and a roll of Certs (onions on your breath was almost as much a dead giveaway as cigarette breath). Anyway, here ya go. In high school I was good at:

"Being late everyday with no detention time, I would sign the last name wrong and the teachers never looked or read it. My last year I was late 122 times!"





"Failing the first three quarters and skipping school and getting suspended (8 times one year for being late) like crazy then showing up and getting honor roll in the 4th quarter to pass for the year. I had the entire SHS system gamed."

I was good at, "Walking in the front door and immediately out the back! What a handful I was!'

"So many, lol! Never got caught at Nan's, never got caught with the stamped book of late passes that I scoffed from the front office and I used one pretty much every day, never got caught having lunch in the cafeteria with my friends when I was supposed to be home sick, quit working at McDonalds two months into senior year while under work study, had every afternoon off and still managed to graduate, haha! School was great!"

"I was good at writing book reports about books I never read. Got mostly A's. lol."

"I went to Somerville trade, we had coffee and smoke breaks every day. I was good at that."

"Let's just say that I am glad there were no cameras around or cellphones when we were growing up!"

"Chewing and hiding my gum in Mr. Gregorio's class, because if caught he would make u write 100 X's, I will not chew gum, lmao!"

"I Don't smoke now but got away stealing drags off cigarettes in the girls' room. YUK, when I think about it now!"

For me, Jimmy, high school was a mixed bag of good friends, rabble rousing, music classes, and lunch.

One thing I almost forgot. In high school I was good at being at the wrong place at the right time.

My sister Christine was a year in front of me and was always Continued on page 13

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# Exposed, defiant, and ultimately arrested

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the area of Prospect St. and Somerville Ave. last Friday evening on reports of a man exposing himself.

This call came after receiving a similar report of a man matching the same description exposing himself inside the Target store on Somerville Ave about an hour and a half earlier.

The suspect, later identified as Steve Milice, appeared to be intoxicated according to store security and he was asked to leave.

When police units had arrived,

Milice was located outside of the store. It appeared he was having trouble keeping his sweat pants up as they appeared to be loose, and he had to continually pull them up. Milice was ultimately sent on his way.

Upon arrival to the area of Prospect St. and Somerville Ave., Somerville Police dispatch updated responding units that the Milice was now at the Burger King Parking lot. It was later learned that dispatch had received a second call for this male who had now made his way to

### the Burger King.

Units responded and located Milice across the street from the Burger King. Somerville Police dispatch stated that the second reporting party was standing by in the parking lot waiting to speak to police.

The reporting party told the officers that she was in the drive through at Burger King, with her wife in the passenger's seat, and their four month old child in the back seat. She happened to step out of the vehicle and observed Milice at the corner

of the restaurant with his pants down and his genitals completely exposed.

The reporting party's wife also observed Milice with his genitals completely exposed. Both parties asked Milice, at which time he reportedly made obscene remarks of defiance, then pulled his pants up slightly with his genitals still exposed and stated to the females that they could step outside.

The reporting parties told police that they could not believe what they had just seen and said they felt shocked and alarmed by what they had just witnessed. They showed the officers a photo that they had captured of Milice with his pants down.

Milice was handcuffed and placed into custody. A subsequent search of his backpack turned up a large meat cleaver.

Malice was transported to the Somerville Police Headquarters and booked in the usual manner on charges of open and gross lewdness and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

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# Dilboy Stadium and natural grass fields project awaits final approvals

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grass auxiliary fields. "The fields, stadium, and track are unusable when it rains," says Arn Franzen, Somerville's Director of Parks. "These renovations will ensure the safety of athletes using the fields for football, soccer, softball, and other activities. These updates are long overdue."

The Dilboy Stadium plan focuses on resurfacing the turf field and track. Athletes will see and feel a change in the infill that's used as cushioning under the synthetic top layer. A new wood-based infill will replace

the current "crumb rubber" infill made from old tires.

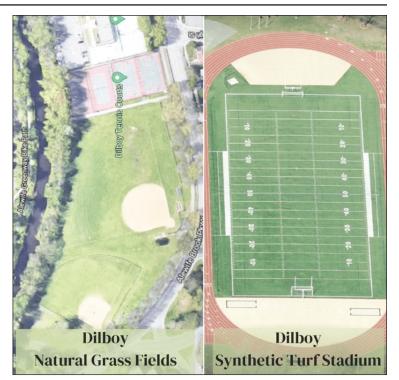
Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne has "seen crumb rubber floating in the Alewife Brook" and at a recent meeting wanted assurances that any of the new wood-based infill "will be captured by the new fine mesh screens being inserted in the drainage system."

Site designer David Warner, President of Warner Larson Landscape Architects, says, "We're not anticipating a lot of material being moved off the

field [by rain or flooding]. Brock-FILL [the new wood-based infill] adsorbs water and will stay in place," he says. "Unless it's tracked off the field by athletes." Phase Two: Auxiliary Natural **Grass Fields Improvements** 

Renovations to the natural grass fields will be more extensive. The fields will be dug up and "sand slits" (a network of drainage trenches and pipes) will be installed to build a more permeable playing surface. Site designer David Warner says, "That's giving it more surface area for infiltration and absorption so that the nutrients that are applied to the natural grass are going to be absorbed into the soil, root system, plants rather than running off the surface in a rainstorm."

A 25-ft. buffer zone between the outfields and Alewife Brook will be established that meets the requirements of the Wetlands Protection Act. The plan calls for the removal of invasive species, such as Japanese knotweed, and replanting of a fourteen-plant native mix that includes Butterfly Milkweed and Switchgrass. Both the natural grass and native plants will receive a non-phosphorous fertilization protocol. Patrick Herron, Executive Director Mystic River Waterway Association, says, "The city of Somerville deserves credit for being thoughtful' on the project. However, "over-fertilization" up and down the brook is a problem. He adds, "The whole



The Dilboy Renovation Project consists of two phases; the Stadium and the auxiliary fields. The AstroTurf carpet on the Stadium field will be replaced and restriped, and the "crumb rubber" infill replaced with a new plant-based infill cushion. The natural grass fields will get new drainage and sports field lighting. The entire complex abuts Alewife Brook which is protected wetlands.

watershed, including the Mysof-the-art LED lighting which tic River and Alewife Brook, will extend the usage of the natural grass fields dramatically. are receiving too much nutrient pollution and to reach a healthy Each light will be 80 feet high level where aquatic life is not and provide targeted light. Also, impacted, we would need to rethe dugouts and bleachers will duce nutrients in the whole wabe modified and made handitershed by 60% and the efforts capped accessible."This is a great to do that will require decades. project," says Arn Franzen, Di-It calls out the need for bringrector of Parks. "We're looking ing that problem to the level forward to our final approvals of parcels when being redeveland getting started." oped. We have an opportunity The project needs final approval from the Somerville Conto improve stormwater and reduce nutrients at each site and servation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of when those improvements can be coupled with other benefits, Conservation and Recreation. Once approved the project must as in this case [Dilboy], we can achieve those improvements in be funded. Construction on the a cost-effective way." Dilboy Stadium is expected in The fields will get new statethe Spring of 2021.



Rainwater from the new 'sand-slit' drainage system will tie into this 36" culvert that runs under the buffer zone and deposits directly into Alewife Brook. The runoff from the fields will be reduced with fewer particulates and less unused nutrients.

# Winter Hill Bank announces promotion

Winter Hill Bank, a community bank, has announced that Kevin J. Gatlin has been promoted to Chief Lending Officer. Mr. Gatlin will now be responsible for the strategic direction of the commercial lending function of the Bank, and overseeing the management and development of the Bank's commercial, residential real estate lending and other lines of business. In addition, as a member of the Bank's Executive Management Team, he will work closely with senior leaders to focus on the strategic growth of lending relationships.

"I'm confident in Kevin's ability to strengthen and lead our overall commercial lending efforts and assist with the strategic direction of the bank. Since joining Winter Hill Bank, his leadership has contributed to the steady growth of the Bank's residential, commercial, multi-family and construction real estate lending portfolio by establishing solid, loyal relationships with local builders, developers and investors alike," said Sandra L. McGoldrick, President and CEO.

Mr. Gatlin has more than 30 years banking experience in residential and commercial real estate lending and credit administration. He earned a Master of Science in Economic Policy and Planning from Northeastern University. Mr. Gatlin is currently the Chairman of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Board Member for C.A.R.E., an affiliate of Walnut Street Center and Treasurer of the Somerville Community Land Trust.



About Winter Hill Bank, F.S.B. Winter Hill Bank, is a mutual Federal Savings Bank. Established in 1906 in Somerville, the bank has served as a "community-oriented neighborhood bank", concentrating on its traditional lines of business which include a wide array of products and services.

# **City discusses HUD Year One Action Plan**

### By Emmanuel Vincent

This past Thursday, the public meeting of Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development's (OSPCD) HUD Year One Action Plan took place. Hosted by the Mayor's Office, this was a virtual assembly, which abides by Governor Baker's emergency orders as it relates to the Open Meeting Law. Highlighted were the action plan goals for 2020-2021, which includes sectors such as Economic Development, Housing Rehabilitation and Homeless Prevention Programs.

cern the budgets for the HUD CDBG, Home and ESG funds for each year, aided by the requirements and priorities estab-

funds is to create feasible urban communities. This would essentially be done by offering adequate housing and living environments, while extending economic opportunities for those of low income status.

While this meeting usually takes place in the spring, it was pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of the virus is undoubtedly unprecedented. The lives of many have been altered in ways one could never of anticipated.

Despite this, the city is still working diligently to reach their goals. "The city remains com-One Year Action Plans conmitted to moving forward with erate- income communities." projects and programs that were in place prior to the pandemic," said Alan Inacio, Director of Finance and Administration for lished in the five-year integrat- OSPCD. "With that being said, will review the public responses ed plan. The goal of the HUD to best respond to this historic in that are in the final HUD plan.

crisis, the city did re-evaluate immediate needs and shift some short term funding decisions."

The Financial support the city has received during time has provided some relief and security. Also, it sees that the areas that are most in need of funding will get the assistance it. According to Inacio, "An important benefit of this funding and why it's been a key resource during the crisis is that because of its inherent flexibility it has enabled us to remain creative and responsive to the evolving needs of those most impacted by the pandemic and the financial crisis in our low-mod-

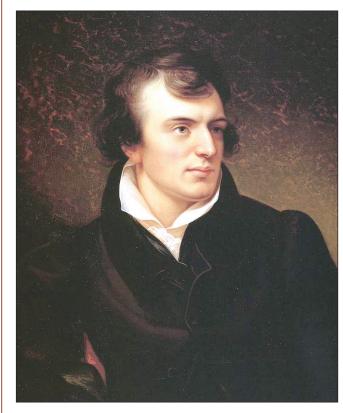
The public meeting opened the comment period for the draft plan, which will stay open until October 9. From there, the city

# **The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week** Somerville

Eagle feathers #213

The Yankee Sculptor By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Horatio Greenough was born in Boston in 1805, attended Philips Academy in Andover, graduated from Harvard College in 1825, spent the greater part of his life in Italy and died in Somerville. He was a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences which is now headquartered on Beacon Street in Somerville.

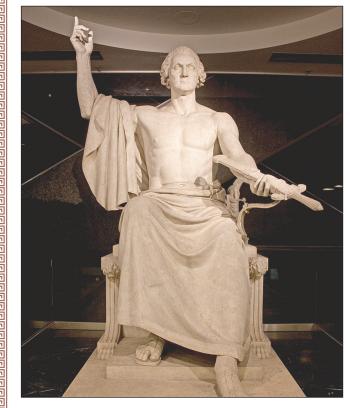


Known as the "Yankee Sculptor," he created numerous historic museum pieces honoring many notables of his time. Some of his busts and statues included:

Josiah Quincy, President of Harvard University

+ Marquis de Lafayette, America's youngest Revolutionary General

+ Samuel F.B. Morse, artist and inventor of the Telegraph + James Fenimore Cooper, his close friend and America's first novelist





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Horatio became the first American to make sculpturing his profession. On July 14, 1832, the United States Congress commissioned him to create a carving of George Washington. It was a huge, twelve-ton marble sculpture that was placed in the Capitol's Rotunda. Continued on page 12

# Local indoor recreation businesses blocked from operating are asking

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community soon seemed unlikely since learning indoor recreations did not fit the city's reopening plan on September 8.

Urban Axes is a small private company with eight locations in other U.S. cities. All of their locations have successfully opened their doors in other cities however their Somerville location is the last one to open. Since the closing of Urban Axes on March 15, their staff have been unemployed and the business has had to face cancelations or reschedule reservations. 18 out of 30 of their staff at the Somerville location are Somerville residents and are eager to return to work.

The duration of the recreational activity has been reduced to one hour and a half and guests must wear masks during the time provided. Guests can book reservations online and are required to complete an online waiver using a QR code similar to ordering at a restaurant. Staff that will be assisting guests are required to wear masks and follow other newly created hygiene and safety measures that are included in their reopening plan.

Urban Axes' reopening plan was sent to the Mayor's Office in July and there was no correspondence for eight weeks. After weeks of silence, asking for feedback and a meeting, Urban Axes was scheduled to meet with the city officials from the Mayor's Office on September 10. "I still don't have any agreement from them on what the next steps are after this meeting. I don't know if they're going to allow me to open," Matt Patton, co-owner of Urban Axes explains.

Urban Axes has provided additional precautions to the Mayor's Office such as excluding the sale of food and alcohol, cutting their capacity space down by 75% from 60 to 24 people, and maintaining a distance greater than 6 ft. in their 7,500 sq. ft. space, allowing six or less people to have 1,000 sq. ft. of space to themselves, with a maximum of four groups allowed in their facility. "I've gone to the city and said, let me do one group of 10 people and the city has said no, that's not acceptable. So we couldn't have 750 square feet per person."

Although a strong reopening plan has been presented, an answer from the mayor must be given. Urban Axes' competitors outside of Somerville have been opened and are attracting their customers. They will continue to push to reopen if the silence from the city continues with a possibility of a filing formal complaint. "It's been incredibly frustrating to have the city refuse to talk to us and deny us due process."

Brooklyn Boulders have remained closed facing similar issues. With a large facility, precovid 1,000 people checked into their facility on a regular basis. A decrease in revenue in the past few months has piled up as they complied with state restrictions to shut their doors in March. Their 100 staff members and additional fitness contractors have been unemployed, 20 of them moved away from the city due to the overall impact of the coronavirus. Cleaning staff, youth staff, front desk, skilled team members, and managers have been left with the uneasiness of the city's decision to further delay the reopening for their indoor rock climbing facility.

The wait to hear responses from the city to reopen is a continuous struggle and the preparation that needs to go into training the employees with an estimated date has been unreasonable. A continuous significant amount of lost time and revenue has been unnecessary for Brooklyn Boulders as its competitors across Massachusetts opened their facilities in July. The initial number of memberships have decreased from 3,000 before March for a number of reasons including cancelations and members other climbing gyms outside the city. The facility is also generously working with members on reworking memberships to help keep people invested.

Dan Braun, general manager at Brooklyn Boulders for the Somerville location explains, "We're not being told of the metrics that they're using to evaluate the situation, we're basically left totally in the dark." Dan was also set to meet with city officials on September 10, 2020, who were scheduled to walk inside the building, evaluating the precautions they've placed. No decisions would be made by the city officials during the visit. Some of the precautions that have been made include placing extra hand sanitizer stations and signs that require all to wear masks once a guest walks in the facility, plexi-



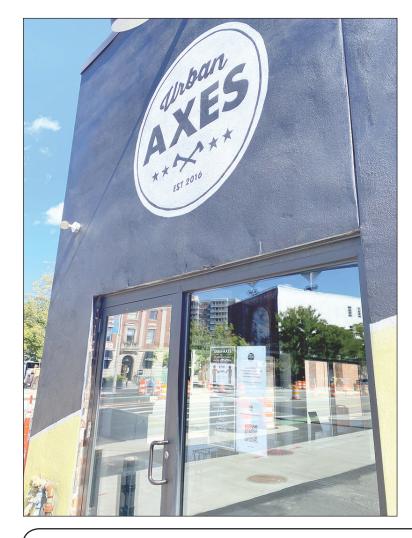
glass that separates the front desk from guests, contactless check-ins, and floor markings to maintain social distancing.

At the Brooklyn Boulders in New York and Chicago customers have been satisfied with the cleanliness and safety. Again, the preparation has been made but an answer from the mayor is needed. "What I don't understand is what does the city of Somerville and local government stand to gain from keeping us closed," Dan said.

Restaurants, where customers

must take their mask off while eating or drinking and other businesses in Somerville with less or as much space have been allowed to open. Customers are to go outside of the city to find the services these businesses can provide that can potentially put the Somerville community at a higher risk. A harsh reality sets in for Brooklyn Boulders and Urban Axes as they fight for the well-being of their business and employees in a continued silence they are receiving from the city to reopen their doors.





# Take a quick survey to help prioritize Community Preservation Act spending

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is seeking resident feedback to help guide its Community Preservation Act (CPA) spending recommendations. Through a short online survey, you can share with the CPC how you would divide CPA money among the areas it can fund – affordable housing, recreation/open space, and historical preservation.

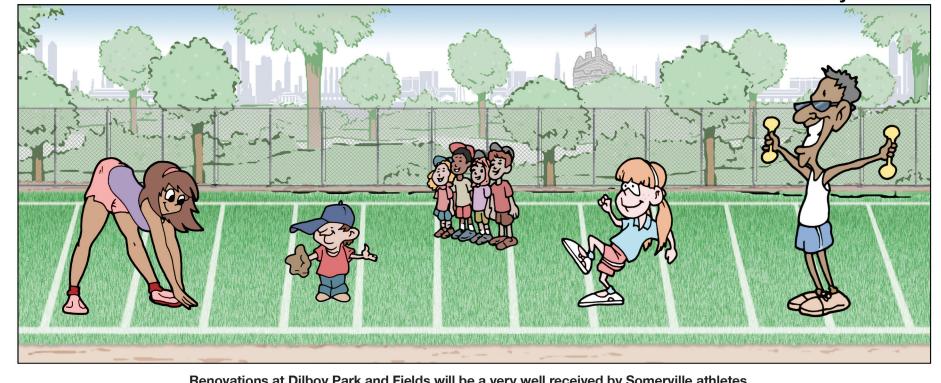


The survey is open through Monday, November 9, and can be found at http://bit.ly/SomervilleCPA2020.

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Renovations at Dilboy Park and Fields will be a very well received by Somerville athletes.

# **Our View Of The Times**



If there's something we Somervillians love and hold dear, it's our public playing grounds – especially the grassy ones! And we have come to learn that it takes a considerable amount of both care and cash to keep them in tip top form and safe for all of us to make use of.

Our public parks and playing fields are enjoyed by young and old alike, especially kids who play sports there, whether

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Jackie Shepardhancock, Debra Lawson Kennedy, Toto Peras, Christina Marie, Jonathan O'Connell, Ellen Gagliardi, Stephen Green and Adelester Chang a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

\*\*\*\*\* The 2020-2021 skating season is about to begin. Bay State Skating School is one of Greater Boston's most established and popular skating programs. They have taught Learn-To-Skate classes to children ages 4-18 in the Greater Boston area for over 50 years. Bay State Skating School is compliant with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Covid-19 guidelines. The number of students allowed on the ice will be limited. Professional Instructors teach Recreational, Figure and Hockey Skating Skills to the beginner, intermediate and advanced skaters. Students can wear either figure, recreational or hockey skates. For more information and to registration, visit www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org or call Bay State Skating School at (781) 890-8480.

organized by the schools or afterschool organizations, or simply under their own initiative.

Chief among these valued spaces is Dilboy Park and Fields, a facility that has played host to many generations of local sports enthusiasts. It has also served as an important venue for various events such as sporting exhibitions, fireworks celebrations, civic gatherings and many other

University and Stantec, has launched

a community wastewater testing pro-

gram to monitor for the coronavirus.

Testing sewer water can provide earli-

er detection of increased spread of the

disease. The program is designed to

reveal COVID-19 hotspots up to one

to two weeks earlier than testing of

individuals would. Testing began last

week. Up to ten samples will be col-

lected weekly and locations will vary.

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types of gatherings.

In keeping up with the times and conducting important general upkeep, the city's "Field's Master Plan" includes lots of updates and renovations for Dilboy such as resurfacing the turf field and track, and reworking the natural grass fields to that they hold up better in wet weather and better withstand the hard treatment by sports players.

Additionally, the renovations will include protections against pollutants that have in the past inadvertently made their way into the Mystic River and Alewife Brook, something that no one wants to see happening.

All in all, the renovations to Dilboy Park and Fields will mark a milestone in its longstanding tradition of serving the community in style.

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#### \*\*\*\*\*

Support your neighbors through the Somerville Cares Fund (or apply for assistance): Now that the additional \$600 per week federal unemployment benefit has ended, more people in our community are facing financial hardship and making tough choices when it comes to paying for essentials. If you're fortunate enough to be able to, please consider making a donation to the Somerville Cares Fund. If you are in need of assistance, you can apply to the fund via the same link. This donation-based fund gives direct assistance to Somerville residents, workers, and families to help cover basic needs like groceries, diapers, personal hygiene products, medical copays, and prescriptions. The community has been immensely generous, donating more than \$650,000 so far, but the fund has run dry. Even a small donation will help. \*\*\*\*\*

The deadline to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census is just weeks away. We only have until September 30 to get everyone in Somerville counted. It takes just 10 minutes to respond online at my2020census. gov or by phone at (844) 330-2020. Billions of dollars are at stake for things Somerville needs right now, like health care centers, housing, education, and emergency response. Our vital representation in Congress is also determined by the count. Right now, U.S. Census takers are visiting homes in Somerville to help you respond. You can call 212-882-7100 to verify a census taker's identity before opening the door.

The city, working with Northeastern

In short, you could say Somerville is flush with new initiatives.

#WearAMask to protect your friends and family. Wear one for the people in your community you don't know you're connected to: the friend of a friend, the elderly neighbor, the person with an underlying condition who shops at your grocery store.

\*\*\*\*\* Reminder: city buildings are still closed to the public. Although city buildings remain closed to the public, a number of city services are still available online or by calling 311. Check the "City Service Status" tab on the city's COVID-19 page for more information.

Don't forget, if you would like to subHere's a free, easy way to support the community: fill out the 2020 Census.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

CHA Somerville Hospital offers free COVID-19 testing at Assembly Row by appointment. To make an appointment, call 617-665-2928 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). The mobile testing unit also offers testing in our neighborhoods to make access easier for residents. Mobile testing schedules and more information on both can be found under the "Symptoms, Testing, & Medical Info" tab on somervillema.gov/covid19. \*\*\*\*\*

The Somerville Public Schools and the Continued on page 10 City of Somerville

Ms. Cam's

mixture, hodgepodge

# **FUN & GAMES**

# The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest waterfall, at 3,212 feet. 2. In New York State, it is illegal to buy any alcohol on Sundays before noon.

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1. All thumbs

- 6. Do this to Shorty
- 9. Practice in the ring
- 13. Popular aquarium dweller
- 14. Fertility clinic stock
- 15. Dreamy
- 16. Brightest star in Cygnus 17. Romanian money
- 18. Athlete's stage
- 19. Ferris Bueller's time away
- 21. He always rings twice
- 23. G in music
- 24. Dissenting clique
- 25. Billy's Harry to \_\_\_\_'s Sally
- 28. "Brave New World" drug
- 30. Lung pouch
- 35. Crematorium containers
- 37. X-ray units
- 39. Humpy ungulate
- 40. One of oldest cities in China or
- Welsh girl's name 41. Torcher's misdeed
- 43." \_ a soul"
- 44. Sudden occurrence of disease
- 46. Crimson rival
- 47. Power system
- 48. "Rock the \_\_\_\_\_" by The Clash
- 50. Deal with it
- 52. Happy Gilmore's peg
- 53. Bird's groomer
- 55. Tap choice
- 57. Dr. Strangelove learned to love it, two words
- 61. No country for these guys, two
- words 64. One green one in John Wayne flick
- 65. "Eureka!" 67. Erasable programmable read only
- memory
- 69. Woven wall hanging
- 70. Soldier's bed
- 71. "All the world's a \_ 72. R in RIP

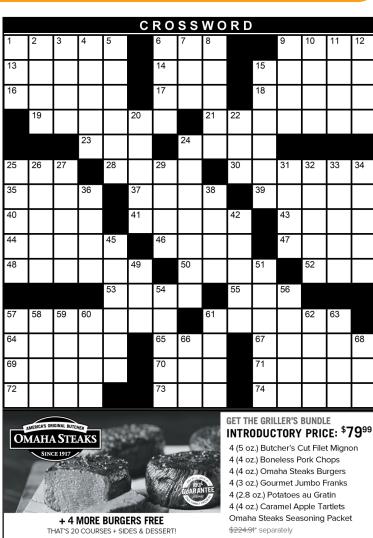
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74. Boxer turned actor



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- 3. Europe's highest volcano 4. Hunts for food 20. Fauna's partner 22. Mozart's "L'\_\_\_\_ del Cairo" 24. Eponymous comic strip character
- 33. Eagle's nest

32. Bright

- 34. Bonnie's partner
- 36. Give the cold shoulder 38. Musician's time to shine
- 42. Kathmandu country
- 45. Wooden shoes
- 49. Skirt's edge
- 51. First among siblings
- 54. Olden day calculators
- 56. Like worthless promise
- 57. Tow rope alternative
- 58. At this point
- 59. Does something wrong
- 60. "Don't \_ \_\_\_\_ around the bush'
- 61. Mares' meal

62. "-zoic" periods

Answers on page 15



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7. What fashion fad

dance make popular?

did the film Flash-

8. Who wrote *The* 

Merchant of Venice?

pany has a pointed

crown as its logo?

9. Which watch com-

10. In which year did

1. What is the softest mineral in the world?

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

2. What type of music has been shown to help plants grow better and faster?

3. Which US state has the longest cave system in the world?

4. What sport was Jesse Owens involved in?

5. Who invented the LBD (Little Black Dress)?

6. What is the name of the fourth book in the Harry Potter series?

World War I begin? 11. Which show is the highest-grossing

production on Broadway?

12. Who is the NFL player with the most career field goals?

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- - 6. The Masters' game
  - 7. It's all about her

  - 9. Database command
  - 10. Lord Byron's composition
  - 11. King of Siam's governess
  - 12. Private that had to be saved
  - 15. a.k.a. tears of Chios

  - 25. The hills are alive with the sound of it

- - 5. No-noes 8. Greyish brown

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

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

26. Fear of Flying author Jong	
27. Annoying tiny biters	
29. There's something about her	
31. Telephoned	

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

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63. Not happening 66. Some like it this way 68. There were three, plus a baby Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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

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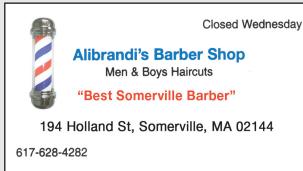




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**City of Somerville ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:00pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar. **TO USE A COMPUTER** https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regis-Link: ter/974464579993810188 Webinar ID: 678-897-291

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301-132-975 The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

15 McGrath Hwy 15 McGrath Hwy Owner, LLC, proposes to construct a lab building in the High Rise District. The proposal requires hardship variances: primary front setback, a driveway in a frontage area, a building not parallel to the front lot line, and forward upper story

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at https://www.somervillema.gov/ departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions.

projection.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE City of Somerville, Massachusetts SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND **JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** Mavor Community Preservation Act Funds are available for Affordable Housing Development/Housing Support Programs in the City of The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (SAHTF) is conducting

its annual process of local distribution of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds that are designated for Somerville community housing projects and programs. Approximately \$767,982 in FY21 CPA Housing funds will be made available through four competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) processes to provide funding for:

The creation, acquisition or preservation of affordable rental or home-ownership units in Somerville by developers of affordable housina.

The support of affordable housing in Somerville by housing program providers (primarily tenancy stabilization, rental assistance and leasing differential programs).

The four RFPs will be posted and available starting on September 21, 2020. The proposal submission deadline for both RFPs is 3:00pm on Monday, November 2, 2020.

Full instructions for proposal submission are included in the RFPs. The RFPs will be available for download at the City of Somerville's website at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/affordable-housing-trust-fund by clicking on "Funding and Opportunities"

More information about eligible uses and funding priorities is available in pages 2-3 of each RFP.

For questions please contact Heidi Burbidge, Housing Programs Coordinator, City of Somerville, (617) 625-6600 x2587 or by email at hburbidge@somervillema.gov.

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### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

will jointly host a virtual Schools Reopening Town Hall on Monday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. Updates on safety measures and what to expect in the new school year will be provided. Details are available at somervillema.gov/news.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

September is National Recovery month, so we wanted to take this opportunity to remind the community about virtual recovery resources. The social distancing necessary to control the spread of COVID-19 can make it difficult for people in recovery to connect with others and access support. Groups like Narcotics Anonymous, SMART Recovery, and Herren Project (among others) are offering virtual recovery meetings and resources during the pandemic. We have a list of additional resources at somervillema.gov/coronavirushelp.

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With generous support from the City of Somerville, Cradles to Crayons, The Beautiful Stuff Project, the Diaper Circle and individual donors, Somerville Family Learning Collaborative provides free diapers to Somerville families every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. outside the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., and West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd. No signup or ID required. Since March, more than 200,000 diapers have been donated to families in need. Donations may be made to The Beautiful Stuff Project or contact the SPS/SFLC Volunteer Coordinator at jCapuano@ k12.somerville.ma.us to donate packages of unused diapers. (Sizes 4,5,6 preferred, but any size N-7 and pullups are welcomed), or to volunteer.

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# **One case of West Nile Virus confirmed in Somerville**

City now considered 'high risk'

Last week, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) elevated Somerville and some surrounding communities to high risk for West Nile virus (WNV). One case of WNV has been confirmed in Somerville this year. Peak risk for WNV infection typically continues through September. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) cases have also been confirmed in Massachusetts this season, although local risk for EEE remains low.

WNV and EEE are usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV and EEE can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe WNV, and people under the age of 15 are particularly vulnerable to EEE. WNV symptoms and EEE symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. Somerville residents are encouraged to con-



tinue to take precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones against mosquito bites and mosquito-borne illnesses. DPH recommends the following precautions:

#### Avoid mosquito bites

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

### Be aware of peak mosquito hours

The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning. Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

### Mosquito-proof your home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently. Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

### Protect your animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as water bowls, buckets, tires, and wading pools - especially after heavy rains. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito or by calling the Massachusetts DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

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# **DCR recreational advisory: Mystic River Greenway**

Starting on Tuesday, September 15, and continuing through Friday, October 9, 2020 (excluding weekends), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement a closure of the Mystic River Greenway in the City of Somerville at Blessing of the Bay Park from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accommodate pathway reconstruction work. Proper signage will be posted and alternative routes for pathway users will remain available along Shore Drive.

# Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5



This was the nation's first federally-funded monument and became Greenough's greatest creation. Today, it is known as the Enthroned Washington; and after being moved to three different sites because of construction, it is now located in the National Museum of American History.

His famous group structure, The Rescue (1850) depicted Daniel Boone saving his family during an Indian attack. It stood on the East facade of the United States Capitol for over 100 years. Presi-

dent Lincoln took his first oath of office on

May 4, 1861 in the shadow of this statue.

Horatio pushed himself hard, and his social and work circuit was far reaching. Despite suffering from exhaustion, depression and malaria, he continued to work. He entered McLean Hospital in Somerville in 1852 where he died. He was 47 years old, a patriotic Yankee stonecutter and is buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

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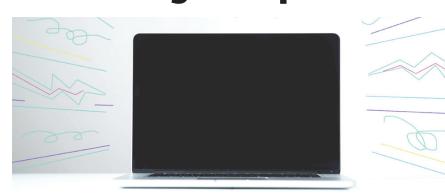
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# Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner





# SMCxHome: Online Learning in September



During the business interruption due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SMC remains as committed as ever to offering media training to our community. We continue to offer virtual workshops to replace our on-site classes. These workshops are free to members and are offered to non-members for a fee. A zoom link will be shared with registered participants two days before the start of the workshop. Go to https://www.somervillemedia.org/smcxhome\_augsept/ to learn more and to sign up.

### **RECORDING YOUR PODCAST AT HOME**

Wednesday, September 16 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students Learn best practices on how to record your podcast from home. We will cover equipment (mics and mixers) and software like Zoom and Discord. Please note that this class will be recorded. Instructor: Heather McCormack

### BUILD A WEBSITE WITH WIX

Tuesday, September 22 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom. Class Size: 10 students. During this workshop you will learn how to create your own website in Wix. Learn to navigate; make pages and posts; add photos; and customize the appearance of your website. Students will also explore how to create contact forms, custom menus, photo galleries, how to add additional users and integrate social media on your website. This workshop is in collaboration with the Somerville Public Library and will be taught by Tim Devin, Technology Librarian at SPL.

### EDITING YOUR PODCAST

Wednesday, September 23 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students Learn how to use Audacity, a free audio editor, to edit your podcast content, add intro music, and learn about special effects like EQ and compression. Please note that this class will be re-corded. Instructor: Heather McCormack

### HOSTING AND DISTRIBUTING YOUR PODCAST

Wednesday, September 30 – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students This class is an opportunity for those who already have a solid podcast plan or who have already begun to record to take the next step in putting their podcast out there—hosting, distributing, marketing and even monetizing. Learn the secrets to building a strong and engaged audience, figure out which hosting site is right for you. Please note that this class will be recorded. Instructor: Heather McCormack

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# September 16

1620 – The Pilgrims sail from England on the Mayflower.

On This Day in His

1747 – The French capture Bergen-op-Zoom, consolidating their occupation of Austrian Flanders in the Netherlands.

1810 – A revolution for independence breaks out in Mexico.

1908 – General Motors files papers of incorporation.

**1920** – Thirty people are killed in a terrorist bombing in New York's Wall Street financial district.

1934 - Anti-Nazi Lutherans stage protest in Munich.

1940 – Congress passes the Selective Service Act, which calls for the first peacetime draft in U.S. history.

1974 – Limited amnesty is offered to Vietnam-era draft resisters who would swear allegiance to the United States and perform two years of public service.

**1991** – The trial of Manuel Noriega, deposed dictator of Panama, begins in the United States.

# For many, Money Management is a lifeline to independence

### By Nathan Lamb

Living independently is important to "Stella," but at age 78 she had growing concerns about making it work. Her eyesight was failing, making it difficult to read mail and pay bills.

Alone in her Somerville apartment, she needed help-- and found it through the Money Management program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

Money Management matched Stella with a volunteer, who visited monthly to review the mail and ensure bills were paid. They also helped Stella receive bank statements through the mail and resolve a billing issue with her phone company. The monthly visits have gone on hiatus since the Coronavirus pandemic began, but Money Management is still working with Stella, helping her set up auto-deductions for rent payments and with writing the monthly phone bill check.

The impact of this assistance goes far beyond just keeping Stella's accounts in order, explained Money Management Bill Payer Manager RachelMarta Greenberg.

"It's important to Stella that her bills are paid on time, and the uncertainty before caused her a lot of stress," she said. "She really appreciates having someone she can depend on each month."

The SCES Money Management program is a lifeline for low-income older adults in our community who need assistance managing their finances due to failing eyesight, dementia, or physical disability.

Program volunteers help with vital tasks such as bill paying, budgeting, and bank errands, and often make all the difference for older adults who might otherwise be facing eviction, financial exploitation, or loss of independence.

SCES is dedicated to helping older adults maintain independence and dignity, and Money Management is often a key piece of that puzzle. But we rely on community support to ensure Money Management remains available. By making a tax-deductible gift to Money Management, you can provide support



where it is needed most, helping neighbors like Stella maintain independence, in their own homes.

To support the Money Management program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), visit the Donate page at Eldercare.org. SCES is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. Contact our Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 or info@eldercare.org for free advice and guidance.

# Somerville has surpassed the 2010 U.S. Census self-response rate

As of September 11th, 70.5% of Somerville residents have self-responded to the 2020 U.S. Census online or by phone. But everyone must be counted! If you have not yet responded, go to my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the Census in just 10 minutes. It's up to all of us to make sure that 100% of Somerville residents are counted in the 2020 Census so that we all receive equal representation in government and essential funding for education, public health, housing and so much more.

Want to see the self-response rate in your neighborhood? You can explore and compare self-response rates here: censushardtocountmaps2020.us

Note that self-response rates do not include households that have been counted by U.S. Census enumerators who are currently visiting homes in Somerville.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Clinical trials for COVID-19 using placebos raise an ethical issue. In a pandemic with thousands dying, the conventional trial method of a double-blind study in which the identity of those receiving treatment versus a placebo is concealed from both patient and administrator does not make sense. Ethically, in a pandemic where the virus claims lives at a staggering rate, can we give a person a placebo knowing that they are not protected and could die or suffer permanent severe organ damage. The purpose of a the emergency department, concealing the knowledge from the treating physician of whether the patient has received a vaccination or a placebo seems unreasonable. Covid-19 vaccine trials are not on which pill is better but on whether a vaccine actually works.

Science demands that the results of a trial show a statistical outcome to justify the vaccine; this is why the double-blind paradigm makes sense in conventional wisdom. But we have another route that could be followed that would not put the hospitalization rates, deaths, and total cases in communities already.

Instead of the double-blind trials, why not identify several of these "hot spot" communities, vaccinate a statistically significant proportion of the population and observe the results. Before vaccination, you would double test candidates. Once their negative status is confirmed, the study can track their propensity to contract the virus in the hot spots and tabulate the results statistically.

This can be done without putting any

Massachusetts, we have hot spots in the inner Boston urban areas of Chelsea, Revere, Lynn and some other suburbs. Any or all of these could provide a solid platform from which this could be implemented.

Physicians swear an oath the "first do no harm" and by eliminating the double-blind test methodology, that can be achieved. We should move with haste because we have these "hot spots" of outbreak and use these communities to the advantage of proving a vaccine. Some may feel side effects, yes, but they will not die

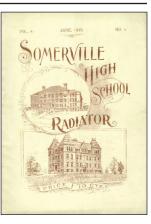
double-blind study is to minimize bias. However, the test for whether someone has contracted the virus is a yes/no, absolute answer. Bias does not influence the result of this test. Additionally, if test participants contract the virus and present at lives of the population at risk but deliver a result couched in scientific method without the ethical dilemma. There are numerous "hot spots" in various communities where the virus is raging. We have a wealth of data indicating infection rates, part of the trial population at risk of contracting the virus resulting from a placebo which would not be helpful. This can be a statistically sound procedure to circumvent the ethical issue and to get the results needed to prove efficacy. Where I live in from the virus. It is time for being practical to get the statistical / scientific data to verify outcomes.

— Alan Bingham Somerville

# Dear old Golden Rule days CONT. FROM PG 3

there to protect me. Yes, my older sister was pretty tough and always had my back. She was in the class of 1970 and I was in the class of 1971. She was my biggest fan right up until we lost her in 1992. When we got to public school, we were both still drunk with freedom after doing long stretches at Catholic school. So if there was all this sneaking around, cutting classes, and sitting in detention, what positive things did I learn in high school? I

discovered that there were a lot of teachers that really cared about us. They stood out among the bully teachers and administrators that were more like prison guards. There were fun teachers who could command respect while being kind, fun and understanding. Names like Mrs. Carafotes, Mr. Hrubi, Mr. Perno, Mr. Fasciano, Mr. Fedele, Mr. Lonergan, Mr. Jones, Mr. DaPrato, Mr. Pignatiello, Mr. Gordinier and too many more to list. I thank these teachers that proved that you didn't have to scare and intimidate kids to earn their friendship and respect. Good luck to all the returning Somerville students during this trying time. I'm sure you will come away with some memories that will stay with you throughout your entire lives. A word of advice, when you have to do a book report, read the book! And always keep a roll of Certs or Tic Tacs handy.



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Thursday, September 17	7:45pm ArtBeat 2020
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7:00am	SPL Gardening w Green City Growers	10:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball @ Beverly [1.30.18]			
8:00am	SHS Construction Update Tour	Friday, September 18				
9:00am	School Planning Town Halls	12:00am	SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]			
11:00am	SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20	2:00am	SHS Football 2000 -Revisited			
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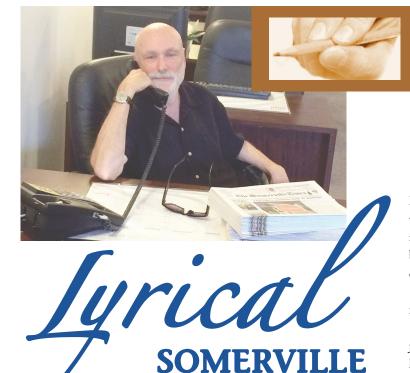
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### From Brow to Crown (8/18/20)

Burning Ice, Cascading down, Cutting thrice, From brow to crown,

Azure spice, In tea cups drown, Cutting thrice, From brow to crown,

#### Gold Bending Green (8/18/20)

Gold Bending green palms, Silent summer chant, Whisper discordant, Leaves hissing their alms.

— Reza Tokaloo

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# **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

# **Amanda Hill:** An artist who wants her work out in public

I talked with Amanda Hill, the artist who created the wonderful mural at the Cambridge Health Alliance site in Somerville. A lot has been written about the mural, but I wanted to get a little more about the artist, in her own words. From her website:

"Amanda Hill is a multimedia artist and muralist living and working in Greater Boston.

Hill's work is rooted in the deep exploration of objects. Hill elevates the status of her subject matter, heightening what many considered to be commonplace. Her paintings demonstrate an interest in color theory, color relationships, and structural tension.

Hill takes a special interest in a community's ability to make and experience art, as such she regularly designs, consults, and coordinates mural and placemaking/public art projects.

Hill received a BA from Smith College (Northampton, MA), and an MS in Nonprofit Management from The New School, Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy (New York, NY)." **DH:** Although you don't live in Somerville now, do you still feel a strong connection to it?

**AH:** I lived in Somerville for about two years before I moved to Malden. I do still feel a strong connection to Somerville. I have fabulous memories from my time there, living with my partner for the first time, backyard BBQs, pottery classes Mudville, the list goes on. I still frequent a number of restaurants and cafes in the area. I also have a good number of friends who are still in the Somerville area. I grew up on the South Shore, and went to college in Western, MA, so I definitely feel a strong connection to Massachusetts and the Boston area as a whole.

DH: Do you come from an artistic family?

AH: Yes and no. A good deal of my family was drawn to music rather than the visual arts. My maternal grandmother was a concert pianist and played with the Boston Pops. She was incredible for her time. She was a professor of Music at Wheaton College, graduated from New England Conservatory of Music and attended the Fontainebleau School. She also traveled with the USO giving concerts. In terms of a career and the gig-economy, I would say her career was most closely related to mine. My maternal grandfather was a structural engineer who toyed with painting as an adult. My mom also has a natural talent for the visual arts and is quite adept at the piano. My twin brother has always had a natural talent for the piano as well, but he went into accounting and finance. One thing that my mother, brother, grandfather, and I have all had in common is a love for manipulating space. We love to be outside and often take on



been like so far?

**AH:** The feedback has been great so far. I had a number of visitors while I was putting up the piece who comment on how much color and levity the mural brought to the space. I haven't heard any complaints as of yet.

**DH:** I see that you have a strong business background and studied Business at Harvard, etc. So many talented artists complain that they don't have a business sense. This has probably helped your career as an artist, am I right?

**AH:** I have what I consider a very weird career trajectory. I drifted to the administrative side of the art world for about five years. I went to grad school, co-founded a nonprofit, and worked in operations and philanthropy before switching to working freelance and concentrating on my own artistic practice. Overall, my business/ non-profit background has been helpful to my work as an artist, but I would also say that sometimes that business sense does get in the way of my work. I have definitely struggled with the lack of structure my artistic practice can sometimes take whereas the business side is relatively structured and constrained. Striking a balance can be difficult.

**DH:** You often use unused spaces for your work. What do you look for when you pick a site?

**AH:** I don't often pick my own sites. I love working on all types of walls and structures. Most of the time, squarish, flat, untextured, unobstructed walls are some of the best canvases. With that said, walls that are irregularly shaped or textured can be very interesting to work on too. Mainly, I think is visibility is key, can the viewer take in a piece and see the work as a whole?

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large building/gardening projects.

**DH:** You seem to have extensive experience with public art. In some ways is public art more vital than art in museums? Do you think it sparks interest in people who never really thought about art?

AH: I have been around/practicing public art since a sophomore in High School. My first foray into public art was with the organization Tape Art that is based out of Providence, RI. In reference to museums vs. public art, I wouldn't say that one is more vital than the other, each are equally vital. However, I do believe that museums can lack accessibility. Museums tend to carry a certain stigma (and often a large admission fee) that can make them inaccessible or even uncomfortable for some to visit. This is one reason why I went in to public art! Public art is one of the most accessible art forms out there. I do truly believe that it can spark interest in people who have never really thought about art or have had minimal exposure to art.

**DH:** You did the mural at the Cambridge Health Alliance building in Somerville. What has the feedback DH: Tell us about upcoming projects.

AH: Right now, I don't have any public solo projects that I am working on. As it goes, projects that I had lined up a month ago have changed course and either been postponed or cancelled. I am in the process of finishing up some work for the City of Chelsea. Since June, I have been working as one of two lead artist/coordinators. Together with the city, we have organized a number of artist calls and hosted virtual artist-mentoring groups. We will be putting up a variety of painted murals and wheat-paste pieces by local artists in mid-September along Division and Cherry Street in Chelsea, MA.

I am always looking for gigs, so feel free to get in touch if you or your community is looking to install a mural or public art piece.



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