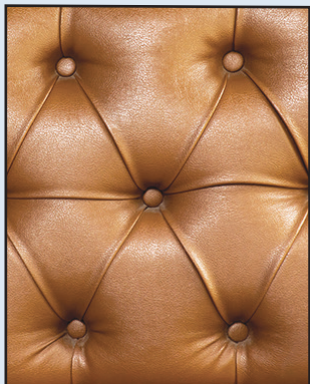




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Somerville Civilian Oversight back in the spotlight



A Public Safety Oversight Commission is being advocated by the city.

By Regina Arana

Somerville has been promising civilian oversight of its police department since 2020. Six years later, that promise showed up on this week's agenda as a single line: item 26-1353, a Mayor's Communication with an update on civilian oversight, sandwiched between grant approvals and license renewals.

One line. Six years of unfinished business behind it.

Back in June 2020, the Council and the Mayor's Office both said publicly they'd create an independent civilian oversight structure for the Somerville Police Department. A Civilian Oversight Task Force worked on it for two years and put out recommendations last year. They want a Public Safety Oversight Commission that can actually do things: get police records and data, subpoena *Continued on page 4*

Somerville Toasting 'What the Fluff?' Festival Turning 21

Things are about to get sticky in Union Square as Somerville's annual "What the Fluff?" Festival returns Saturday, September 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. (severe weather date: Sunday, September 20).

This year's theme, "Legally Fluff: A Toast to Union Square," celebrates the festival's 21st year. Community members of all ages are invited to join the free festivities honoring the invention of Marshmallow Fluff and the neighborhood's creative spirit.

"Every year, Fluff Festival arrives with so much fresh energy and joy it's hard to believe it's been around for 21 years," said Mayor Jake Wilson. "That's a credit to the local businesses, artists, volunteers, and neighbors who keep finding new ways to celebrate Union Square's sweetest invention."

Whether you're a lifelong Fluffernutter fan or just here to see what a Fluff hairdo *Continued on page 4*



This year's "What the Fluff?" festival takes place on Saturday, September 19, in Union Square.

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Join the **Davis Square Neighborhood Plan Survey Open House**, **September 16**, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., **Somerville Theatre Crystal Ball Room**, 55 Davis Square. Do you have opinions on Davis Square? Now it's your chance to share them by taking the new Davis Square Neighborhood Plan Survey before it closes on **Sunday, September 27**, or by joining upcoming events. All Somerville community members, local workers, and visitors are encouraged to participate and share feedback. Survey: Open through September 27 at: bit.ly/davissquaresurvey.

AERONAUT OKTOBERFEST is back. **September 19**, from 12 to 8 p.m. at **AERONAUT's Somerville taproom at Somernova**. German-inspired beers on draft, including our Märzen-style Oktoberfest. Festive fare from **Mimi's Chuka Diner** (including schnitzel sandos, Sapporo-braised brats, laugenbrezel) and **Carolicious** (chorizo arepas!) Music from the **TubaFrau Hofbräu Band**. A multi-round, all-abilities-welcome, steinholding competition. Lederhosen welcome at the costume contest, with prizes for the best dressed. Tickets \$10 at the door, or VIP Tickets \$35 via Eventbrite includes an exclusive Aeronaut Oktoberfest glass stein, your first liter pour and a snack Saturday, September 19 is also the same day as Boulderfest 2026 at our neighboring Boston Boulder-ing Project! When you purchase your VIP ticket to AERONAUT Oktoberfest you'll receive a code for 20% off your Boulderfest tickets via email.

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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 <i>September 16</i>	Partly Cloudy	80°/63°	8%	3%	ENE 9 mph
 Thursday <i>September 17</i>	Cloudy	67°/77°	25%	12%	SW 11 mph
 Friday <i>September 18</i>	Partly Cloudy	79°/53°	16%	9%	NW 12 mph
 Saturday <i>September 19</i>	Sunny	54°/63°	4%	1%	ENE 9 mph
 Sunday <i>September 20</i>	Rain	55°/60°	61%	38%	SE 11 mph
 Monday <i>September 21</i>	Rain	62°/51°	41%	26%	NE 11 mph
 Tuesday <i>September 22</i>	Rain	60°/50°	52%	31%	NE 13 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: Congratulations to Claude and Margie Barsotti!

Steve Keenan says:

A wonderful story. Best wishes to both. And thank you Claude for your service to our country.

Response to: 2026 State Primary Unofficial Election Results

Daniel M Kimmel says:

Way to go Somerville. You rejected the people who know how to get things done and went with those who will engage in performative virtue. There'll be lots of empty gestures about things the legislature can't do, but at least you'll feel good about yourself.

Response to: Letter to the Editor: Cobble Hill – 90 Washington Street

jaclyn says:

I could not agree more! Mature conifers also provide serious air pollution filtration, which is so important given the nearness to McGrath Highway.

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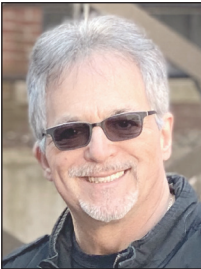
Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

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Don't make me get out of this chair!



On this past Election Day, I remembered what my dad always said. “Vote for the Italians first!” Ah, the wisdom of our fathers.

When my dad got mad, he turned into a very religious person. “Jesus, Mary and Joseph!” Jesus was sometimes referred to using the middle initial of “H.” In my eight years of parochial incarceration at St. Clements School, they never mentioned a middle initial. Dad also made many references to Hell and who should go and how they should get there.

It stands to reason that we sometimes talk like our parents because a lot of us became our parents.

My mom and dad live on in my heart, but especially when a certain circumstance makes me say something that they used to say. My father’s voice and his words of wisdom ... come out of my mouth. And

when that happens, I say, “Wow, I haven’t heard that saying in years. It was something my father said. How do you like that?” Does this happen to you too? I’m sure it does once in a while.

I call it Daddy Deja Vu and Mommyisms. Some of my friends shared the sayings they remember hearing growing up.

“Do you think there’s a money tree in the yard?”

“Turn off the lights. What do you have stock in Edison?”

“Who do you think I am, Rockefeller?”

“Don’t make me take this belt off!”

Lay down with dogs, get up with fleas. If you don’t wipe that smile off your face, I’ll wipe it off for you! As long as you live in my house, you’ll follow my rules. I don’t care if everyone else is going. If they were all jumping off a bridge, would you jump too? Stop ya bellyaching!

My father always used to tell me that someday my mouth was going to get me into trouble. When I’d start to get all nutty and nervous and crazy, my father would



say, “Slow down!”

How often did you hear “Stop crying or I’ll give you something to cry about.” If a parent were heard saying that today, they would be reported.

My mother would occasionally say, “I hope someday you have kids that treat you like you treat me.” Your wish came true, Mom!

Along with the sometimes cockeyed words of wisdom from our parents, we baby boomers also reaped many benefits. Safe steel cars, umpteen vaccinations and vitamins, black and white TV, and the best

music ever.

It took me quite a while to finally finish one of my dad’s favorite sayings, “If I take off this belt, my trousers won’t stay up!”

Today we hear these child-rearing phrases: Good job of using your words! Do you have your listening ears on? Good Job! Good Job! Time out! Time out!

So now that I have become my father, I will enjoy being the dad of three grown adults, grand-father of two, and the guy whose favorite things are the clicker and the recliner. So ... please ... don’t make me get out of this chair!

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Commission for Disabled People holds September monthly meeting

By Ewan Henrie

The Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities held a virtual meeting on September 9 to discuss its agenda for the upcoming month.

The first item up for discussion was the iCan Bike Program. It is a five-day summer

camp with the goal of teaching people with disabilities to ride a two-wheel bicycle independently. Holly Simone, the leader of the commission, praised the program. She said, "We contributed to the purchasing of these modified bikes." She also noted that the cost was under \$2,000 to send 12 kids to the program.

The next topic of discussion was the potential of an inclusive dance class for people of all ages. It would be a 45-minute class presented strictly on Zoom. The instructor, Kaylee Bays, uses a wheelchair and has done backup dancing for Lady Gaga and was the first-ever disabled dancer to be featured in a Disney live production. The

commission voted on how much to pay Kaylee for the classes, and settled on \$500.

Finally, the commission voted to pay \$5,000 dollars for the scholarship of 10 students in high school as part of the Mary Houghton Memorial Scholarship. This matches the total that was given to students last year.

Somerville Civilian Oversight back in the spotlight

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testimony, review and recommend policy changes, and weigh in on discipline. All within whatever state law and the union contracts allow.

The public wants it. Eighty-one percent of residents who answered a survey said so.

This update lands two months after the Council voted 7-4 in July to take a state grant and put body cameras on Somer-

ville officers. That meeting ran long, and much of the pushback came down to one thing: why put cameras on police when there's no civilian body with the authority to review the footage? Mayor Jake Wilson got votes that night by promising that oversight was coming.

However, discipline, access to records, how much authority a board actually gets – all of it runs directly into the police union

contracts, and the Council doesn't negotiate those. Also, item 7.1 on this same agenda asks the Council to go into executive session for a collective bargaining update. State civil service law narrows things further, limiting what any local board can do on discipline in the first place.

Councilors can say what they want the board to look like. Whether it actually has real power is decided somewhere else.

There's also a clock running. Two resignations showed up on this agenda, items 26-1388 and 26-1389, for Councilors Ewen-Campen and Scott. Scott's been one of the loudest voices on oversight for years. Whatever this turns into, a different Council will probably be the one to finish it.

Residents get their say at a public hearing expected in October.

Somerville Toasting 'What the Fluff?' Festival Turning 21

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looks like, there's plenty to explore:

- Head to the Shenanigans Stage for Fluff Musical Chairs, Fluff Limbo, the Fluff Hairdo Contest, and Fluff Jousting, hosted by the festival's longtime Archibald Query impersonator.

- Enjoy electric performances on the Fluff 'N Jam Stage by Magnificent Danger, Camelia Latin Dance Band, Solmaría, and Dom the Composer, with emcee Estefania Ladner of Ebi Sushi.

- Browse more than 100 vendors offering sweet and savory Fluff-inspired dishes, art, jewelry, clothing, and more. Stop into neighborhood businesses for special treats and limited-edition Fluff goodies.

- Try your luck at free boardwalk-style games, including Fluff Bowling and Fluff Ring Toss, with prizes to win. For a different kind of challenge, tackle a parkour course hosted by Parkour Generations Boston.

- Visit Somernova's Innovation Alley for robots, marshmallow towers, and hands-on activities.

- Help paint a community masterpiece by local artist Nate Devarie, or strike a pose with colorful Fluff character cutouts.

- Plus, check out City first responder and DPW vehicles, tap dancing from Yellow Shed, balloon art from Confetti Friends, and demonstrations from EM-

BODI studios, Villari's Martial Arts, and more.

Festivalgoers can also pick up official merchandise featuring this year's original design by local artist Jen Gubicza.

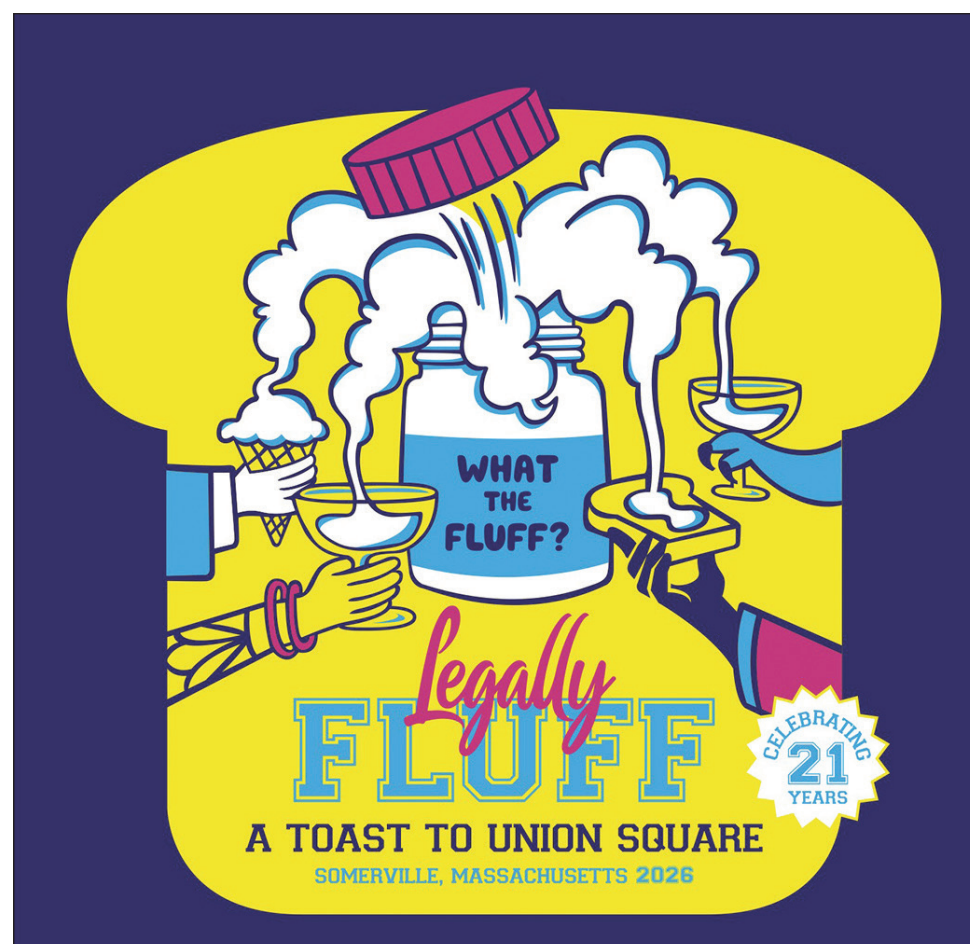
"The remarkable growth of this community tradition reflects how much the greater Boston region loves the unexpected, its small businesses, art of all kinds, innovation, and community connection," said Jessica Eshleman, Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets. "These are hallmarks of Somerville and Union Square, one of the region's most unique and spirited neighborhoods."

The celebration will recognize Angela Hsuan Chen, this year's Mayor Joe Flufftastic Innovation for Impact Award honoree. For the past three years, Chen has helped Spanish-, Mandarin-, Taiwanese-, and English-speaking neighbors use the Union Square Farmers Market's SNAP Match program.

Produced by Union Square Main Streets in partnership with the City of Somerville's Arts & Culture Division, the festival will take place throughout Union Square, including Union Square Plaza, Bow Street, and Somerville Avenue from Church Street to Union Square.

Sign Up for Emergency Texts

Severe weather and other emergencies



can happen. Fluff Festival attendees can sign up for day-of emergency text alerts for this year's event: text FLUFF26 to 888777.

MBTA buses will be rerouted from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For updated stop locations,

visit MBTA.com

For a complete list of street closures, parking, and festival details, visit flufffestival.com. To view this update and more City news on the City website, visit somervillema.gov/news

Somerville holds 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

By Christa Lee

On Friday, September 11, the City of Somerville held a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Davis Square. Among the organizers is Jerome Thomas, a Marine for eight years and Director of the Veterans' Services Department for the last three years. Veterans' Services worked with Mayor Wilson's office, the city police department, and the city fire department to organize this event, and members from each department or office were present at the ceremony.

"I was just recently out of the military right before 9/11 took place," said Thomas. "A lot of emotions were stirring up in me, and I was just ready to enlist again." Thomas did not end up enlisting again after conversations with family members, but did have connections who were still in the military and Pentagon at the time.

"It's hard to believe it's been 25 years from a moment that seems just seared in my memory, and I know a lot of other people feel the same way," said Mayor Wilson. "And it really hits our first responders hard. It's important to pay respect here to the people who we lost and to honor our first responders who do the same thing every day in terms of helping people."

For the Director, it is a joy to serve the veteran community. "Just being able to give back to my brothers and sisters of the armed forces is an honor and pleasure to do," said Thomas. "Unfortunately, within our veteran community, there's a lot of information that just isn't shared from benefits that are available or access to certain things."

To reach the Veterans Services department, you can walk in to their office at 167 Holland St., Ste 322B, email them at veterans@somervillema.gov, or call them at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700.



City of Somerville public officials, first responders, and members of the public gathered on Friday, September 11, to remember and honor those lost in the 9/11 attacks. — Photo by Jesse Moos, City Public Liaison

Somerville fosters community connection, embraces Welcoming Week

By Harry Kane

Feeling welcomed and the courage to connect unite the community, say city officials. Mayor Jake Wilson proclaimed Welcoming Week 2026 for September 10 through September 19 at the latest City Council meeting to celebrate inclusion and diversity in the community.

"We proclaim 2026 the Year of the Neighbor, as you all know, recognizing the strong communities that are built when we look out for each other, when we make meaningful connections, and when we ensure that everyone feels like they belong," said Mayor Wilson.

Welcoming Week reaffirms that welcoming is a core part of the community, he said. The commitment calls on community members to share their stories, to learn from their neighbors, and to join together to build a stronger and more welcoming Somerville.

"We know that we're stronger when we embrace both our similarities and our differences, when we create opportunities to connect and build lasting relationships through food, music, art, storytelling, shared traditions, and through conversation," said Mayor Wilson.

Every September, Welcoming Week builds strong connections during an annual campaign to promote cultural under-

standing and ensure a sense of belonging.

Maria Teresa Nagel, Director of Immigrant Affairs, explained that this year's theme for Welcoming Week is "Stories We Share: The Courage to Connect."

"I don't think we could have chosen a more fitting theme," said Nagel. "It takes courage to connect. It takes courage to walk into a room where you don't know anyone and introduce yourself. It takes courage to ask someone about their story and to actually listen to the answer. It takes courage to show up for someone whose life may look very different from yours. And it takes courage to let someone see you."

Nagel said that having courage is especially important right now. "We're living in a time when it can be easier to retreat into what we already know, to stay with people who think like us, look like us, speak like us, or come from places we understand."

Instead of living in a state of fear, it's important to connect with one another, reject divisiveness, and embrace the connections, which she says are an act of love.

"I'm not talking about sentimental kind of love, but the kind that really requires something from each of us," said Nagel. "The kind that says, 'I see you. I am curious about your story. Your experience matters to me. And when you need someone to stand beside you, I will try to be there.'" She added, "It is not simply opening a door



Welcoming Week 2026 was officially proclaimed by Mayor Jake Wilson at the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council.

and saying you're welcome here. It is making sure that once that door is open, people that walk through it know they belong."

Community building occurs when residents learn the name of the person they pass on the sidewalk, help the sick, or advise a community member when navigating something unfamiliar, she explained.

"We sit together, eat together, laugh together, disagree with one another, and still come back the next day ready to keep building," said Nagel. "And in a city

like Somerville, our neighbors bring extraordinary stories with them. Stories of migration, stories of starting over, stories of generations who have called this place home, stories of faith and culture and family, stories of struggle, resilience, loss, joy, and hope."

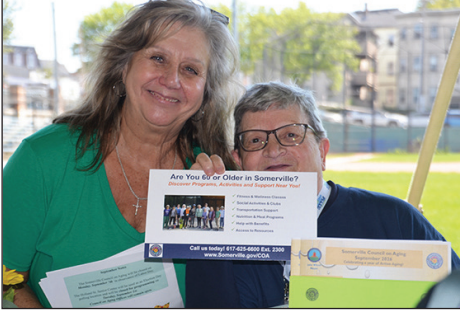
Nagel says when residents share their stories, something powerful happens. "We stop being categories. We stop being strangers. We become people to one another. That is why

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Mayor's Senior Picnic 2026

Mayor Jake Wilson and Somerville's Council on Aging held the annual Mayor's Senior Picnic at Trum Field on September 10. Seniors enjoyed good food, music, dancing, meeting new people, and catching up with old friends.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



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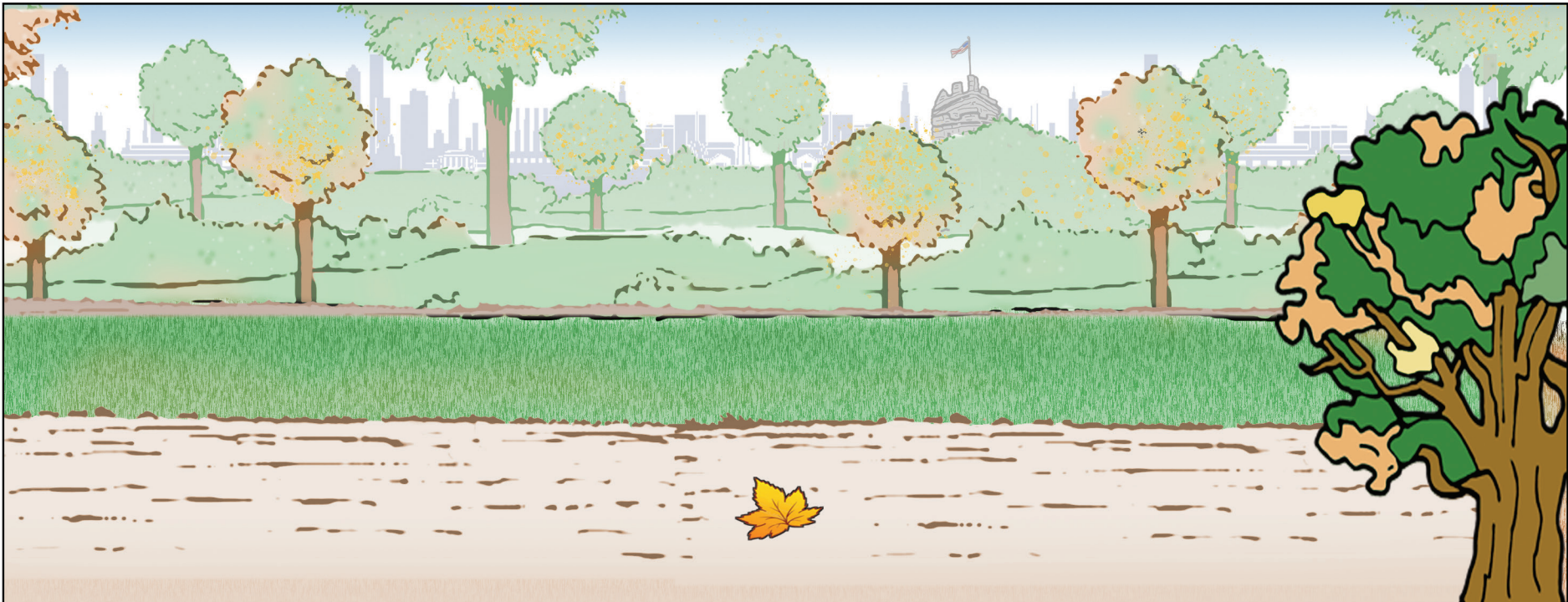
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Autumn is coming.

Our View Of The Times



Most change leads to new beginnings. That's what they say anyway. We've been through some challenging times in recent years, and here we are once again with autumn on our doorstep, bringing with it the undeniable realization that change is inevitable.

Autumn is nature's grand finale, a breathtaking season where the world transitions into a warm tapestry of gold,

amber, and crimson. It is a time that gracefully reminds us how beautiful it can be to let things go.

Unfortunately, an incomparably divisive political climate dulls these colors, with all its intransigence and intolerance of opposing points of view. And who knows whether or not the worst is yet to come as we choose sides?

The cost of living, higher prices on al-

most everything, and the ever-present pressure placed on the backs of many of us as we struggle to make ends meet. There is a lot to contend with, but we do our best to keep our spirits up and press ahead.

Taking a break from it all by getting out on the road to do a little old-fashioned New England leaf peeping or just plain sunset watching can do wonders for the spirit and recharge the weary. After all, we

live in a part of the world where the colors of autumn are breathtaking and often inspiring. Let's not forget that.

A change of season can represent moving forward, taking the next step, and shaking off the troubles of the past. It's also a reminder that we are all children of nature and should take stock of the beauty and wonder of life itself. Again, consider the alternative.

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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. Happy birthday to **Conor Brennan**, the owner of **PJ Ryan's in Teele Square**. We wish him the very best on his birthday. We wish all our Facebook friends, such as **Gay H. Sheldon**, **Carol Clements**, **Kimberly Vicente**, **Jackie Shepardhancock**, **Ed Grandmont**, **Debra Lawson Kennedy**, **Ellen Gagliardi**, **Stephen Green**, **Jonathan O'Connell**, and **Adele Changer**, a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have

missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

The **Somerville Garden Club** is holding its annual plant sale on **Sunday, September 20**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain or shine), at **331 Summer Street**, Somerville. Discover the perfect plant to enliven your garden or windowsill at this popular yearly sale. Perennials for sun and shade, herbs, shrubs, groundcovers, plus a wide variety of houseplants will be featured. Choose from hundreds of plants donated by Somerville Garden Club members and friends – there's something for everyone. Horticultural books, decorative contain-

ers, and garden tools will also be for sale. Experienced gardeners will be available to answer questions and assist with plant selections. Proceeds benefit the all-volunteer, non-profit Somerville Garden Club.

Last week, Somerville resident **Derrick Rice** (he/him) announced his **campaign for Somerville Ward 3 City Council**, in anticipation of a special election after current W3 Councilor Ewen-Campen's Democratic Party primary victory for State Representative (27th Middlesex). To learn more about Derrick, visit: www.derrickrice.org.

Join **Groundwork Somerville** and **American Flatbread** for a **Community Bake**. A portion of every flatbread purchased goes to GWS. **September 22**, 4 to 10 p.m. Members of the GWS Board will be tabling from 6 to 9 p.m. **45 Day St.**, Somerville, MA 02144. \$3.50 for each large and \$1.75 for each small flatbread sold during this Community Bake will go towards sustaining Groundwork Somerville's youth programs and supporting our mission of building a healthier, greener, more equitable community.

Somerville City Councilor **Will Mbah** announced last week *Continued on page 12*

FUN & GAMES

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Where did Season 3 of *The White Lotus* take place?

2. What is singer Billie Eilish's full name?

3. When did the first FIFA World Cup take place?

4. Which actor is set to play Ringo Starr in the upcoming Beatles biopic?

5. How long is an NHL hockey rink?

6. What does "Mi casa es su casa" mean?

7. Which 1971 film features the song *The Candy Man*?

8. What is the only gemstone produced by a living creature?

9. How many squares are on a checkerboard?

10. Which U.S. president declared the Civil War over on August 20, 1866?

11. What is the name of the longest wall ever built?

12. Who directed *The Godfather*?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Riding roller coasters can help you pass kidney stones.

2. "Dreamt" is the only word that ends with "mt."

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12. Like a fox
15. Historical records
20. Some are bright
22. Ball-shaped object
24. Reverse one, in the kitchen
25. Rainbow-producing device
26. From this time on
27. Relating to Quechuan people
29. Sound reverberation
31. Hole-punching tools
32. Coral polyp, e.g.
33. Eat away
34. What similar magnetic poles do

36. Electrical resistance units
38. Mature elvers
42. Sorrow
45. "In the grand ____ of things"
49. Having Everything Revealed singer-song-writer
51. Related on mother's side
54. Plunder
56. Sheep-like
57. Grad
58. a.k.a. kissing disease
59. Pox mark
60. Gentleman, informally
61. It will
62. Not this
63. Certain coniferous trees
64. India's smallest state
66. Not liquid or solid
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soultion to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Local government and services presented at Somerville's Civic Day

By Keith Foster

Despite the wind, there was a lot of fun and learning to be had at Somerville's Civic Day at City Hall last week. This was an opportunity for the local community to come out and enjoy a late summer night with food, games, and a fun, fair-like atmosphere to learn about local services. Food included pizza and ice cream from several different local Somerville businesses.

Looking for something to do? The Somerville Public Library had one of the tables. Upcoming events include craft nights, knitting and fiber arts clubs, and "Death cafés," which, according



Somerville Civic Day with local services, games, and food. — Photos by Keith Foster

to representative Liz Alverson, help people "learn about dying and moving on with tea, coffee,

and cake." And jokingly, "Lots of crazy events."

There were games for the kids, including the Touch-a-Truck and connect four and a bean bag toss.

Another table was set up by the Community Ward and Housing Outreach. Their focus is community engagement, directing residents, depending on the ward they live in, where to sign up for housing or other needed resources. Finally, Lizzy Devane of the Somerville Community Corporation said her organization is "Working to keep Somerville equitable for all our neighbors."



The Touch-a-Truck returns for the kids.

Somerville offers a day of health and wellness for local veterans

By Eliot Josti

On Saturday, September 12, local veterans were welcomed at the Fifth Annual Veterans Health and Wellness Day. The city of Somerville put together an afternoon of wellness, relaxation, and connection, making town heroes known to the community.

The goal of the event is to bring together family and friends to participate in a day prioritizing their health and wellness. With fitness classes such as Zumba, yoga, and strengthening, veterans were encouraged to get moving in an interactive and fun way.

After some time moving around, massage chairs, healthy

snacks, and herbal tea were available, all resources aiding in relaxation and strengthening habits.

"Veterans tend to be locked up in the house, and of course life gets busy. We hope that by offering a day for people to get some fresh air and work out, it will spark something for the rest of the year to break in their normal routine," said Jerome Thomas, Somerville's Veterans Director.

Family members of veterans were also encouraged to attend activities. A bounce house, face painting, lawn games, and vendors made the event special for kids looking to meet friends with similar interests and experiences.

The community constantly

gives positive feedback on veteran focused events, also encouraging members to attend a monthly breakfast.

"The breakfast is a great opportunity for community members to connect with veterans. Often the mayor stops by along with other staff to get to know our local heroes. The high school culinary department does an amazing job supporting the event," said Thomas.

Though there are many events that go on throughout the years, the Somerville Department of Veterans' Services offers community support all year round. Chapter 115 provides help to low income veteran Continued on page 15

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #363

This article first appeared in the September 4, 2013, edition of The Somerville Times.

The Highlands

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Some of the meanings for the phrase "head for the hills" are to take the high ground during a battle, to move away to safer ground during a flood, and to flee from danger. If this is true, then Somerville should be one of the safest cities around, for she abounds with hills.



One of her nicknames is The City of Seven Hills, in reference to her most prominent elevations and reflecting the similarity to the seven hills of Rome. We say "most prominent" because there are more hills than seven. Many more. In fact, there are 15 hills with at least 30 different names to them in this city. No wonder confusion arises and people can't readily come up with the names

of the most prominent seven hills.

There is no easy way to remember the names, but I'll try, starting with Winter Hill, the most familiar. Winter comes before spring, and spring follows winter, bringing the birth of the walnuts on its trees. This accounts for the first three: Winter Hill, Spring Hill, and Walnut Hill, leaving four more to go. Now let's try to keep this politically correct. Oh, that's it ... P.C. ... Ploughed Hill, Cobble Hill ... P.C. ... Prospect Hill, Clarendon Hill.

In a nutshell (pun intended), the names of the major hills are Winter Hill, Spring Hill, Walnut Hill, then Ploughed Hill, Cobble Hill, Prospect Hill, and Clarendon Hill. WSW- PC- PC. Try it out. Winter + Spring + Walnut and Ploughed + Cobble and Prospect + Clarendon.

Through the years, Somerville has honored her hills in various ways. Many businesses reference the hills in their titles, while the city honors her hills through street names: Cobble Hill Road, Winter Hill Circle, Spring Hill Terrace, and Prospect Hill Avenue, to name just a few. She has had social clubs such as the Hillside Club, a public-spirited club that placed tablets throughout the city that marked historic spots. The Heph-torean Club (Greek for seven hills) was the first women's club in the city and was organized to bring women from all over the city and those seven hills to join in common social causes. There was also the Winter Hill Club, which was a social organization formed in the 1880's Continued on page 11



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **PEDRO F. JIMENEZ to CENTURY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY** dated August 19, 2013 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 62509, Page 503 (the "Mortgage"), of which Mortgage the undersigned (the "Mortgagee") is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at the mortgaged premises located on or near Unit 12B, 12-14 Knowlton Street, Somerville, Massachusetts (the "Premises"), all and singular the premises described in the Mortgage, to wit: "Unit No. 12B of 12-14 Knowlton Street Condominium created by Master Deed dated June 6, 2006 and recorded on June 7, 2006 at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 47583, Page 375.

The Post Office address of the Condominium is: Unit #12B, 12-14 Knowlton Street, Somerville, MA 02145.

The Unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan filed with said Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in G.L.C. 183A, Section 9. It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in G.L.C. 183A, the Master Deed and the By-Laws filed therewith.

The Condominium and each of the Units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage interest of the Unit conveyed hereunder in the common areas and facilities is 33.33% and is conveyed together with and subject to easements of record, so far as same may by [sic.] in force and effect, including without limitation, an exclusion easement to use Two (2) parking spaces as designated from time to time by the Condominium Trustees.

Being all and the same premises conveyed to Pedro F. Jimenez by Deed of Cristiane Bastos date March 1, 2010 and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds 54425, Page 575 [sic.]."

The description of the Premises contained in the Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

The Premises, together with all improvements encumbered by the Mortgage, are to be sold and conveyed subject to (i) all leases, tenancies, occupancies, mortgages, restrictions, covenants, orders of conditions, easements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, federal and state tax liens, other liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances recorded prior to the Mortgage and/or otherwise having priority over the Mortgage, if there be any, (ii) the conditions, covenants, restrictions, easements, limitations, terms, lien rights and provisions and charges as set forth in (a) the Master Deed of 12-14 Knowlton Street Condominiums, as amended, and (b) the Declaration of Trust of 12-14 Knowlton Streets Condominiums dated June 6, 2006 and recorded with the Registry in Book 47583, Page 388, as amended; and (iii) the terms and provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A, as amended.

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable deposit of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS is to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, the balance to be paid by certified or bank cashier's check and deed to be taken by purchaser within thirty (30) days of the sale at the offices of Seder & Chandler, LLP, 339 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, attorneys for the Mortgagee.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation on the date and at the time and place appointed for the adjourned sale.

In the event of the failure or inability of the purchaser to perform and to purchase the Premises in accordance herewith, the Mortgagee reserves the right (but is not obligated) to accept, subject to the Memorandum of Sale, the second highest bid for the Premises, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons. In the event that the Mortgagee offers the Premises to the second highest bidder and such person declines either to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price or to sign the Memorandum of Sale, then the Mortgagee may elect (but is not obligated) to exercise the rights of the second highest bidder under this paragraph and to purchase the Premises at the second highest bid price, without further advertisement and without further notice to other bidders or persons.

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167 HOLLAND STREET, 3RD Floor

SOMERVILLE, MA 02144

RFP #S2027-05

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed proposals for:

A Provider for A College and Career Youth Development and Support Program Districtwide for Middle School Grade Students for FY27

Each Proposal shall be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes clearly marked "Price Proposal for Provider Services for A College and Career Youth Development and Program for Middle School Grade Students" and a "Non-Price Proposal for Provider Services for A College and Career Youth Development and Program for Middle School Grade Students" in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents which may be obtained at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **September 17, 2026** between the hours of Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All Proposals shall be filed no later than **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2026** at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144. Proposals will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee which may include possible interviews with the proposal finalists.

Please contact Leah Arredondo (larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us) or call 617-629-5218 to receive the proposal and register as a proposal vendor.

The School Committee of the City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any part or parts thereof, waive any minor informality in the Proposal process and to award the Contract that is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville School Department.

Robert A. Berretta,
Chief Financial Officer
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RFP #S2027-04

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed proposals for:

A Vendor to Provide An Integrated Special Education Management Platform in the Somerville Public Schools for a three and a half-year period January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2030.

Each Proposal shall be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes clearly marked "Price Proposal for Vendor Services for "An Integrated Special Education Management Platform" and a "Non-Price Proposal for Vendor Services for the An Integrated Special Education Management Platform" in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents which may be obtained at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144 on or after **September 16, 2026** between the hours of Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All Proposals shall be filed no later than **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026** at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144. Proposals will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee which may include possible interviews with the proposal finalists.

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BID #S2027-06

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed bids for:

A 2026 or Newer Hybrid Refrigerated Box Truck for the Somerville Public Schools Food Service Department

The IFB package may be obtained by emailing Leah Arredondo in the Finance Office, larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us or can be picked up at the Somerville School Department, Finance Office, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145 on or after September 18, 2026.

Sealed bid responses will be received no later than **2 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026** at the Finance Office Somerville School Department, 167 Holland Street, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02144 at which time and place they shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

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SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

LICENSES AND PERMITS

PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM**, on a petition for a New Extended Operating Hours License.

New Extended Operating Hours License, Wings Over Somerville, 519 Somerville Avenue, for in-store, take-out, and delivery service until 2am.

This meeting will be held by remote participation, using the Zoom Webinar platform.

You have two ways to be heard at this meeting:

- To attend and be heard, enter the link exactly as it appears below into your internet browser. You will then be asked to register for the meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tJN6pMBTVy3nRHCja70rz7fdww>
- If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may email your comments to publiccomments@somervillema.gov, or send them by US mail to the City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the Hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Council.

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JAKE WILSON
MAYOR

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville City Council's **Land Use Committee** and the **Somerville Planning Board** will hold a joint public hearing on **Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at 6:30 pm**. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

REGISTER ONLINE
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_w4XWFI4xSJiZyeF2VAG26

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1. Enter the link exactly as it appears into your internet browser. You will then be asked to register for the meeting.
2. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may email your comments to publiccomments@somervillema.gov, or send them by US mail to the City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143. Your comments must arrive no later than 4:00 PM on the day of the Hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Council and Planning Board for inclusion with the Hearing testimony.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments concerning the following:

- Mayor Wilson requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 3.2.17, 4.1.15, 4.2.15, 4.3.15, 4.4.15, 5.1.16, 6.1.13, 6.2.14, 6.3.13, 6.4.16, 6.5.13 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to correct parking maximums.
- Mayor Wilson requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2.4.4, 3.1.7, 3.1.8, 3.1.9, 3.1.10, 3.1.11, 3.2.7, 3.2.8, 3.2.9, 3.2.10, 3.2.11, 4.1.7, 4.2.7, 4.3.7, 4.4.7 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinances to remove ground story elevation requirements.
- Mayor Wilson requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 3.1.3, 3.1.6, 3.1.8, 3.1.9, 3.1.11, 3.1.12, 3.1.13, 3.1.16, 3.2.6 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to align with State Law regarding protected accessory dwelling units.
- Mayor Wilson requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2.4.5, 3.1.17, 3.2.16, 4.1.8, 4.1.9, 4.1.14, 4.2.8, 4.2.9, 4.2.14, 4.3.8, 4.3.9, 4.3.14, 4.4.8, 4.4.9, 4.4.15, 5.1.7, 5.1.8, 5.1.9, 5.1.16, 6.1.12, 6.2.7, 6.2.8, 6.2.14, 6.3.12, 6.4.9, 6.4.15, 6.5.7, 7.2.8 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to clarify requirements for principal entrances.
- Mayor Wilson requesting ordainment of an amendment to Sections 2.1.1, 2.4.5, 3.1.16, 3.2.8, 3.2.9, 3.2.10, 3.2.11, 3.2.15, 4.1.3, 4.1.7, 4.1.8, 4.1.9, 4.1.10, 4.1.13, 4.2.3, 4.2.7, 4.2.8, 4.2.9, 4.2.10, 4.2.13, 4.3.3, 4.3.7, 4.3.8, 4.3.9, 4.3.10, 4.3.13, 4.4.3, 4.4.7, 4.4.8, 4.4.9, 4.4.13, 5.1.3, 5.1.7, 5.1.8, 5.1.9, 5.1.10, 5.1.11, 5.1.14, 6.1.3, 6.1.7, 6.1.8, 6.1.11, 6.2.3, 6.2.7, 6.2.8, 6.2.9, 6.2.12, 6.3.3, 6.3.8, 6.4.3, 6.4.9, 6.4.11, 6.5.3, 6.5.7, 6.5.8, 6.5.11, 7.2.7, 7.2.10, 7.4.3, 7.4.6, 7.4.7, 7.4.8, 7.4.11, 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.4, 8.1.5, 8.1.6, 8.2.2, 8.2.4, 8.2.5, 8.4.16, 8.4.17, 8.4.19, 9.1.7, 12.1.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.4, 12.1.5, 12.1.6, 12.1.7, 12.3.5, 12.3.6, 12.3.7 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to update terminology for affordable dwelling units and commercial spaces.

Zoning amendments may be viewed online by searching for the Somerville City Council's [online meeting calendar](#) for the meeting or request information.

Final language of the above amendments may be modified by the City Council during the legislative process. The Chair(s) may opt to extend the period for written comments, in which case additional comments will be accepted until the date indicated. This information can be found in the minutes of the meeting.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
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The **SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Balcony Guardrail Repair - Bryant Manor at Bryant Manor (667-4) in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **REVERSE ARCHITECTURE**.

The Project consists of but not limited to:
The project consists of exterior work on 51 concrete balconies at a concrete-frame multifamily residential building. Work consists of repairs to concrete parapet walls and modifications to aluminum guardrails at all balconies and painting. The building will be occupied during construction. This project is subject to HUD procurement requirements and state and Davis Bacon wage rates.

The work is estimated to cost **\$373,000.00**.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 10/02/2026 at 5:00PM EDT for filed sub-bids and by **10/16/2026 at 5:00PM EDT** for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive.

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. All Bids shall be submitted online at www.biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **23 October 2026 at 4:00PM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **08 October 2026 at 4:00PM EDT** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

TRADES
Miscellaneous and Ornamental Metals

Painting

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates), and made payable to the **SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at www.biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled
Date and Time: 09/29/2026 at 10:00AM EDT Address: 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville, MA 02145 Instructions: Meet at main entrance.

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at:

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433 Main Street
Hudson, MA 01749
978-568-1167

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REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES (RFS)**

The **Somerville Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed proposals from registered Engineering/Architecture firms to provide professional design and construction administration services of a Parking Lot Improvement project located at our Mystic View development.

A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for **10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 30th, 2026**, at the Mystic View family facility located at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

Response to this RFS must be submitted no later than **3:00PM Wednesday, October 7th, 2026**.

The RFS may be obtained after **8:00AM on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026**, by contacting ryanc@sha-web.org or by phone at 617-625-1152 Ext.331.

Questions must be sent in writing to ryanc@sha-web.org no later than **Monday, October 5th, 2026**.

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City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026**, at 6:45pm through Zoom.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. A recording of these proceedings can be found online here: [Agendas, Minutes, & More](#).

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_LICeWQvcS62n3YLvJXZLbQ

TO CALL IN

Attendees must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

The Historic Preservation Commission will consider the following pursuant to the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMO REVIEW PROCESS)

23 Hinckley Street	Applicant: W.O.M. Construction Owner: 23 Hinckley St Somerville LLC The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.
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Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the hearing or by submitting written comments by email to historic@somervillema.gov. Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville should contact the ADA Coordinator in advance at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or ADA@somervillema.gov.

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by thirty prominent citizens.

Somerville's Seven Hills Park – the best way to find out the quick history of her hills – is to take an enjoyable trip to Davis Square. Behind the Somerville Theatre, you'll find an eye-catching and colorful little park, a microcosm of Somerville's history and a hidden jewel of the area. Whimsical symbols of the individual hills leap into the air on tall pillars. The history of the hills is explained on the solid pedestals at their base. So, if your destination is a restaurant, movie, pub, or ice cream parlor in Davis Square, set aside a little time for a visit to this pleasant park. You'll be both enriched and impressed.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**, at 6:00pm through Zoom.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. A recording of these proceedings can be found online here:
[Agendas, Minutes, & More.](#)

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tJfna0uRqaF7_wM6o_f-w

TO CALL IN

An attendee must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

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

61 Boston Street	Adam Dash, Esq. on behalf of Jacob S. Taylor and Janet Smith Taylor, proposes to expand a nonconformity for the rear setback of a two-family structure in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) zoning district, which requires a Section 6 finding.
333 Highland Avenue	Fan Wang proposes alterations and additions to an existing non-conforming principal building which has 4 units when the maximum is 3 units in the Neighborhood Residence (NR) zoning district, which requires a Special Permit.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.9.a for the required GreenScore in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 10.3.6.a.i for the landscape buffer requirements in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.9.c for building height in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.9.c for number of stories of a commercial building in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.9.b for a nonconforming rear setback in the Mid-Rise (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.15.c.ii for a driveway in the frontage area of a lot in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.9.b for the secondary front setback standards in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.16.a.i. for the sidewalk width standard in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.16.b.ii for curb cut standards in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.
1154 Broadway	Adam Dash & Associates, on behalf of Laxmi N. Pradhan and Jharana Pradhan, seek relief from SZO 4.2.16.b.iv.a. for the curb cut distance from intersection standards in the Mid-Rise 4 (MR4) Zoning District, which requires a Hardship Variance.

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

Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by email to ZoningBoard@somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
RFQ 27-13

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

Owner's Project Management (OPM) Services for Building Master Plan

The RFQ package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, September 16th, 2026**.

Sealed applications will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **3:00 pm, Wednesday, October 7th, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered.

A virtual briefing session for all interested applicants will take place on **2:30 pm, Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026**.

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all applications if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE CAPER Public Hearing

The City of Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development has prepared the of the 2025-2026 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), a requirement of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **The City seeks input on the final draft of the report.**

- The City will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 5th at 6pm to receive comments pertaining to the content of the 2025-2026 CAPER. Members of the public may attend this hearing at the Ralph and Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street.
- Persons with disabilities can request accommodations to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville by contacting the ADA coordinator at 617-625-6600 x2059 or ADA@somervillema.gov in advance of the event.
- The City of Somerville can provide you with an interpreter in your language for free. To request an interpreter, please contact SOIA@somervillema.gov or call 311 (617-666-3311) at least 7 days in advance of this event.
- Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments regarding the CAPER to Miranda Rubin (mrubin@somervillema.gov) at the City's Office of Strategy and Development (TAB Building). All comments received on the CAPER by the end of the day on 10/6 will be incorporated in the final report.

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he will resign his position as an At-Large City Councilor, **effective December 31, 2026**. He noted: "Under the City Charter, I understand that the fifth-highest vote-getter in the most recent At-Large City Council election will assume the vacant seat. Accordingly, Marianne Walles will succeed me as an At-Large City Councilor. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the people of Somerville on the City Council, and I look forward to continuing to work with the city and our community in my new role as State Representative." You can see his full announcement on his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/will.nwanjo> and on our website.

The Mission Church of Christ, 130 Highland Ave., will be hosting a **free health fair** for the community on **September 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** with many vendors. Contact MC Allied Health & Professionals Group at mcahpg130@gmail.com.

Bansari Mitra, author of *Ghosts From the Past*, Wilderness House Press, will have a book launch at **Just Bookish Store** in Dorchester on **October 3, 4 – 5.30 p.m.** (Saturday), 1463 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02122.

Somerville neighbors need your help. On Tuesday, September 8, a fire on Dartmouth Street left four house-holds — including multiple vulnerable residents and their pets — without homes. Please consider donating whatever you can to the Somerville Homeless *Continued on page 15*



Somerville Fair Housing Commission
Question of the week

Q: Fair Housing means no discrimination. What kinds of action count as discrimination?

A: You may file a complaint if you are a member of a protected class and someone has denied you housing in any of the following ways:

- Refuses to rent, lease or sell housing.
- Discriminates in the terms, conditions, and/or privileges of housing.
- Makes any inquiry or record of the person seeking to rent, lease or buy housing pertaining to that person being a member of any of the protected classes.
- Falsely denies that housing is available.
- Blockbusts--causes person(s) to sell or rent by telling them that members of a minority group are moving into the area.
- Discriminates in financing housing (bank, savings and loan, or other business).
- Denies membership or participation in brokerage, multiple listing or other real estate services.
- Interferes, coerces, threatens or intimidates to keep a person from obtaining the full benefits of the Federal Fair Housing Law and/or filing a complaint.
- Discriminates in advertising (both oral statements and written material).

To file a complaint, call Shannon Lawler at 617-625-6600 x2569.

The Somerville Fair Housing Commission generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. online. Call 617-625-6600 ext. 2578 for the login information.

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On This Day in History

September 16

1620 – The Pilgrims sail from England on the Mayflower.

1668 – King John Casimer V of Poland abdicates the throne.

1810 – A revolution for independence breaks out in Mexico.

1893 – 50,000 “Sooners” claim land in the Cherokee Strip during the first day of the Oklahoma land rush.

1908 – General Motors files papers of incorporation.

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

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 now 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 U.S.



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Review of 'Hope'
by BRM Evett

Review by Lo Galluccio

For those of you who loved the Netflix series *The Last of Us*, which took place in the middle of the 22nd century after a fungal pandemic had destroyed the government and devastated the country with tribal divisions and a band of rabid infected, called "Clickers," striking the healthy survivors, you will want to read BRM's novel, *Hope*, a sequel to his first novel, *Joy*.

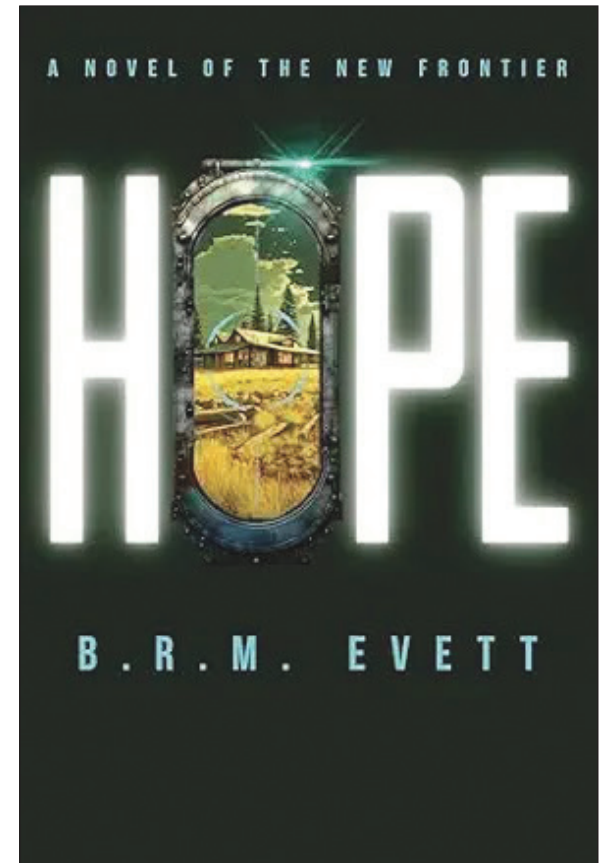
Evett gives us an America that has fallen apart due to a Civil War, which right now doesn't seem that far-fetched. Ultimately, it is a novel about love and empathy winning out over evil and greed, with two opposing strategies to defeat the virus called Mindworm, which attacks the central nervous system and the brain.

Our heroine, Lucinda, is a brilliant flaming red-head from a privileged enclave she has been exiled from. She has a special power, called a Cor, which attaches to her brain and which can show her anything, like a personal video machine. But is this enough to ensure her survival?

She is rescued after being exposed to Mindworm by an evil doctor, part robot, who falls in love with her and uses her to try and retain his power over the afflicted, whom he keeps alive but subservient to him. There is also a female doctor on the other side, who is using his machinery to discover a vaccine for the virus. And with her is a group of children, some deaf, who have been scrounging to survive.

Creek is the youngest and most interesting character, a scarred waif who has had to perform petty crimes to subsist in this broken dystopia. When he and Lucinda ultimately join together for the cause, it is a powerful and poignant moment.

This is a gripping story, part sci-fi and part adventure, with some romantic elements. Evett handles the technological advances upon which the story rests with amazing brilliance and ease. His writing is lyrical and entrancing. I loved *Joy*, and this sequel was an expansive and wonderful evolution.



The poet Li-Young Lee once said, "I can't think of a time in the future when someone won't be killing someone else." Evett seems to concur with this but offers a hopeful ultimatum after a thrilling battle between divergent forces. I can't wait to read the third book in the trilogy, *Love*. There are touches of William Gibson and Alice Hoffman in this book, but it is very much an original masterpiece of Evett's imagination and craft. This is a must-read book.

Hope is available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com.

Lo Galluccio is an American poet, memoirist, and vocal artist who served as the Poet Populist of Cambridge, Massachusetts, from 2013 to 2015. A graduate of Harvard University with an MFA from Stonecoast, her work uniquely bridges the worlds of literature and experimental music.

Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

Susan Sklan is a social worker and published poet, an Australian now living in the Boston area. Her poems have appeared in *Constellations*, *Folio*, *Kalliope*, *Nixes Mate*, *Pleiades*, *Sojourner*, *Soul-Lit*, *The Centennial Review*, *The Muddy River Poetry Review*, and other journals and anthologies. *On passing an old lover's address* was chosen by the Cambridge MA, Sidewalk Poetry Program, 2018, and installed on a city sidewalk. Her poetry chapbook *The Letters*, was published by Main Street Rag, 2023. Her poetry book *The Lost Garden* is to be published by Finishing Line Press, 2026.



The lost garden

She carried the garden inside her
so she could take it with her across borders.
The lemon tree settled and its roots
grew down one leg.
Lemons, she thought, are always useful.
A Norfolk pine kept her standing straight.
The bamboo she kept in a pot,
so it would not take over everything.
Her mother's lavender clasped her heart
and urged it to keep beating.
Passion fruit vines grew out with her hair.
In the midst of her grief,
blue and red parrots flew out of her suitcase.

— Susan Sklan

Susan Sklan (originally published in *Better Than Starbucks*, 2021)

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Doug Holder, 25 School St., Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

Welcoming Week

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Welcoming Week matters."

Community members can take part in two ways:

- Find your next read with Somerville Public Library. Check out SPL's curated book lists highlighting immigrant stories and experiences. The City's librarians have created collections for children, teens, and adults.

- Come to the SOIA Community Get-Together. Keep the welcome going on Thursday, September 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 42 Cross St. Join SOIA for a casual, multilingual gathering with food, music, and resource-sharing. Meet neighbors, connect with City resources, and help wrap up Somerville's Welcoming Week celebrations.

Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

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Coalition’s Emergency Displacement Fund developed in partnership with the City. <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/emerfun>.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our **Arts Editor, Doug Holder**, for setting up a **GoFundMe campaign** for *The Somerville Times*. With the cost of printing going up and a lack of businesses having the re-sources to advertise, free papers feel the effect. We sincerely thank all who have already contributed and thank any future contributors. If you are interested in helping, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-somerville-times>. Or if anyone is interested in advertising, please contact Bobbietoner@aol.com. We offer great discounts to help our advertisers be able to advertise. Thank you all so much for your support!

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Somerville offers a day of health and wellness for local veterans

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families to offset some heavy medical expenses. The veterans office can assist in connecting members with benefits such as healthcare.

“Veterans tend to know each other through waves, and head nods here and there. We want to give them a space where they can have conversations and get to know each other,” said Thomas.

In a more close-knit and personal setting, the city also offers a community circle where members have a space to communicate and relate to their fellow veterans.

If anyone from the Somerville community wants to be a part of the veterans community, or have any questions, they are encouraged to reach out to veterans@somerville.ma.gov or call (617)-625-6600 with 4700 being the extension.

“When Americans answer the call to serve our country, we have a social contract that says we take care of our veterans. This means continuing to prioritize health and wellbeing long after their service ends,” said Mayor Jake Wilson in a press release. “This event meets veterans where they are, recognizes the contributions of our first responders, and provides access to critical resources all while offering an array of activities for the whole family and an opportunity to connect with neighbors.”

Ms. Cam’s

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Olio

Answers

1. Thailand	7. Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory
2. Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O’Connell	8. The pearl
3. 1930	9. 64
4. Barry Keoghan	10. Andrew Johnson
5. 200 feet	11. The Great Wall of China
6. “My house is your house”	12. Francis Ford Coppola

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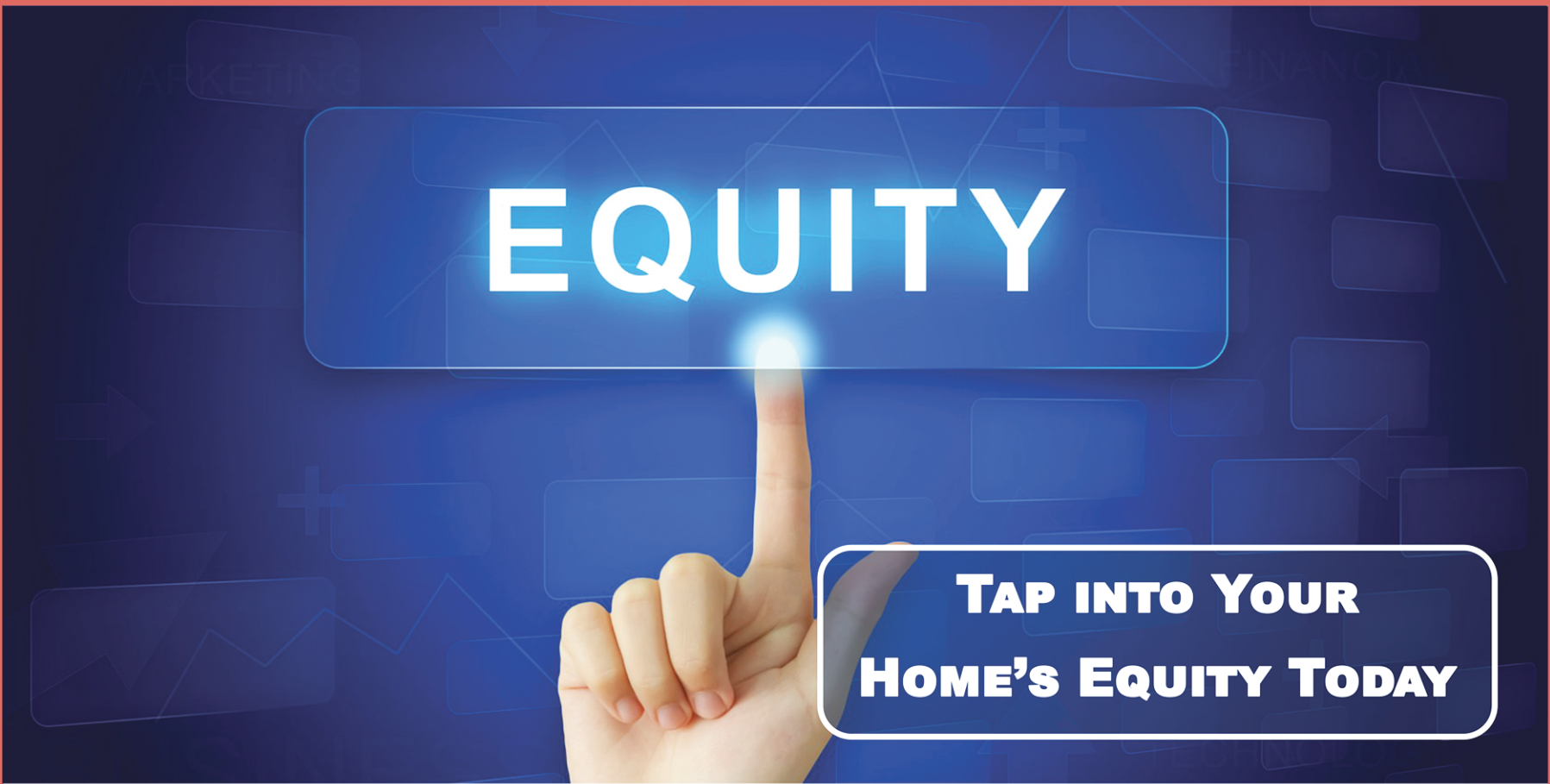

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