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Somerville to require COVID-19 vaccination for all city staff



As of November 1, 2021, all city employees, with few exceptions, will be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in order to remain employed by the city.

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville announced this week that all city staff will be required to take the COVID-19 vaccine in order to better ensure public health and safety in light of the recent emergence of the highly virulent Delta variant.

A public statement on the matter was issued to clarify the city's position:

To better protect the health and safety of staff and the public, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced today that all City of Somerville employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of November 1, 2021. The city joins municipalities, states, and employers across the nation, including the U.S. military, who are taking this preventive step to help contain the spread of the virus. Employees will be allowed to apply for certain exemptions.

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Selfie WRLD to open at Assembly Row

Selfie WRLD, one of the country's hottest new concepts, is slated to open at Assembly Row in Somerville on Saturday, September 11. The new space is a do-it-yourself photography studio where visitors can access lighting, creative backdrops and vignettes to create more than 30 unique photos in one visit. Selfie WRLD offers interactive installations designed as backdrops for photographs.

The local team includes Jerome Wilson, Emiel Barbosa and Daniela Martinez who discovered the concept via TikTok and knew that it would create excitement in the Boston area.

"We knew that Selfie WRLD would be perfect for this market with so many creatives and influencers constantly looking for content," said Martinez, who will also act as General Manager for Selfie WRLD. "At the same time, it is a fun destination for friends, colleagues and families who enjoy creating fun pictures and sharing experiences."

The adventure at Selfie WRLD takes you through various looks which may include, but not limited to, a candy shop, Continued on page 4



The area's first DIY photo studio for both amateurs and professionals is set to open on Saturday, September 11 at Assembly Row.





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All of us here at The Somerville Times want to wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend. As summer transitions into fall, we want everyone to keep looking forward to the better times ahead. May the troubles of the past soon be far behind us.

The Somerville Board of Health (BOH) approved a face-covering mandate for all indoor public spaces at its August 19 meeting that went into effect as of Friday, August 20. The mandate applies to anyone two or older, and face coverings can be removed when people are actively eating or drinking. Masks should have a snug fit and cover the nose and mouth. The order can be read at https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/ default/files/COVID-19-Mask-Order-Proposed-8.21.pdf. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone in areas of high or substantial COVID-19 transmission wear face coverings when in indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status. Currently, all Massachusetts counties have either high or substantial transmission. For more coronavirus and vaccine information, visit somervillema. gov/COVID19 or somervillema.gov/vaccine and sign up for City alerts at somervillema.gov/Alerts. We urge you to sign up for every alert method you are able to receive phone call, text, email. Also please follow FB.com/SomervilleCity and @ SomervilleCity.

This Friday is the last day to fill out the Union Sq. Public Space Redesign survey. The survey will provide the Union **Sq. Community Design Team (CDT)** with valuable feedback that will inform + shape the future designs of Union Square's public spaces. If you live, work, or play in Union Square. The survey will close Friday, September 3 at midnight. It takes about 10 minutes. Survey link here: bit.ly/UnionRedesignSurvey.Next Steps? In September they will organize the feedback they heard from the community and work with Toole Design and Klopfer Martin Design Group to turn Continued on page 7

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of September 1 – September 7 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
•	Wednesday September 1	Rain	72°/61°	52%	41%	W 5 mph
**	Thursday September 2	Rain	68°/56°	99%	61%	NNE 16 mph
*	Friday September 3	Sunny	73°/59°	22%	11%	N 11 mph
	Saturday September 4	Partly Cloudy	74°/60°	13%	5%	WNW 9 mph
	Sunday September 5	Partly Cloudy	76°/66°	11%	4%	SSW 13 mph
*	Monday September 6	Rain	78°/61°	29%	14%	W 10 mph
*	Tuesday September 7	Sunny	77°/65°	20%	10%	WSW 11 mph
*	-	Sunny	77°/65°	20%	10%	WS\

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: PorchFest Somerville is back!

Chris Evans says:

Great just what we need all the yuppie hipster playing their trash music.

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Great just what we need...you! LOL!

TeeleSquareMayor says:

How do you sing through masks?

Villenous says:

Always a great time. Can't wait.

Response to: Murph the Surf and other Somerville nicknames

BMac says:

Spike, never knew why he got that name. Ended up as a cop in Cambridge.

Response to: Somerville Poet Dianne Robitaille passes

Susie Davidson says:

I wish to add my voice to those who who are praying for Dianne's soul. She was a gracious and wonderful professional who contributed a lot to the world. My condolences to her husband Doug and her family on their great loss.

Response to: Traffic Commission approves rideshare pickup location

Matt says:

why not have both pick up and drop off – it seems like half a solutions.

Response to: Somerville – where the stars come out

Andy Barrasso says:

Peter Mamakos. Who? Peter Mamakos.....you can see his bio and many movie and tv appearances on the IMDB website

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

Life in the Jimmy Del Ponte

Back to School Jitters



This article was first published on September 2, 2009.

It's that time of year again. Reading and writing and 'arithmetic. This time of

year used to make me sick. When I heard those commercials like "before you go back to school, go to Zayres," my stomach cringed. It also seemed that we always discovered something really cool right at the end of the summer that was now cut short by school. One year it was extending the forks on our bikes, another year it was hanging out with a new group of girls on the next street. Sometimes it was playing football or Frisbee, but school always goofed it up. I spoke to a few of my friends who, like me, still get a nervous ache in their stomach whenever the beginning of the school year starts.

Both my kids are actually anxious to get back to school. Man have times changed. I tried every trick in the book to get out of school, and I mean everything. We were playing hooky at my friend Teddy's house when I was a sophomore at Somerville High. My pal Danny called in to the office disguising his voice, and saying he was Mr. Del Ponte. Whoever answered the phone at the High school said, "My, Mr. DelPonte, you certainly

have a young voice!" I called back a second later and said, "James Del Ponte will be right in." When I was still at St. Clements, I faked a stomach ache to get out of school. There was actually nothing wrong with my stomach at all. I lied about the pain. My parents took me up Somerville High School where they removed my appendix. That will teach me to fake an illness, right? Wrong. I invented a mysterious pain in my leg to try to ditch a few classes. My hypochondriac mother dragged me back to the same Doctor who found a mysterious "baker's cyst" in the back of my leg and, voila, another operation. There was no leg pain whatsoever, but "Dr. Invento," sold my parents two unnecessary surgeries. Sure there is a chance that there really WAS something wrong with my leg and appendix, but because of the reputation of this nameless Doctor, I seriously doubt it. There is a still a small stitch visible on the back of my leg that was "operated" on. The scar left by Dr. Create-an-ailment was so bad, that I actually called Jim Sokolove. They told me that too many years had gone by. It's a good thing I didn't fake a headache. I would have ended up with a lobotomy. I finally learned my lesson about creating imaginary illnesses in order to stay out of school. Bottom line was, I really hated going to school. I wanted to stay home and watch re-runs of Gomer Pyle and Yogi



Bear cartoons. Anything but school. But it was different then - there were only a handful of nice teachers. I didn't say 'good' teachers mind you, I said nice. Maybe it was difficult to be nice to a kid wearing bell bottoms dungarees and sporting a David Cassidy haircut. Perhaps some teachers didn't approve of our being in an organization called the Committee of Concerned Students and publishing a newspaper called The Inside Agitator. Teachers back then used threatening tactics to try to get us to conform. It was like prison. It made us appreciate the really

good teachers all the more. Dick Gordinier, Julio Perno, Tony Fedele, Mrs. Carafotes, Mr. De Angelis and Mr. Da Prato, to name a few. I could rattle off a few of the meanies too, but you know who they were. One former building master was partly responsible for my resigning as the high school drama teacher. After making my four years of high school miserable, this person was now going to be my "superior." No thanks. I probably would have been close to retiring at this point in time. Anyway, I didn't apply for the job, they came and asked me. Continued on page 13

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By Jim Clark

A store so nice he dropped in twice

A Somerville Police officer was dispatched to the Target store on Somerville Ave. last Thursday on reports of a shoplifter.

Upon arrival, the officer was met by a Target Loss Prevention representative who said that an individual, later identified as Mark Rankin, of Boston, came into the store, grabbed a prepaid cell phone and a backpack, and exited the store without paying. The officer took the reported and left the store.

Later that afternoon, the officer was dispatched back to the store, as the Loss Prevention representative reported to Somerville Police Dispatch that Rankin was back in the store and was walking in the direction of the Tech Section. Additional police officer responded as well for backup.

The initially responding officer entered the store and the other units remained outside. The officers waiting outside were informed that Rankin was exiting the store, at which time he ran in the direction of Merriam St. The officers were able to detain Rankin as he fled down Merriam St.

In the backpack that Rankin had allegedly shoplifted earlier was a pair of Sony headphones, two Monster energy drinks, and six Starbucks coffee drinks. In his left pocket was the AT&T cell phone that he took earlier in the day.

Rankin was placed under arrest and transported to the

Somerville Police Station to be booked in the usual manner on two charges of for two counts of shoplifting by asportation.

According to reports, officers have responded to this store numerous times for past shoplifting involving Rankin. An additional shoplifting incident which took place on July 28, 2021 is pending.

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Help Keep Somerville Safe!

Somerville to require COVID-19 vaccination for all city staff CONT. FROM PG 1

again, and we must use every tool available to rein in the devastating impacts of this virus. Vaccination is the most effective tool we have to reduce severe and fatal illness from this disease. So to protect our staff and the public we serve, and to do our part to keep the recovery going, we are requiring staff to get vaccinated. We'll be doing our best to make this easy for employees, and we will be working with our union representatives to develop reasonable accommodations for medical and religious exceptions," said Mayor Curtatone.

City staff includes all city of Somerville full-time, part-time, and temporary employees working for any city department or city public safety agency, excluding school staff. The Somerville Public Schools (SPS) are developing proposals for SPS vaccination requirements that will be reviewed by the Somerville School Committee at their next meeting on Monday, August 30. City staff will be able to report

their vaccination status via a secure, HIPAA-compliant online portal, and the program will be administered with full confidentiality by the city's Department of Human Resources. city officials are seeking to develop fair and reasonable protocols for enforcement and accommodations in collaboration with employee union representatives. To further ease access, the city has scheduled staff vaccination clinics and is sharing information on other vaccination providers.

"The vaccines are proving to be highly effective in preventing serious cases of COVID-19, even with the variants," said Somerville's Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress. "That is why it is vital for everyone, who is eligible, to get the vaccine. There are still tens of thousands of people regionally and more than 100 million people nationally who do not have this protection, just as a highly contagious variant is causing a new round of outbreaks. Until

we have the overwhelming majority of our population vaccinated, the potential for this virus to do serious harm will persist."

"As a public entity, the city must fulfill its responsibility to safeguard public health. But as our staff get their vaccines, I'm urging the remaining unvaccinated members of our community to also step up to protect us all," said Mayor Curtatone. "We need you to get vaccinated to protect children under 12, to protect the vulnerable, and to spare doctors and nurses the burden and heartbreak of more COVID cases. We need you to get vaccinated to keep the recovery moving forward. I know our community cares about each other. I see it every day in so many ways. Let's show it by driving up our vaccination numbers too."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second shot in a 2-dose series,



like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-shot vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (J&J). This means persons who receive the Pfizer vaccine need their first dose by September 27, for Moderna the first dose must be by September 20, and for J&J the single dose must be received by October 18.

Vaccination is available for free to all persons in Massachusetts age 12 and older. No insurance, no I.D., and no immigration information is required.

Walk-in, no appointment options are widely available. To find out how and where to get vaccinated locally, visit somervillema.gov/vaccine or contact 311 at 617-666-3311.

For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus and sign up for city alerts at www.somervillema.gov/Alerts. We urge you to sign up for every alert method you are able to receive: phone call, text, email. Also follow FB.com/SomervilleCity and @SomervilleCity.

Selfie WRLD to open at Assembly Row CONT. FROM PG 1

diner, Vogue booth, ball pit pool, swings, phone booth and so much more. The Assembly Row location will have unique, customized spaces including a Boston Celtics-inspired custom basketball room, #BostonBae neon sign, rainbow seesaw, steel/reflective room, "Fresh Prince of Bel Air"-inspired room and a "Revospin" room for 360-degree videos.

General admission is \$25 for a 1-hour time slot, \$15 for kids

up to 12 and it is free for kids up to 2 years old. Ring Lights are available for rent to enhance the images, and changing rooms are open for quick outfit changes. The space is also available to rent out for team bonding, birthday parties, bachelorette parties and corporate events.

The founder and CEO of Selfie WRLD, Ashley Wilkerson, is a cancer survivor and a long-time professional photographer. She

sold her home at the beginning of the pandemic and used some of the money to create the first Selfie WRLD in Des Moines, Iowa. She created something similar to a photography studio, but one that amateurs could use too. From there, it has grown exponentially throughout the United States.

For more information or to make reservations, visit https://selfiewrldboston.com/.



Mothers Out Front making Somerville green

By Bella Levavi

Chapters of the national organization, Mothers Out Front, are working in Somerville, devoting their time and expertise to fighting climate change at the local level.

The organization started in Somerville and Cambridge in 2012 when one mother had the idea to include mothers in the climate change conversation. Now there are 20 local chapters in Massachusetts, and the organization has mothers fighting in 20 states across the country.

On September 14, the Healthy Soil chapter of the organization will host a movie night showing short films Wild Hope and Marion Stoddard: The Work of 1000 at the Somerville Community Growing Center. This event was moved from earlier in August when it was originally cancelled due to extreme heat. Randi Soltysiak explained that the event is designed to get people inspired to join the movement.

When the organization was in its first year of existence, Soltysiak arrived at a movie showing far after the film had started playing. After putting her children to bed, and arriving at the event in her pajamas, she talked

to the organizer and was persuaded to join the group.

Soltysiak explained the group functions on a relational level. Mothers Out Front take time to get to know each other and create a "safe space" before they begin any work.

"... I think it makes a difference when your kids see you doing that..."

People at all levels and backgrounds can join the group. The organization is not made up of only mothers despite the name, there are also people without children in the organization. Despite this, the group is women led, and they help with childcare and other barriers that often stop mothers from participating in activism.

The chapters are split into subgroups so people can join at any level of involvement. Some people in Mothers Out Front work with legislatures, some make packets to encourage people to send postcards to their represen-



The Healthy Soil chapter of Mothers Out Front will host a movie night on September 14 spotlighting climate change issues. - Photo courtesy of Mothers Out Front

tatives and companies, some run workshops to train members different organizing strategies, some people's work is concentrated on environmental justice in the organization, and some lead songs during actions.

One long standing project the group is working on is fighting to mitigate the heat island on Somerville Ave. between Porter and Wilson Square. One moth-

er noticed all the trees on the street died. When they asked the city to replace the trees, the city responded they cannot replace the trees because there are gas leaks in the area.

When Eversource, one of the two utility companies of Somerville, refused to acknowledge the gas leaks in the area, Mothers Out Front filed an official complaint with the department of public utilities. "We feel that it's an important area to prioritize the repair of the gas leaks so that the trees can be replanted to provide shade and air quality mitigation to enable human beings to live and work without serious hazards to health and wellbeing," Soltysiak said.

Along with these two Somerville actions the group is also pressuring Continued on page 11

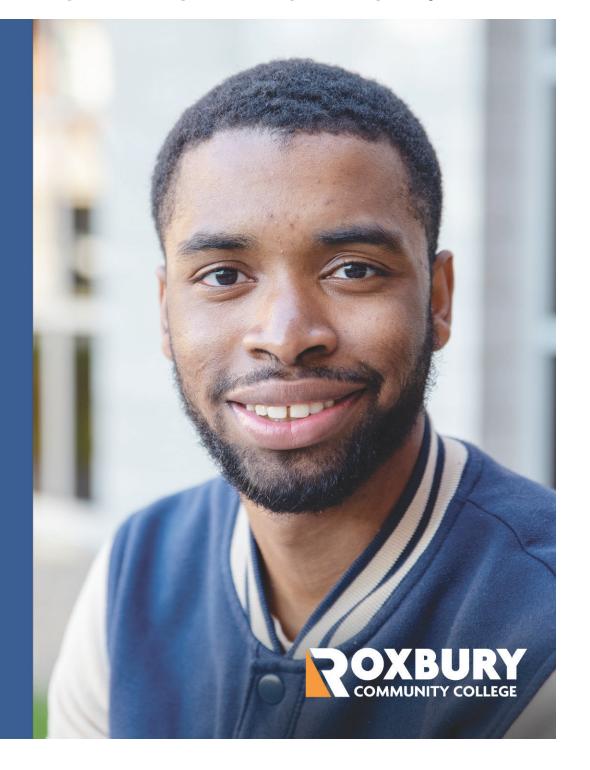
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Somerville Human Rights Commission advocates for Executive Director

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

On Thursday, August 26, the Somerville Human Rights Commission held a monthly virtual meeting focusing on the overall functioning of the commission.

The meeting, hosted by Commissioners Christopher Spicer-Hankle and Lara Versari, mainly concentrated on the pressing need for an Executive Director for the Human Rights Commission.

Members of the public wishing to give their input into the proceedings of the commission also attended virtually. The town hall was held through Zoom and a recording of this meeting is available online on the Somerville government website.

After a quick introduction and pleasantries between Commissioners Spicer-Hankle and Versari, the commission moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on July 29.

The July 29 minutes included a summary of a previous visit by members of the U.S. Attorney's Office. These members spoke on anti-hate and anti-bias efforts.

According to the minutes, "Commissioner Christopher introduced his guests from the U.S. Attorney's Office. First, he gave background on the HRC's prior discussions on the topics, including note of the events at Noor restaurant earlier in the year, the offering of bystander

training (last year and upcoming), online form to report hate incidents through the SPD webpage (now available to be submitted anonymously), and voiced concerns of one town resident earlier in the year."

Following the approval of these minutes, the commission began to discuss their need for an Executive Director.

"We're partly advocating that we participate in that process, what we're doing is holding the conversation to say we should have an Executive Director," Spicer-Hankle said. "Much of June was spent offline, just doing the advocacy to say it's part of our charter."

In addition to their search for



Somerville Human Rights Commission Co-Commissioner Christopher Spicer-Hankle.

an Executive Director, the commission also wants to fill the seats of the commission in order for it to function.

One of the members of the public, Derrick Rice, summarized the goals of the commission concisely.

"Filling a position as soon as possible for an Interim Director so that this commission can function, and one of those primary metrics of functioning is filling the seats," Rice said.

Early voting schedule announced

Somerville voters will have the option to vote early in the September preliminary election. Four days of in-person early voting will be held prior to election day on Tuesday, September 14.

All early voting will take place in the City Council chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. Please remember that face coverings are required in all City buildings. The schedule for early voting is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- · Wednesday, September 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- · Thursday, September 9, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

As a reminder, voters also have the option of voting by mail this fall. More information on voting by mail can be found at somervillema.gov/votebymail. For those who would like to vote in person on election day, the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14.



Somerville to hold annual 9/11 procession and memorial ceremony

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the City of Somerville's Department of Veterans' Services invite residents to join the annual procession and memorial ceremony to mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Anyone interested in joining the procession should meet at the Cedar Street end of the Community Path at 9:30 a.m. At approximately 10:00 a.m. there will be a speaking program and the presentation and retiring of the colors by the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Honor Guards at the 9/11 memorial in Davis Square.

Participants are encouraged to wear face coverings for this event.

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The Board of Elections Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Council for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

WARD ONE

Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street; Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street;

Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;

Precinct 3. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street;

Precinct 1. A room PROPERZI MANOR, 13-25 Warren Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;

Precinct 3. Gym at St. Catherine's Church; 179 Summer St;

Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue:

Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;

Precinct 2. Gym in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue;

Precinct 3. Gym in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue;

WARD SIX

Precinct 1. George Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St;

Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the WEST BRANCH LIBRARY, 40 College Avenue;

WARD SEVEN

Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, Raymond Avenue Entrance directly across from

Precinct 3. A room in the VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Get ready to say "bye-bye" to summer.

Our View Of The Times



How much do we love summer? It's certain that we all feel varying degrees of enthusiasm for the season. Some may live to revel in the warm sunshine, while others might prefer a cooler climate, even to the extent of pining for snowy picture-postcard scenes straight out of Currier and Ives.

Something that we should all be able to agree on is the fact that the nice weather sure makes it easier to get around to do fun and exciting things. Whether visiting friends and family - within the confines of COVID-19 guidelines - going to the seashore or nearby woodlands, there is plenty to do here in this beautiful and environmentally diverse part of the world.

Think of it. We are blessed with such a rich variety of natural wonder and pulchritude in our surroundings, it's almost a shame that we cannot share it with everyone, nationwide.

Of course, we encourage visitors to come and see what we are always talking about when we brag about our lovely environs. But sometimes the thought can come to us that maybe it is best to keep such a good thing a bit of a secret, so that it shouldn't be spoiled by the rough treatment of outsiders.

Such selfishness is beneath us, though, and we should continue being generous

As we bid farewell to summer once again, let us bear in mind that the great seasonal cycle brings beauty and splendor to us on a year-round basis.

So, break out the rakes, snow shovels and ice skates. As fall and winter approach, we'll find plenty more to do and enjoy.

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the community's ideas into designs. Look out for updates from them in October when they'll be sharing back the findings and preliminary designs with the public.

********* The East Somerville Market will be

closed for Labor Day. They will return on Sunday September 12, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at their new location: **East** Somerville Library, 115 Broadway, Somerville. For a list of vendors visit https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets. org/market.

The September breakfast and lunch menus are available on the Food and Nutrition Services website: https:// somerville.k12.ma.us/fns. Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students enrolled in Somerville Public Schools.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to our own photographer, Claudia Ferro. We can't say enough nice things about her, we are very happy to have her as our photographer. We wish her a very happy birthday and know she will have a great day with her husband Sal and all of her family around her. Happy birthday Patty Op-

pedisano. We wish her a great day. Happy birthday to the sister of our former publisher, Marilyn Publicover, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to hard working city employee, Nancy Gaudet Bacci. Happy birthday to Judith Medeiros, we wish her very happy day for herself. Happy birthday to local realtor and successful developer, Stephen Bremis, of the famous Bremis Real Estate. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Nancy Batterton, Thomas B Mercier, Donna M Morabito, Mary Casavant, Len Glionna, Dennis Kacoyanis, Nick Stavre, Guillermo Samuel Hamlin, Justin Moeling and Billy Harrison 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. ********

Registration is open for musicians who want to participate in this year's Porch-Fest on Saturday, October 2. Performers will be given a time to play based on where they are located: west of Willow Avenue performs from noon to 2:00 p.m., between Willow Avenue and Central Street performs from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and east of Central Street performs

from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Performers who want to register should sign up at somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest by Thursday, September 30.

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

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

Rosebud American Kitchen & Bar, Davis Square is hosting Hostess & Little Debbie Milkshake Month. Grab a milkshake with your favorite Hostess/ Little Debbie treat. Each week through mid-September, a different dessert will be showcased: Cosmic Brownies from

August 29 to September 4, HoHos from September 5 to September 11, and Nutty Buddies from September 12 to September 18.

********* Seek housing assistance before eviction moratoriums expire. Somerville's residential eviction moratorium is in place until September 15, 2021, and the federal moratorium has been extended until October 3, 2021. In light of these extensions, the city is urging anyone who may need it to proactively seek financial support now to avoid later threats to housing stability. Support is available through the Office of Housing Stability (OHS) for tenants who need help making overdue payments or upcoming payments. Services are also available to help landlords pay mortgages and bills that would be covered by rental income. Somerville residents in need of assistance can contact OHS at 617-625-6600 ext. 2581 or fill out the referral form at somervillema. gov/ohs.

Call for light artists and performers for the **Ignite festival**. Application deadline, September 7. The Somerville Arts Council is issuing an open call to artists Continued on page 12 working in various

FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's Cams 110

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Which U.S. state was the first to make Labor Day an official public holiday?
- white?
- 7. Which sport is also known as tenpins?
- 2. In what year did Labor Day become an official federal holiday?
- 8. Rain contains which vitamin?
- 3. The unicorn is the national animal of which country?
- 9. In the original Wizard of Oz, what is the color of the slippers?
- 4. Losing My Religion was a hit for which alternative rock band?
- 10. In which year did the Gulf oil spill incident occur?
- 5. How many players play water polo?
- 11. Which male tennis player has won the highest number of grand slams?
- 6. In fashion, when was it considered to be the last day when it is acceptable to wear

GRAND ALASKAN

12 days, departs May - Sep 2022

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promo code N7017

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy plus up to \$299 in taxes & fees. Single supplement and seasonal surcharges may apply. Add-on airfare available.
of Ocean View or Balcony Cabin. Offers apply to new bookings only, made by 9/30/21. Other terms & conditions may apply. Ask your Travel Consultant for details.

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CRUISE & TOUR

12. How many breaths does an adult take daily? Answers on page 10

SUDOKU

SOCIAL MEDIA

ACROSS 1. The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

- 5. Hallucinogenic drug
- 8. Some special effects, acr.
- 11. Chip in Vegas
- 12. Cordelia's father in Shakespeare play
- 13. One in squirrel's stash
- 15. Dissenting clique
- 16. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
- 17. Type of lemur
- 18. Popular messenger
- 20. Mosque prayer leader
- 21. Down Under marsupial
- 22. Thanksgiving serving
- 23. 100 days of snapping, e.g.
- 26. Military's inactive force
- 30. Repeated Cuban dance step
- 31. The Kinks' lead singer, a.k.a. godfa-
- ther of Britpop
- 34. Late December season
- 35. Rough, as in voice
- 37. Chop off
- 38. Stephen King's "The
- 39. "Do ____ others..."
- 40. Strep throat organ
- 42. File a suit
- 43. Sewing pearls on a wedding gown,
- 45. One with authority
- 47. Army bed
- 48. Space path
- 50. Law school test acronym
- 52. Unique social media identifier
- 55. Latin dance
- 56. "Place" in French
- 57. Sacred Hindu writings
- 59. Post-mortem bios
- 60. Actress Campbell
- 61. African chieftain
- 62. Recipe amt.
- 63. Nirvana's "Come as You _
- 64. Badger's den

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- 1. Current tense of "had"
- 2. All over again

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CROSSWORD

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. In English, four is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value. 2. In Hartford, Connecticut, it is illegal for a husband to kiss his wife on Sundays.



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- 3. Eczema symptom
- 4. Second shot
- 5. Corporate department
- 6. Salpae, sing.
- 7. Type of coffee maker
- 8. Elizabeth McGovern's "Downton
- Abbey" role
- 9. Inspiring horror
- 10. As opposed to outs
- 12. Capital of Zambia
- 13. Bruce Wayne's _ ___ was Batman
- 14. Message under a post
- 19. Bootlicker
- 22. Da. to a Russian
- 23. Done to social media past before ap-
- plying for job?
- 24. Feudal lord
- 25. Haile Selassie's disciple
- 26. Gym exercises
- 27. Comedy Central's "critique"

- 28. Dolby Theatre to Oscars 29. Often considered wise
- 32. Video blog
- 33. Charge carrier
- 36. Audio series
- 38. Killed, like dragon
- 40. Big bang maker
- 41. Permeate
- 44. I to Greeks, pl.
- 46. Sheet music line, pl. 48. Basketry stick
- 49. Clark Kent actor Christopher
- 50. Black, yellow and chocolate dogs
- 51. Parking spot for a boat
- 52. Bone in human forearm
- 53. Bernie wearing mittens, e.g.
- 54. Do this before posting?
- 55. Chronic drinker
- 58. It's open to interpretation
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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	3	9	1	7	5	2	6	8	4
	8	2	6	1	4	3	9	5	7
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Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle: R|S T|E REEP L|E|X S|U|R|G|E ODE TRIA 1 0 COUNTRY R|S|V|P T | O | O | T|U|P|I A|I|R|S|A 0 O T D|E|M|U|R TOP DRAW R L Α C|R|A|B T|E|N S|A|T|N|A|V| | | S | T | Y E A H|A|L |V|R|E|A| U E M U O N D | I | A | N | A SITIOIAITI DOG A D L E M M|E|ED S

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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.

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Economic empowerment and cannabis in Somerville

By Joe Creason

In an August 2 special meeting, the Licensing Commission granted the owners of Advesa MA a major step on their way to establishing a recreational cannabis dispensary in Somerville. The Commission awarded the Economic Empowerment priority applicants a marijuana retailer license, with several conditions, including that they must first receive a long list of approvals from other Somerville entities before the license is issued.

However, for the owners of Advesa MA, this is just another phase in their journey to carry messages of economic opportunity, reparative social justice and health wellness to the neighborhood of Ball Square

While Advesa's story to become a part of the Somerville community fabric starts in November 2018 with the passing of the City's Adult Use Cannabis Licensing and Zoning Ordinance, Advesa's owners have a long history of socially conscious work in the cannabis industry.

"We founded Advesa with our primary mission of implementing a dispensary that embodied the economic empowerment mission of repairing the harms done by cannabis prohibition through employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals," said Advesa part-owner Jessica Pelletier.

Pelletier says her career in the world of cannabis started in 2013, when she applied for a dispensary license in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Though her efforts were stymied by a moratorium on dispensaries implemented by the local planning and zoning committee, Pelletier says this was an experience that would prepare her for the future.

"As a result of learning so much throughout this process, I decided to go into Cannabis Consulting just as the industry was coming into existence. There was a lack of qualified Cannabis Business Professionals, especially women cannabis professionals at the time so the demand was certainly there," Pelletier says.

After gaining more industry experience working with public and private companies, Pelletier applied for Economic Empowerment Priority Status with her husband Tony Verzura and longtime business partner Michael Latulippe with the Cannabis Control Commission in 2018.

"Because each of us individually has engaged in successful social justice efforts related to cannabis, we were successful in obtaining Economic Empowerment Priority Status. Part-owners Shanel Lindsay, Tatiyana Benjamin, and Isiah Benjamin were also certified Economic Empowerment Applicants, and had earned their own certification for a variety of contributions to social justice efforts," said Pelletier.

Pelletier says Somerville is one of only a handful of municipalities that have placed priority on the Cannabis

Control Commission's social equity program which the Advesa team is a part of, and Somerville's deliberate action to ensure social equity plays a role in the cannabis licensing process made them confident in their application in Ball Square.

"Our organization actively wants to make a positive difference in the community we operate in, and when our team came across the SomerVision plan with its focus on diversity, sustainability, and innovation we knew we had found a great fit for one of our retail stores," Pelletier said.

The Advesa team was also enticed by prospects for future growth in the Ball Square neighborhood, promoted by provisions in the SomerVision plan for further utilizing public transportation and sustainability.

Pelletier says that Somerville city officials have been very welcoming and accommodating throughout the application process, especially given that adult use cannabis licensing is a recently implemented procedure that carries certain nuances for all parties involved.

"It is a new industry, we're all trying to feel our way through it by adopting best practices from other states and municipalities," said Licensing Commission Chair Joe Lynch.

Lynch says that adult consumption of cannabis has popular support, with 73 percent of the Somerville population voting in favor of recreational use. It is the job of Somerville municipal entities as a planning apparatus, to develop a valid host agreement for hopeful retailers, determine the need of the city and assess any need the general public has stated.

"I see this is a business like any other business that comes before the Licensing Commission," Lynch said, "some approvals will be easier than others depending on location and other factors,"

While Advesa was granted a marijuana retailer license with conditional approval, both the Licensing Commission and the owners of Advesa acknowledge that these conditions are not unusual and were heavily influenced by input from the residents of Ball Square.

"Due to the high level of public engagement with this particular licensing process, it should be known that just because Advesa received conditional approval, doesn't mean it is a done deal," Lynch said.

Conditions such as operation by appointment only for the first 6 months and the restriction of contracts involving armed private security guards, are the preferences of the Licensing Commission and surrounding neighborhood as there is no precedent for the potential community effects of a store like Advesa in Somerville.

"The conditions only come into play, if we receive all of our local and state approvals. The conditions are effective upon the issuance of the license," Pelletier said.



While Advesa MA was granted a marijuana retailer license by the Licensing Commission, a number of provisional conditions are yet to be met before their doors can open.

Pelletier says they are hopeful about life," Pelletier said. the prospects of receiving the license, and if they are successful in obtaining the full range of approvals, Advesa will embody the SomerVision plan of sustainability, diversity, and social equality in Ball Square.

"We intend to give back to the neighborhood and participate in every possible activity that will encourage a reduction of stigma towards cannabis businesses. We will hire individuals from the neighborhood who were harmed by cannabis prohibition and give them the dignity and pathway forward they deserve in

The owners of Advesa say they are extremely grateful to everyone who has shown support to them throughout the licensing process, and they believe that it is extremely encouraging to see the wealth of support both from the Ball Square neighborhood, both residents and businesses, and the residents of Somerville as a whole.

Advesa will hold its next neighborhood Q & A over zoom on September 22 at 6:00 p.m. For those interested in attending, please visit shopblueriver. com/events.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Federal Realty Investment Trust are pleased to announce a Rental Lottery for 31 Income-Restricted Units!

Miscela, Assembly Row, 485 Foley Street, Somerville First Units Ready For Occupancy In January 2022

Lottery Applications available online starting on August 30, 2021: https://form.jotform.com/210403447754048

* Rents are not based on each applicant's income (unless they already have a Section 8 voucher or similar). Tenants are responsible for paying all their gas, electricity, water and sewer. No parking spots are included in the rent but parking spots are available for the reduced rate of \$75/mo.

Unit Type	Disabled- Accessible (DA) and Hearing- Impaired (HI)	Minimum Gross Annual Income	Minimum Household Size	Approx. Size (subject to change)	# of bath- rooms	No. of Units	Monthly Rent (not including utilities+ parking)
Sixteen (16) 50% AMI Apartments							
Studio	1 DA+HI	\$28,200*	1	482-580 sqft	1	3	\$1,002-\$1,021
1 BR	1 DA+HI	\$30,192*	1	581-1,098 sqft	1	9	\$1,034-\$1,054
2BR	N/A	\$36,420*	2	1,119-1,205 sqft	2	3	\$1,223-\$1,245
4BR	N/A	\$46,704*	4	1,570 sqft	2	1	\$1,528
Fifteen (15) 80% AMI Apartments							
Studio	N/A	\$47,001	1	453-540 sqft	1	2	\$1,336-\$1,355
1 BR	N/A	\$47,001	1	594-701 sqft	1	7	\$1,394-\$1,414
2BR	1 DA+HI	\$53,701	2	829-1,318 sqft	1-2.5	5	\$1,656-\$1,678
3BR	N/A	\$60,401	3	1,287 sqft	2	1	\$1,879-\$1,905

MAXIMUM Gross Annual Income Limits					
No. of people in your household	For units set at	For units set at			
	50 % AMI	80% AMI			
1	\$47,000	\$47,001 - \$70,750			
2	\$53,700	\$53,701 - \$80,850			
3	\$60,400	\$60,401 - \$90,950			
4	\$67,100	\$67,101 - \$101,050			
5	\$72,500	\$72,500 - \$109,150			
6	\$77,850	\$77,850 - \$117,250			

Applications will be available at the conclusion of the first Info Session and online here

https://form.jotform.com/210403447754048

The first Info Session will be held on August 30th, 2021 at 6:00pm via YouTube at https://youtu.be/Sf3lsNw16go and the second Info Session will be held on Sept 7th, 2021 at 6:00pm via YouTube at https://youtu.be/KeE07gJyv_M (or just search for SEB Housing on YouTube, it will still be available after the live recording) and via Conference Call: (425) 436-6200. Code: 862627.

Application Deadline: application must be completed and delivered by 2 pm on September 29th, 2021

The Lottery will be held on October 19th, 2021

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to ng.com or call (617) 782-6900 (x1 and then x1) and leave a me Miscela@sebho

Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's Deputy Director of Health and Human Services, Nancy Bacci, at <u>617-625-6600 x</u>2250 or <u>nbacci@somervillema.gov</u>.





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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE **MAYOR**

GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 - 7-28.

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7359908052840089616

Webinar ID: 323-686-587

TO CALL IN

Phone Number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 446-224-933

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DETERMINATIONS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE **DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

HPC.DMO 2021.19 - 15-16 WINTER HILL CIRCLE

Applicant: Raymond A. Snow

Owner: Raymond A Snow, trustee of 84 Linden Realty Trust

Demolish principal structure

HPC.DMO 2021.20 - 16 WOODBINE STREET

Applicant: Sal Querusio

Owner: Mark R. & Jill T. Ardelino Demolish principal structure

DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (LOCAL HISTORIC DIS-TRICT PROPERTIES)

HPC.ALT 2021.48 - 8 ALDERSEY STREET

Applicant: HKF Construction Owner: Judith Klausner

Installation of rear pergola

HPC.ALT 2021.45 - 36 CHERRY Street

Applicant: Mark Colling Owner: Jared Floyd

Alterations to garage structure

HPC.ALT <u>2021.50 – 33 WARREN Avenue</u>

Applicant: 33 Warren Ave, LLC Owner: Same as applicant

Retroactive Commission approval for removal of exterior feature vis-

ible from a public way Please see City website at

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

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from for the Various Electrical and Systems Replacements at Various Developments for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Nangle Engineering Inc.

The Project consists of: Smoke alarm, loadcenter and video intercom system replacements at four sites, fire alarm control panel repair at Brady Tower and switchgear replacement at Weston Manor.

The work is estimated to cost \$729,713.00 (including all alternates)

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

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of Electri-

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2021 and posted online, forthwith.

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be submitted online at www.Projectdog.com. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. E-Bid tutorials and instructions are available within the specifications and online at

www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, call Projectdog, Inc at (978)499-9014. M-F 8:30AM-5PM.

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

Bid forms and contract documents will be available on Wednesday September 1, 2021 at www.Projectdog.com or for pick-up at: Projectdog, Inc, 18 Graf Road, Suite 8 Newburyport, MA 978-499-9014 (M - F 8:30AM - 5PM).

Go to $\underline{www.Projectdog.com}$ and login with an existing account or click Sign Up to register for free. Enter Project Code **845439** in the project locator box. Select "Acquire Documents" to download documents, review a hard copy at Projectdog's physical location, or request a free project CD.

Bidders may obtain one full paper bid set from Projectdog for a refundable deposit of \$75.00 made payable to Projectdog in the form of certified check or money order. The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to all responsive bidders returning the Contract Documents in good condition within ten (10) days after date of general bid opening. Otherwise, the deposit will become the property of Projectdog, Inc. Bidders requesting their refundable paper set to be mailed must supply a non-refundable shipping and handling fee of \$35.00 payable to Projectdog.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for observation at 10:30 am Thursday, September 9, 2021, starting at Weston Manor, 15 Weston Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145.

The inspection is an opportunity to visit and observe the site only. Any oral interpretations offered at the site inspection are non-binding. Any questions must be submitted in writing to the Designer, at the e-mail address on the Project Manual cover, no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the date stated above for the receipt of guotes. Questions after that time may not be responded to, at the sole discretion of the designer.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

> Joseph Macaluso, Executive Director Somerville Housing Authority

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department Middlesex Probate and Family Court**

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI21A0508SJ

SUMMONS on COMPLAINT FOR DEPENDENCY PURSUANT TO G. L. c. 119, § 39M

Alma Y Vasquez Ulloa, Plaintiff

Juan Ramon Mejia Rivas, Defendant "Parent One"

To the above named Defendant:

You are ordered to appear at the Middlesex Probate and Family Court for a hearing on this Complaint for Dependency Pursuant to G. L. c. 119. § 39M

Information about the hearing:

Motion

Date: 10/13/2021 Time: 09:00 AM

Place: www.Zoomgov.com/my/gargas

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Thomas Logan, Esq.

Whose address is:

Barrales Law 98 North Washing St

Suite B5 Boston, MA 02114

your answer, if any, to the complaint for which is herewith served upon you, within **7 days** after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. You are also required to file a copy of your answer to the complaint in the office of Register of this Court at Middlesex Probate and Family Court, either before service upon plaintiff's attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Witness, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 16, 2021

Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate**

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Corte Familiar Corte de Familia de la comunidad de Middlesex

MIDDLESEX Division

Numero de caso. MI21A0508SJ

CITACION de **QUEJA PARA LA CUSTODIA** SEGÚN G. L. c. 119, § 39M

Comunidad de Massachusetts

Alma Y Vasquez Ulloa, Demandante contra Juan Ramon Mejia Rivas, Demandado "Primer Padre"

Al Se ordena su presencia en la Corte de Familia de la Comunidad de Middlesex para una audiencia sobre esta Queja para la Custodia según G.L.c. 119, § 39M.

Información acerca de la audiencia:

Moción

Fecha: Octubre 13, 2021 Hora: 09:00 AM

Lugar: www.Zoomgov.com/my/gargas

Por la presente, se le convoca y se le exige que preste servicio en: Thomas Logan, Esq.

cuya dirección es: Barrales Law 98 North Washington Street Suite B5 Boston. MA 02114

su respuesta, si existe alguna, dentro de los 7 días posteriores a la recepción de esta citación, excluido el día del servicio. También debe presentar una copia de su respuesta, si la hay, en la oficina del Registro de este Tribunal en la Corte de Familia de la Comunidad de Middlesex, ya sea por servicio en el demandante o la abogada del demandante, si lo tiene, o dentro de un plazo de tiempo razonable en lo sucesivo.

Fecha: 16 de Agosto, 2021

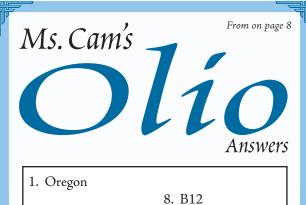
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10. 2010

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11. Roger Federer

6. Labor Day and 23,040 breaths

per day

7. Bowling

Somerville seeks new members for **Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee**

The City of Somerville is seeking resident volunteers to join the Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC). Founded two years ago, PTAC provides input on policies, plans, and projects that impact public transit riders and pedestrians. The committee consists of transit and pedestrian commuters; persons with disabilities; seniors, youth and students; business and institutional representatives; lower-income residents; and transit or pedestrian advocates.

Committee members will be appointed for a two-year term.

Staff support to PTAC is provided by the City's Mobility Division. PTAC meets with diverse subject experts, assists in stakeholder engagement, supports data collection and topical research, reviews project plans and prepares policy recommendations to the city. Major areas of focus include street and sidewalk design, traffic calming interventions, traffic signal operations, MBTA bus service planning and bus priority infrastructure.



How to Apply:

Interested community members should send a brief statement of interest and information on any relevant qualifications to transportation@somervillema.gov and SomervillePTAC@gmail.com by noon on Friday, Sept.17, 2021

Mothers Out Front making Somerville green **CONT. FROM PG 5**

the state to change to more velopment of renewables." renewable energy sources. The organization is targeting utility companies by approaching them and requesting their plans of switching from gas to wind and solar. "Say tomorrow everybody goes out and buys an electric car," Soltysiak explained. "The electricity is still coming from gas, so what needs to happen is utility scale de-

Mothers Out Front is part of many coalitions locally, statewide, as well as nationally. In Somerville, Mothers Out Front is part of the Climate Coalition of Somerville, which includes Fossil Free Somerville, Green and Open Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, as well as many other organizations. These organizations work together to increase their

power, and they invite each other to show up to their individual actions.

Soltysiak urged anyone to join climate action groups in any capacity, even if it is not Mothers Out Front. "It makes a big difference and it's not only that it makes a big difference in the world, it makes a difference to you and I think it makes a difference when your kids see you doing that."



Dorothy's Corner

The Sweeter Side of India

I was introduced to a dessert called magas a couple of weeks ago. A friend came over for a visit and brought a few of these sweet squares to try. I was instantly intrigued by this flavor profile and I asked how they were made. I was lucky enough to have a lesson from my neighbor, Shakuntla Patel, who was kind enough to share this recipe. It's a common dessert of Gujarat in North East India. It has a nutty and buttery flavor and is best described as a fudge that is rich, dense and sweet.

2 Cups of Ghee (clarified

butter), 14 Oz jar, Reserve 1 Teaspoon

2 Cups Chickpea Flour or Gram Flour

1/8 Cup Milk

2 Cups Sugar

1 Teaspoon Cardamom

You will need a 6-quart stock pot and a quarter sheet pan (9"x13") for this recipe. Add the reserved teaspoon of ghee to the sheet pan and grease the bottom and sides of the pan and set aside. Place the ghee into the stockpot along with the chickpea flour, and blend well with a heat resistant spatula.

Over medium heat, while constantly stirring to avoid scorching, stir the mixture until it is smooth and gives off a slightly nutty aroma, about 10 minutes. Bring it

to a rolling boil and add the milk. Make sure the mixture doesn't boil over. Stir for another minute and take it off the heat and let it sit and cool for 15-20 minutes. Add the sugar and cardamom and stir until well blended. Pour the mixture into the greased pan and let sit at room temperature for about 3-4 hours.

Cut into squares and place into an airtight container. I found by placing the pan in the refrigerator for about 15 minutes made them easier to cut and remove from the pan. These little treasures will hold for weeks in an airtight container stored at room temperature. That is if they last that long.

The chickpea/gram flour and ghee can be found at



your local Indian grocery market. Little India, 438 Somerville Ave., Bombay Market, 359 Somerville Ave., both in Union Sq. and New Delhi Market,

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16th Annual HONK! Festival

Yes, it is indeed happening this October during Indigenous Peoples Day weekend. Yes, definitely mark your calendars. In pen.

The plans are already in motion, with HONK! organizers collaborating with local community groups, to allow for this year's HONK! to convene right on their own neighborhood's doorsteps. To be held outdoors, in-person, on-site, in many small gathering places within the local area's decentralized neighborhoods. This year, HONK!'s intention is to reach communities that have not been able to participate in the past, for example Nubian Square in Roxbury, while also retaining HONK!'s historic connection to Davis Square in Somerville. With flexible safety precautions all in place, adaptable and adept enough to pivot, depending on what is required for neighbors to gather safely at that time.

This year, all the participating HONK! bands will hail from nearby locations. The rule of thumb being that all participants will need to be local enough, so that at the end of any given HONK! day, they can all return home and turn in on their very own beds.



HONK! 2021 will be the year to achieve its smallest carbon footprint ever, while still delivering multiple neighborhood events co-sponsored by grassroots community organizations, and featuring over 15 local brass and percussion bands who spread joy and justice wherever they perform.

HONK! always strives to think globally by acting locally. But this year the plan is to delve even deeper into neighborhoods that constitute the hyperlocal communities that make up Boston and its adjacent cities. This year, HONK! is collaborating and organizing side-by-side with activist groups right on their own neighborhood turf. During HONK!, street bands will join them where they live.

HONK! Sunday (Oct. 10th) will be devoted to presenting a series of online workshops on topics of interest to the HONK! community. Some of these will be internal-only, and some will be open to the general public. The full list of participating neighborhoods, local bands, and public workshops will be available soon after Labor Day weekend.

HONK! Festival – Festival of activist street bands. October 8-10, 2021. Various neighborhoods throughout Boston and adjacent areas. Outdoors on Fri.-Sat., rain or shine. Public online workshops on a range of HONK! topics, presented on Sun. Free and open to all. For further information: www.honkfest.org, info@honkfest.org, 617-383-HONK (4665).

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genres in the field of light for this year's Ignite Festival - an evening celebration of global culture and all things illuminated. They are open to ideas for light and are particularly interested in work that responds to the Ignite festival theme. Proposals could include, but are not limited to: illuminated roaming performers, artists who incorporate light as a focal point of their performance, and/or light-based installations. To review the guidelines and apply, visit: somervilleartscouncil.org.

The City of Somerville Elections Department is hiring polling place workers for the municipal elections on September 14 and November 2. Polling place workers will be paid \$200 per day and work from 6:30 a.m. until shortly

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

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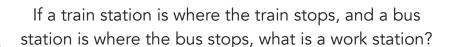
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Back to School Jitters CONT. FROM PG 3

It's now all water under the Ball Square Bridge.

I still have nightmares that I am in school, facing an exam, with no pencil, and in my pajamas. I am glad my kids like school. For me it was a bad memory except for the talent shows and drama performances. They tried to

make me repeat one class with the same blow-hard macho, head tripping idiot that flunked me the first time. That's when I dropped the college course. HA HA!! I still went to college anyway! And I still carry a grudge against that jerk teacher. I never needed his jive class at all. I have been counting on my fingers for years and it has worked out just fine! I would like to give my thanks and gratitude for all the great teachers I had over the years. I would also like to express my thankfulness for all the awesome teachers my kids have. A lot of my friends and former

classmates are now teachers!

After working very closely with the Somerville School Department over the past year, I am happy to report that we are very lucky to have the best schools possible. Times have changed for the best and any student in the Somerville Public Schools can

look forward to the best education they can possibly get.

So as my kids return to school, I will go back to laying out their clothes, preparing their snacks, forcing them to go to bed, prying them out of bed and keeping them off You Tube until their homework is done.

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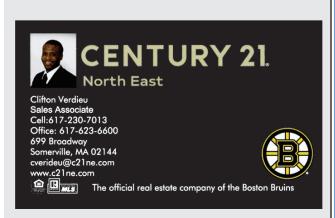
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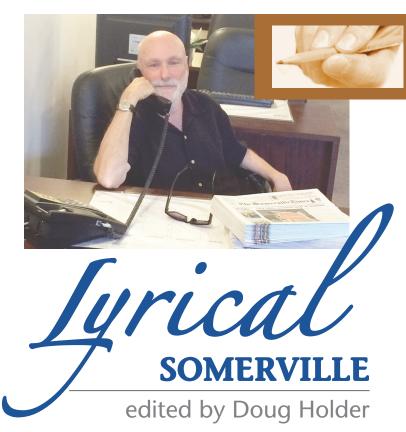
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Gerry Grubbs is an attorney. He has several books from Dos Madres Press, his most recent is Chrysanthemum Moon. This poem touched me because it is about his communication with his late wife. We are sort of fellow travelers.



A New Way To Listen

When my beloved calls now I cannot hear her voice Her voice is the dew On the morning flowers So I must learn A new way to listen

She calls and it is The sound of the sea on the sand Sinking and withdrawing Now coming again Now again

My beloved calls And says my name As a ray of sun Illuminating all Her voice falls on

How can she be so near When I feel so far away

I hear the birds sing And it is her voice calling For my light to rise

Her voice is the sky Full of that blue That knows how to call me And I am the cloud that her voice calls And that she fills with rain Which is falling As my tears fall Emptying me out To be filled again And again As it pleases her

And it pleases her to find me Even when I am not looking for her She still comes She still watches over me The way a song watches Over its notes by singing Me into existence.

— Gerry Grubbs

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OFF THE

by Doug Holder

Somerville Novelist Clea Simon:

Mines her Rock and Roll Past for a New Mystery Novel

Somerville writer Clea Simon has written a number of books, ranging from a cat/mystery series, to a book exploring the mental illness of her brother. She has a new novel out Hold Me Down, that according to the publisher's website is about:

"Gal, a middle-aged musician, is back in Boston to play a memorial for her late drummer/best friend, when she finds herself freezing on stage at the sight of a face in the crowd. The next day, she learns that the man she saw has been killed - beaten to death behind the venue - and her friend's widower is being charged in connection with his death. When the friend refuses to defend himself, Gal wonders why and, as the memories of begin to flood back, she starts her own informal investigation. As she does so, she must reexamine her own wild life, her perception of the past, and an industry that monetizes dysfunction in a dark tale of love, music, and murder."

Simon has had a long career as a journalist, and started out as a rock critic. I had a chance to catch up with her for this interview.

Doug Holder: Your new book is a step away from your cat mysteries. What compelled you to write a mystery about a middle-aged rock star?

Clea Simon: I've always had a dark side, Doug. Even some of my cat books have been dark. The Ninth Life, which kicked off my Blackie and Care series, was a dystopian fantasy set in a ruined future. But Hold Me Down is really revisiting familiar ground for me. The music scene, for sure. I spent most of my 20s as a rock critic, writing for everyone from Boston Rock and Sweet Potato Magazine to the Boston Globe and Rolling Stone. But Hold Me Down also mines my own past, including some trauma and the resulting PTSD that in some ways I've only recently come to terms with.

My 2017 mystery - World Enough (a Massachusetts Book Award "must read" - also took place in and around the music scene. That book dealt with the fallibility of memory, really, or how as we age we have to reevaluate our nostalgia for our youth. I guess one of my recurring themes is how we need to revisit our visions of the past and grapple with our illusions, if we're going to grow and move on. Hold Me Down certainly involves Gal, my protagonist, taking some hard looks at her past, particularly her time in the clubs leading up to her fame, and finally coming to terms with her own evasions and the half-truths she's convinced herself are

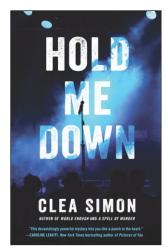
I've always enjoyed my cat "cozies," as those gentle mysteries are called, and I plan on writing more. But this is a different side of me, and it needs a slightly different format – psychological suspense rather than traditional mystery. I still enjoy working within the confines of crime fiction, but a writer needs to stretch.

DH: You started out as a rock critic. Can you talk a bit about your stint? Any memorable anecdotes about the clubs, and musicians in the Boston milieu?

CS: Sure, I loved it! The music was visceral and strong, and the scene became my tribe - where I found my people. I could tell you about hanging out with the Butler brothers of the Psychedelic Furs, or the time I got a little lost in my notes while interviewing Johnny (Rotten) Lydon, and he started teasing me, "Earth to Clea!" But what really stays with me are the shows at clubs like Jumpin' Jack Flash, TT the Bears, the Channel, and the Rat - especially the Rat, which felt like a second home for a few years. I got the Boston Herald to let me write a local music column for a while back then, because I wanted to let the world know what was being done by innovators like the Zulus and Throwing Muses and garage rockers like the Prime Movers, the Blackjacks, and the Outlets. I met several lifelong friends there - fellow music writers

like Ted Drozdowski, Brett Milano, and Paul Robicheau, and through them their partners and families - and then through them my husband Jon.

It wasn't an easy way to earn a living. I had a succession of largely crappy part-time jobs to supplement my writing, which was



largely freelance. And so when I started getting fulltime journalism jobs, I cut back. Times change, and I didn't have the energy after a while. But there's still nothing like live music to get me going.

DH: Is your protagonist, Gal, a composite of people you knew on the scene? Was she developed with a particular person in mind?

CS: She's me and she's also purely fictional in that I was never an addictive type - for which I'm grateful and never been involved in a murder. Gal, for example, was a real rock star for a few minutes back there, even though she's been off the road and out of the spotlight for a few years by the time of the book. I've played in bands, but I've never gone beyond the club level - and I certainly never enjoyed the stardom or the craziness that Gal does. For me, the idea of a performer, the tension between the private and the public self, and the dysfunctional nature of the industry were key. Not that this is a book about the music industry, but it gave me a way to explore personal issues that interest me.

As far as the setup – a lot of what Gal goes through I knew just from being around music and covering the industry, radios, record labels, and the like. But to make sure I got the details right I did interview a few friends who were much more successful musicians. They provided some great anecdotes about life on the road as well as certain insights, which inform the book. For example, my buddy Lisa Susser - who sang with Vision Thing - mentioned one day about how you can see so much from the stage and so I used that. It becomes a motif, in a way, for what Gal, my protagonist, sees or thinks she sees. That was just a coincidence: a fun fact that suddenly unlocked something in my protagonist's psyche - and gave me a way to show it.

DH: Hold Me Down is the title of the book, and also the title of a hit song by the protagonist. How did you come up with this? How is it related to the theme of the book?

CS: Hold Me Down is Gal's big hit but it's also her cri de coeur, her appeal to the universe. Through flashbacks we see her writing that song and learn what it means to her. It came to me like it came to her - in a flash that just felt right. Over time, I came to understand it as, I believe, does Gal.

DH: You moved from Cambridge a few years back to Somerville. How has the writing life been in our city, compared to the Republic?

CS: I adore Somerville! Right away, I loved the availability of city services, but I've also found a real community here. No offense to Cambridge, I still have great friends across Beacon Street and, really, I consider myself a citizen of Greater Camberville. But, for example, Somerville poet - and Pulitzer winning critic - Lloyd Schwartz and I are planning a joint reading event, probably for next spring. Poetry and punk-rock fiction. How cool is that?

Simon has an event scheduled with Harvard Book Store for October 28, which will be online.

