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Local organizations such as Project Soup are helping to provide food for those in need throughout the city.
— Photo courtesy of Project Soup

By Eileen Qiu

Somerville has an estimated SNAP gap of 53 percent. Around 700 individuals in Somerville likely eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are unenrolled according to 2020 statistics from the MA Department of Transitional Assistance.

Food insecurity, instigated by rising costs and the COVID-19 pandemic increased by 55% from 2019 to 2020, with Latinx and Black residents disproportionately affected according to a survey conducted by the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Language barriers, location, transportation and financial hardship may plague families facing food insecurity according to Jessie Alvira, resident services coordinator at the Claredon Hill Towers.

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Somerville Museum holds 'My Neighbor Is A Museum Block Party'

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

On Saturday, September 18, the Somerville Museum held their *My Neighbor is a Museum' Block Party* along with an opening for a new exhibition entitled *Penny Chronicles and the Stories They Tell*.

The block party was held on Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 1 Westwood Road, where the Somerville Museum is located. There was live music, food, local artwork, raffles and games.

The block party was held as a fundraiser for the Somerville Museums' *Access for All & More Campaign* which seeks to make the 100-year-old building more accessible to the Somerville community.

President of the Board of Trustees for the Somerville Museum, Barbara Mangum spoke about the museums' intentions to move the museum to the 21st century. "We have been on a capital campaign since last Continued on page 4



The *My Neighbor is a Museum Block Party* hosted by the Somerville Museum offered festive activities as well as an opportunity to help support the museum.
— Photo by Fernando Cervantes Jr.



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Positive COVID cases in Somerville are rising. The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Somerville has risen from 32 in June to 147 in July to **328 in August**. See the latest Somerville case data at somervillema.gov/covid19dashboard. Need a COVID test? Go to somervillema.gov/covid19testing to find a testing location.








Two **Pfizer vaccine clinics** open to all people age 12+ will be held at the locations below. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Identification is not required. The **CHA vaccine site** at 176 Somerville Ave. (next to Target in Union Square) and many local pharmacies also offer walk-in vaccinations. To find out more about these three clinics and where else you can get vaccinated, visit somervillema.gov/vaccine. If you’re not vaccinated, make a plan today to get your shot. **Friday, September 24:** West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd., 3-5 p.m. **Monday, October 18:** City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **At-home vaccinations available:** Massachusetts offers in-home vaccinations for anyone who can't travel to a vaccination location. To learn more and sign up for an in-home vaccination, call (833) 983-0485.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a great Somerville person, **Lori Pino**, owner of **Amal Niccolli** in Ball Square. We wish her a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to the now retired **Somerville Homeless Coalition** director who is always around the city, **Mark Alston-Follansbee**, we wish him the very best. Happy

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of September 22 – September 28 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>September 22</i>	Cloudy	79°/67°	25%	14%	SSE 13 mph
 Thursday <i>September 23</i>	Rain	77°/63°	46%	19%	SSE 15 mph
 Friday <i>September 24</i>	Partly Cloudy	73°/60°	23%	11%	S 12 mph
 Saturday <i>September 25</i>	Rain	72°/58°	56%	32%	S 10 mph
 Sunday <i>September 26</i>	Partly Cloudy	71°/56°	25%	12%	W 12 mph
 Monday <i>September 27</i>	Sunny	72°/60°	26%	16%	W 11 mph
 Tuesday <i>September 28</i>	Sunny	74°/59°	22%	11%	WSW 11 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: **Unofficial September 14, 2021 Preliminary Election Results**

dan conley says:

Shocked just shocked I tell you. All these young voters know is identity politics. They vote race, gender, and any other hot social group or cause that’s in. They knew absolutely nothing about the 2 winners they picked believe me. Most of them won’t even live in the City in 2 years they’ll be on to another fight for justice somewhere else.

Ron Newman says:

Maybe they don’t know exactly what they want (as evidenced by a 3-way split), but they sure know what they DON’T want — a loathsome bully. I am glad that the circus part of this election is now over.

yet another poster says:

I think if Dan’s point were the case, all the non-Tauro votes would have gone to Mbah. The fact that it was basically an even split among the three real candidates means people are very much thinking about things. As for Tauro, while I sympathize with a couple of the things he grumbled about, how on earth a guy with that temperament, history and (lack of) intellect expected to break through in a community like this is beyond me – especially when he had so few real ideas to offer as an alternative. Yes, much of what the 3 real candidates campaigned on was just gloss to show they cared about some big issues they’re ultimately not in a position to do anything (or extremely little). But it’s nice having a mayor you can at least empathize with, who cares about the same things, and I like both of the two options. Now I hope the remaining two candidates can dispense with that and show us they really, truly know what the job of mayor entails.

Villinous says:

It’s like clockwork. Every two years there’s a right wing leaning crowd in this city that vows THIS time they’re going to start winning seats in city government and every time they go down in flames. It’s one of the reasons why I love living here.

Bob Ross says:

I’ll admit only 14k votes cast to elect a new mayor for the first time in two decades does raise an eyebrow, but to declare voter fraud Tauro needs to present some sort of evidence, in which (as of yet) he has none.

Villinous says:

The last major mayoral preliminary in the city (2003) only drew 10K votes. This is 40% better.

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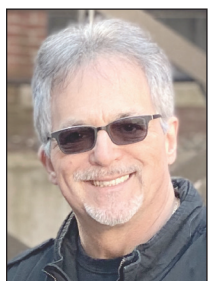
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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Grandfathers



I ran into a guy who has Somerville roots the other day who still has a flip phone. We were talking about social media and in particular Facebook

and how you can get in trouble posting certain comments and photos. He mentioned that he only had a couple of pictures on his flip and one of them was his pride and joy his young grandson. He showed the photo as a smile came to both our faces. So, I started thinking about grandfathers.

A lot of guys my age are blessed by their children giving them grandkids. What a gift! Much better than a tie or a bottle of cologne! Even if you don't have grandchildren of your own you can find joy by sharing the happiness of your friends, cousins and relative's grandchildren. It's one of life's advantages of the aging process.

I've done stories where I've shared tales of my grandpa, so I'm dedicating this one solely to our grandfathers. It's that important. My dad was called grandpa, just like we called his dad.

My Grandpa came to Somerville around 1915 and was the custodian at the old Bingham School. I've mentioned that before. Maybe you knew him? He

passed in 1964. His name was Giuseppe but people called him Joe.

I decided to write this week's story about Somerville grandfathers. I am pretty sure I mentioned the wall that they built in the backyard out of chunks of discarded Karen creek that made up the sidewalks of Davis Square or someplace around there (I've included a picture of it).

Grandfathers Is a good subject because a lot of guys my age are grandpas.

I had an "Aw, how sweet" moment about 15 or so years ago when I was an usher for a musical my sons were in with a community theater group. One of the cast member's grandpa showed up with cane in hand to watch the show. I was very taken back when I saw the kid go up to him and say "Hello, Grandfather!" He then kissed him. Loved it.

I had another moment when I saw on Facebook recently that the grandfather had passed. But my frown shortly turned into a loving smile when I thought of how much the grandpa was loved and I was also happy that he got another 15 years of life.

Here's a list of the various names our fellow Somervillens' grandkids have for their grandfathers. This is always my favorite part of the column ... audience participation. The response was overwhelming! These are your contributions. All reader's comments are in quotations.



Top left, my dad, Ferdinando (Fred) and my grandparents Concetta and Giuseppe. Bottom left, my aunts Gilda, Gemma and Olga. My dad was scolded for wearing a pin in the photo. He was named after my great grandfather Ferdinando. Me and my brother were called "little Ferds" by our cruel fellow Boy Scouts when we were at camp. Dad came along as a no-nonsense counselor. Good times. Ma familia! Too bad my dad never got to enjoy his two grandsons, but I know he's smiling down.

"My kids called my dad Papa Papa and we called ours' gramps except one cousin he called him cramps. Couldn't say that g

when he was little." off LLC
"Nonno for my Dad's father."
"Grandpa. That's

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Driver vs. dumpster – dumpster wins

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Highland Ave. location last week on reports of a motor vehicle hitting a trash dumpster.

Officers located the scene of the incident near the corner of Highland Ave, and Benton Road, where they spotted a male party, later identified as Karl Baer, of South Boston, standing by the open driver side door of a car.

Baer was asked if he was all right and if he needed any medical attention. He reportedly shook his head side to side and stated that he did not, sighed, and pointed at the car saying he

hit the nearby dumpster.

According to reports, the airbags were deployed in the car and the dumpster had been pushed into the street.

Baer reportedly told police that his friend was driving and he took off running after striking the dumpster. The officers asked Baer why his friend took off and if the vehicle was stolen. Baer reportedly stated that the car belongs to his friend and he just took off running.

The officers asked Baer for his friend's name but he stated he did not know it.

According to reports, Baer was unsteady on his feet. As he got

closer, the officers noticed that his eyes were bloodshot, watery, and they could smell the odor of alcohol on his breath as he spoke.

Baer was asked if he had been drinking and he said that he had a few. The officers asked what he was drinking and he stated mixed drinks.

The officers turned Baer over to EMT personnel to be checked out, but Baer declined medical attention.

The officers informed dispatch that the driver may have taken off and asked if they could call for a tow.

The officers then began to do an inventory of the vehicle,

during which they found a cell phone unlocked on the driver front seat. They asked Baer if the phone belonged to him and he reportedly stated that he did not know.

An officer called the last person to see if some information could be obtained. The spoke to a female listed in the phone contacts, who stated the phone belonged to Baer. The call dropped before her information could be gathered.

The officers continued to conduct their inventory and found a Massachusetts registration with Baer's name on it and a set of plates which were active.

Baer was asked once again who the vehicle belonged to and he reportedly stated that he did not know. When asked if he had been driving, he stated that he did not know.

Baer was asked if he would consent to field sobriety tests, at which time he reportedly shook his head and said, "No."

At this point, the officers informed Baer that he was being placed under arrest for operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Baer was transported to the Somerville Police Department and booked on the above stated charge.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210 Help Keep Somerville Safe!

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:			
Devonte Evans McCormick , of Weymouth, September 8, 2:10 p.m., arrested at Middle St. on charges of discharge of a firearm within 500 ft. of a building, armed	assault to murder, and carrying a firearm with ammunition.	Kirby Calixte , September 9, 7:05 p.m., arrested at Vernon St. on a charge of armed and masked robbery.	on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class B drug, and armed robbery.
	Raul Landaverde , of Chelsea, September 9, 7:05 p.m., arrested at Watts St. on a warrant charge of armed and masked robbery.	Rene Peralta , September 14, 8:23 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave.	Karl Baer , of South Boston, September 15, 12:48 a.m., arrested on a charge of operation
			of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.
			Marc Russell , September 16, 7:48 p.m., arrested at Adams St. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

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need for food banks or supplemental programs prior to the pandemic may feel that they'll recover despite all odds, without realizing how long it could take. There could also be shame associated with experiencing new struggles, according to Alvira.

Community Action Agency of Somerville offices are closed due to the pandemic, but Ashley Tienken, Director of the Housing Assisting Program, said HAP's benefits specialist will assist households facing food insecurity by applying for SNAP benefits if eligible or

refer them to a food pantry if there is hesitation around applying for SNAP.

"Clients can't walk in to inquire about services and no in person meetings are being held, but we are still fully open in the sense of all staff are working," Tienken said.

The culture surrounding undocumented households from seeking benefits have prevented families from applying to food stamps as well, she said.

The public charge rule, no longer in effect now, also contributed to dissuading some house-

holds from seeking help.

When a household is facing food insecurity but doesn't want to apply for SNAP benefits due to immigration status or other reasons, then Market Basket gift cards are available in the offices as well. However, it isn't enough to sustain a family of four for more than 2-3 weeks.

"There is always a greater need," Tienken said. "It is always very limited and it is contingent on funding,"

Tienken thought of what the impact for families with children who have to remain at

home due to COVID-19 exposure after her own child had to quarantine due to possible exposure. She was fortunate enough to be able to take time off work to care for her child, but someone less fortunate might not have the luxury.

"If your child is home for seven days, you are likely losing work and you are likely needing to pay more for groceries at home because you are missing out on free lunches and breakfasts at school," she said.

Somerville continues to work with Project Soup, a food deliv-

ery program for people who are in quarantine and at risk of running out of food, Lisa Robinson, Director of Shape Up Somerville said. Local pantries continue to drive food to households who are quarantining as well.

"It was all hands on deck early in the pandemic and so many of our care and school providers and liaisons were helping with this effort," Robinson said.

Project Bread offers a food source hotline available in 160 languages. People may also call 311 to be connected to food resources.

'My Neighbor Is A Museum Block Party'

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year, raising money for an elevator addition and all these other renovations that are inside, were trying to bring the museum to the 21st century for the people of Somerville," Mangum said.

This campaign has also been successful so far, according to Mangum, the museum has raised over \$2 million towards their 2.7 million goal.

"We needed to raise 2.25 million to do all the renovations,

and we've already raised 2 million so we're really excited," Mangum said.

Moreover, Alison Drasner, Assistant Director of the museum and main organizer of the block party, spoke on why this party was organized. "The primary purpose is to raise awareness about the museum, the museum is everybody's neighbor, we're a neighborhood museum," Drasner said.

Drasner also commented on how the reaction from the community towards the event was positive as a whole. "People have been really receptive to it, I hope that people are enjoying it, especially the neighbors. We've made an effort to reach out to them, we'd love for them to be more involved," Drasner said.

Penny Chronicles and the Stories They Tell held its opening, and the block party was a good

way for people to visit the exhibit. Director of Exhibits for the Somerville Museum and curator of the exhibition David Guss spoke about the exhibit and the meaning of it. "It's a sort of unusual look at the Somerville history as inspired by postcards. The postcards in particular come from an era which is called the golden age of postcards," Guss said.

About 50 people were in atten-

dance at the block party, which had Mangum feeling positive about the event as a whole. "I love the fact that we can listen to the music out here, it's really festive and were getting a lot of people coming through and saying, where can I donate, it's just what we were hoping for," Mangum said.

More information on museum exhibits and programs at <http://www.somervillemuseum.org>.

What the Fluff? Festival – Sweet 16: Onward & Fluffward!



What the Fluff? A Tribute to Innovation is a multi-day madcap festival from September 22-26, honoring the invention of Marshmallow Fluff in Union Square. This festival celebrates Somerville’s proud tradition of innovation with live music, fluffalicious feasts, games, zany happenings, and much more.

This year, COVID-conscious What the Fluff? stares adulating down like only Somerville can. No FOMO here! Call your fam, DM your friends, and claim your invite to this Union Square milestone, Sweet 16: Onward & Fluffward!

Scores of local businesses open their doors – and patios! – to lure Fluff lovers to a safe yet scrumptiously sticky soiree unlike ever before. Fluff enthusiasts will delight in Fluffalicious Feasts, Flufftastic Fluff Stuff, and frolicking with fellow friends-in-Fluff, making this What the Fluff?, the sweetest evah.

Union Square eateries, breweries, cafes, shops, and Fluff fans look onward and fluffward together as each participating business cooks up their own special take on celebrating this Square’s roots.

Get Onward and Fluffward, brah!

Boogie down with live performances at The Jungle Community Music Club

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<https://www.flufffestival.com/>

DCR Traffic Advisory: Foss Park parking lot in the City of Somerville



Beginning Monday, September 20, and continuing through Friday, October 29, excluding weekends, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement a closure of the Foss Park/ Latta Brothers Memorial Pool parking area in the City of Somerville from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accommodate work on the Latta Brothers Memorial Pool Modernization Project.

No roadways will be closed or blocked due to this work, but the public is advised to be cautious of construction vehicles entering and exiting the site at the Fellsway West/ Jaques Street intersection. Where: Foss Park/Latta Brothers Memorial Pool parking area in the City of Somerville.

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Somerville Virtual Open Houses:

Evening Session
Tuesday, October 5, 2021
7:00 PM–9:00 PM

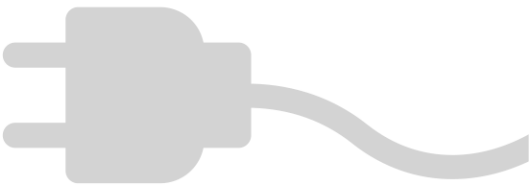
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Thursday, October 14, 2021
12:00 PM–2:00 PM

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker so far in the 2021 session.

Of the more than 7,000 bills that have been filed for consideration, only 47 have been approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the governor. And only 20 of those were bills that affect the entire state while the other 27 were either sick leave banks or other local-related measures applying to just one city or town. Sick leave banks allow public employees to voluntarily donate sick, personal or vacation days to a sick leave bank for use by a fellow worker so he or she can get paid while on medical leave.

Here are six of the 20 important statewide-related bills signed into law including comments from legislators at the time the bill was approved.

CLIMATE CHANGE (S 9)

House 145-14, Senate 39-1, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a lengthy climate change bill. A key section makes the state’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal net zero by 2050.

Other provisions in the measure codify environmental justice provisions into Massachusetts law by defining environmental justice populations and providing new tools and protections for affected neighborhoods; provide \$12 million in annual funding for the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to create a pathway to the clean energy industry for environmental justice populations and minority-owned and women-owned businesses; require an additional 2,400 megawatts of offshore wind and increase the state’s total authorization to 5,600 megawatts; set appliance energy efficiency standards for a variety of common appliances including plumbing, faucets, computers and commercial appliances and set benchmarks for the adoption of clean energy technologies including electric vehicles, charging stations, solar technology, energy storage and heat pumps.

“History has been made ... with the passage of the Next-Generation Roadmap bill,” said Rep. Tom Golden (D-Lowell). “The roadmap sets us on a strong course to net zero by 2050 and significantly advances offshore wind, truly representing the best ideas from both chambers. Hats off to the House and the Senate for holding firm on ambitious emissions targets.”

“Massachusetts leads the nation in reducing carbon emissions, of which there are some measures that I have supported,” said Sen. Ryan Fattman who was the only senator who voted against the measure. “However, this legislation, often described as ‘far reaching’ by the media and economic experts, will ensure the costs of building homes and commercial economic development dramatically increase, making us the most expensive state in the nation to live and do business. In this time of economic recovery from COVID-19, this is not only inadvisable, it is detrimental to the long-term interests of keeping Massachusetts affordable and prosperous.”

“Today, the Legislature will take an important step toward a cleaner, healthier future by putting the climate bill back on the governor’s desk,” said Ben Hellerstein, State Director for Environment Massachusetts. “I applaud House and Senate leaders for preserving the key elements of last session’s bill, including energy efficiency

standards for appliances, expanded offshore wind procurements, and a requirement for at least 40 percent of Massachusetts’ electricity to come from renewable sources by 2030.”

“There is little doubt the legislation ... will cost taxpayers and businesses greatly in the future,” said Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance Executive Director Paul Craney. “The only questions that remain are just how much it will cost them and how ordinary, working-class families will be able to pay for it moving forward. Today’s legislation puts ideology ahead of common sense. It asks nearly every resident to make economic sacrifices in order to achieve unrealistic and ideologically driven climate goals.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

HELP BUSINESSES AND WORKERS (H 90)

House 157-0, Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that supporters said will stabilize the state’s unemployment system and provide targeted tax relief to employers and workers.

Provisions exclude Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans from being taxed by the state in 2020; exclude \$10,200 of unemployment compensation received by an individual with a household income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level from gross income for tax purposes; and create a mechanism ensuring all employees will be able to access 40 hours of paid sick time for any COVID-related issues, including testing positive, needing to quarantine or caring for a loved one.

Other provisions waive penalties on unemployment insurance taxes; freeze unemployment insurance rates paid by employers and extend the state’s tax filing deadline from April 15, 2021 to May 17, 2021. Businesses would also face a new surcharge, in the form of an excise tax on employee wages, through December 2022 to help repay interest due in September on the federal loans.

“The House and Senate enacted legislation to make important updates to our state’s Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which has provided an economic lifeline for so many families in need,” said Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury), House chair of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development. “Our actions today will prevent a sharp increase in rates on our businesses, help stabilize the fund over the longer term, provide tax relief to lower income jobseekers and ensure that needed jobless benefits continue to flow.”

“Massachusetts employers faced a significant increase in their unemployment insurance costs, with employers’ experience rates scheduled to jump from \$539 to \$858 per worker this year,” said Republican House Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). “This legislation mitigates that increase by freezing the rate schedule. Restaurants and small businesses, already struggling financially during the COVID-19 pandemic, secured federal Paycheck Protection Program loans to keep their businesses afloat and save employees’ jobs during the pandemic faced a collective tax bill of \$150 million. This legislation will make sure their forgiven loans will not be subject to state taxes.”

“Over the past year, thousands of Massachusetts workers have lost pay, or even lost their jobs, because they needed to stay home from work due to COVID symptoms, or to recover after receiving a vaccine,” said Steve Tolman, President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. “Countless other workers have gone to work even when they might be sick because they can’t afford not to get paid. Workers need Emergency Paid Sick Time.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$400 MILLION FOR NEW SOLDIERS’ HOME IN HOLYOKE (H 3770)

House 160-0, Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a bill authorizing \$400 million to fund the construction of a new Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke. The push to construct the new home follows the deaths of 77 veteran residents last year as a result of a COVID-19 outbreak at the current facility.

The bill also provides \$200 million to increase geographic equity and accessibility of long-term care services for Bay State veterans with a focus on areas that are not primarily served by the soldiers’ homes in Chelsea or Holyoke.

“Rebuilding the soldiers’ home in Holyoke and increasing access to services for our veterans is necessary and long overdue, especially after tragically losing many residents of the soldiers’ home to a COVID-19 outbreak last year,” said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington). “This funding will ensure that the commonwealth’s veterans are met with the services that they deserve and that address their unique and changing needs.”

“As the senator for the city of Holyoke and the Soldiers’ Home, I know what this new home means to so many in our community,” said Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), Senate chair of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. “This has truly been a long and emotional process that started well before this legislation was first filed. From the very start, families and veterans gave me a very clear message: ‘Get this done.’ We could not let them down and I am proud to say that we have not let them down ... The funding authorized in this bill will ensure that the future residents of the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home and veterans across our commonwealth receive the care with honor and dignity that they have earned in service to our nation.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 3951)

House 150-0, Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that includes authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The \$350 million package, a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds, also includes \$150 million to pay for bus lanes, improvement of public transit, electric vehicles

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and other state transportation projects.

“When building a better normal post-pandemic, investment in transportation infrastructure is crucial,” said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). “Our communities should feel that their infrastructure is reliable and making it easier for them to go back to their normal activities.”

“This legislation recognizes that in addition to the backlog of local roads in need of repair, there is an unmet need for local projects that benefit all modes of transportation,” said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House chair of the Committee on Transportation. “And I am pleased that the Legislature was able to provide municipal assistance for road work and expanded funding for towns and cities to advance public transit and reduce congestion.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$48.1 BILLION FISCAL 2022 BUDGET (H 4002)

House 160-0, Senate 40-0, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law, after vetoing millions of dollars in spending, a compromise conference committee version of a \$48.1 billion fiscal 2022 state budget for the fiscal year that began on July 1.

The budget was based on new estimates that tax collections in fiscal year 2022 will increase by more than \$4.2 billion above the amount originally predicted by the governor, the House and the Senate. In light of the pandemic, elected officials had for months braced themselves for a substantial decrease in tax revenues and a cut in some programs and/or even a tax increase.

The new estimates also led to the conference committee’s cancellation of a planned withdrawal from the state’s Rainy Day Fund of at least \$1.5 billion. Officials also project a \$1.1 billion deposit into the fund which will drive its balance to \$5.8 billion by the end of fiscal year 2022. It also cancels a plan to raise fees on Uber and Lyft rides in order to generate new money for cities and towns, the MBTA and other infrastructure projects.

Other provisions include a \$350 million fund that could be used in future years to help cover the cost of the \$1.5 billion school funding reform law passed in 2019; permanently extending the state’s tax credit for film production companies in Massachusetts; and a new law, based on a bill filed by Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) that will provide victims of violent crime and human trafficking enhanced protections.

“The conference report ... upholds our Senate values, charts a hopeful path forward for our commonwealth and more importantly reflects our priorities,” said Senate Ways and Means chair Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport). “We maintain fiscal responsibility and ensure our commonwealth maintains healthy reserves for years to come. It safeguards the health and wellness of our most vulnerable populations and new supports for children and families.”

Although she ultimately voted for the budget, Sen. Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) said that she objected to the fact that legislators were given only a few hours to read the 434-page bill before voting on it. The budget was released late on a Thursday night and was voted on Friday afternoon.

DiZoglio said that positioning members to take a vote on something they did not get adequate time to review is not acceptable. “If we keep doing this over and over again, it’s not going to magically become acceptable,” she said. “The fact that we didn’t get even a day to review this is very disappointing. But what’s more disappointing ... is the fact that those in our communities who have a stake in what happens in the bill before us, those it will impact most—our schools, our elderly populations, those who are coming from positions of powerlessness, those folks, probably many of them, still don’t even know that we’re taking this bill up today. And yet we continue to call what happens in this chamber part of the democratic process.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the budget.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

COVID-19 POLICY EXTENSIONS (S 2475)

House 150-10, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a conference committee version of legislation that

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We Are In It To Win It!

On November 2nd

Write In: William Tauro

A billboard for William Tauro's campaign for Mayor of Somerville. It features a large photo of William Tauro, a man in a suit and tie, standing next to a white van. The text on the billboard reads: "WILLIAM 'BILLY' TAURO FOR MAYOR" and "WWW.BILLY4MAYOR.COM".

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"Out to save Somerville"

WILLIAM "Billy" TAURO

Candidate for Mayor of Somerville 2021

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Paid for Committee to Elect William Tauro

On November 2nd

Either: "Write it", "Stick it" & "Dot it"

An official early/absentee ballot for the preliminary election in Somerville, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021. The ballot is for the Mayor position. It lists two candidates: WILL MBAH (122 North Street) and KATJANA BALLANTYNE (49 Russell Road). There are instructions for how to vote: A. To vote, fill in the oval(s) to the right of your choice(s) like this; B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each choice; C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and fill in the oval. There are also instructions for writing in a candidate: "Please write 'William Tauro' here or apply sticker here!" and "Please feel free to bring this to the polls with you!". A red arrow points to the "Write in" space, and a red arrow points to the "Dot it" instruction.

William Tauro

COMMENTARY

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A closer look at the Sept 14 election results



By Ken Brociner

As practically everyone in town knows by now, City Councilor Will Mbah will be facing off against fellow City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne in the November 2 election to determine who Somerville’s next mayor will be. In the Sept. 14 primary, Mbah finished in first place with 30 percent of the vote with Ballantyne finishing a close second with 27.8 percent. Longtime administrator and first-time candidate, Mary Cassesso, just barely missed qualifying for the November election as she came within a mere 79 votes of tying Ballantyne for second place.

The clear consensus is that Will, Katjana, and Mary ran honorable campaigns, and that all three put forth consistently progressive positions on the most important issues facing the 80,000 or so residents of Somerville.

And then there is William “Bil-ly” Tauro. To absolutely no one’s surprise, after Tauro suffered a resounding defeat by finishing in last place with only 14.8 percent of the vote in the mayoral pri-

mary, he took a page right out of the Trump playbook. He cried “voter fraud.” Rumor has it that Tauro is so determined to “stop the steal” that he drove all the way to Arizona to track down all those votes he claims he was cheated out of.

The only other races that were on the primary ballots last week were those for City Council in Wards 5 and 7. Altogether, out of a total of 58,766 registered votes in Somerville, only a disappointing 15,034 (25.6%) of the electorate cast ballots.

In Ward 5, Tessa Bridge finished first with 43 percent of the vote and will face off in November against Beatriz Gómez Mouakad, who finished second with 40.9 percent. In Ward 7, Judy Pineda Neufeld came out on top with 37.2 percent of the vote. On November 2, she’ll square off against Becca Miller, who came in second with 35.9 percent.

But there is a whole other back story to the races in Wards 5 and 7, as well as in the races for the At-Large seats on the City Council. As was reported on the front page of the Boston Globe on April 5, the spokesperson of the Boston chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) was quoted as having said that, “Our goal is to take over Somerville and to start implementing a Green New Deal ... free transit, defunding the police, creating affordable housing,

bringing back rent control...”

With the exception of “defunding the police” – which I addressed at some length elsewhere, none of these reforms are particularly controversial with the majority of the electorate in Somerville. Although pledging to “start implementing” free transit and rent control reveals a basic ignorance about the relationship between the state government and the hundreds of cities, towns, and municipalities in the Commonwealth.

But the main problem here is not with DSA’s ideology or agenda per se (I myself have been a socialist since the early 70s). Instead, it has to do with the breathtaking arrogance behind its vow to “take over Somerville.”

However aghast some of the DSA candidates for City Council may have been by the pledge to “take over Somerville,” the fact is that, to the best of my knowledge, not a single DSA candidate for public office in Somerville has publicly criticized or attempted to distance themselves from their sponsoring organization’s openly stated goal.

One can only speculate about why none of them have done so. But one reason may be that the Boston Chapter of DSA has, through emails and other forms of social media, helped to raise considerable amounts of money in the form of campaign contributions for each and every DSA member running in a contested

election for the Somerville City Council. Notably, many of these contributions are coming from people who not only don’t live in Somerville, but also from people who may not have ever set foot in our community and know next to nothing about our city.

Perhaps an even more important advantage that the DSA backed candidates have had is the number of out-of-town volunteers that have been coming to Somerville on a regular basis. In fact, at least one van and several carloads of DSAers came all the way from Worcester go to door to door in Ward 7 in support of Becca Miller. Similarly, people in Ward 5 have commented on how many out-of-town volunteers have been knocking on their doors to drum up votes for Tessa Bridge.

While there is nothing illegal or unethical about soliciting and receiving campaign contributions or recruiting volunteers from outside of Somerville, it does raise a number of important questions, such as: Do these DSA volunteers really care about the future of Somerville – or are they mostly trying to increase the visibility, influence, and reputation of the Democratic Socialists of America?

One indication that the Boston chapter of DSA has been stressing the organizational and ideological factors involved in the City Council races in Somerville has been its repeated calls (on its

website) to help make Somerville attain “the first socialist majority city council in American history.”

Though somewhat curiously, I have yet to hear any of the DSA candidates for City Council even mention this goal. Perhaps they have concluded that being more forthright about Boston DSA’s strategy would turn off an important segment of Somerville voters. Might this same concern explain why not a single one of the DSA candidates have included their support for the “abolish the police movement” on their campaign websites?

I have no doubt that all of the DSAers running for seats on the City Council are well intentioned people who care about the future of Somerville. But it seems to me that Somervillians need to decide if they want to vote for candidates sponsored by an organization that sees the “takeover of Somerville” as a stepping stone in its organizational and ideological strategy, or vote for the outstanding collection of independent minded progressives who are running for both Ward and At-Large seats on the City Council.

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

Healey Community Play Area ribbon cutting ceremony, September 28

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 4 City Councilor Jesse Clingan invite you to a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Healey Community Play Area, 5 Meacham Street, on Tuesday, September 28, at 2:00 p.m.

The new playground, formerly known as the tot lot, features state-of-the-art play structures for children ages 2 through 5, an expanded natural area with log seating, and bright colors and graphics. The design was developed in partnership with the Healey School community and the Friends of Healey group. Renovations were funded entirely using Community Preservation Act funds.

The Healey Community Play Area is the first phase of a larger, transformational schoolyard renovation project focused on equity and access that is currently under construction and expected to be complete in the summer of 2022.



COVID Vaccine Clinic, September 24

The next opportunity to get your first or second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is Friday, September 24, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd. Everyone age 12 years and older is eligible to get this vaccine. Students under 18 will need a parent or guardian to fill out the consent form and students under 16 years old will need a parent or guardian to accompany them.

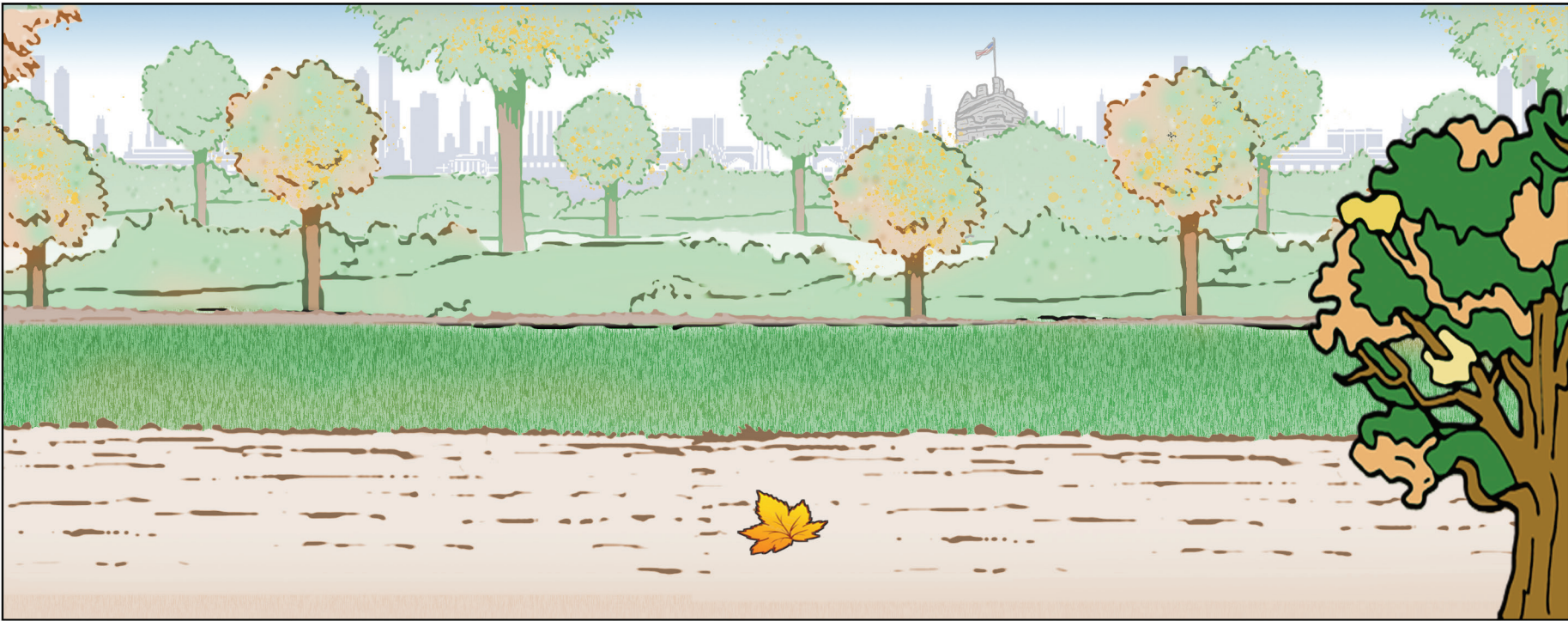
All students 12 and up who wish to participate in non-academic extracurricular activities or athletics must be fully vaccinated by October 20. Pre-register to save time or you can simply walk in to the clinic. Parent/guardian consent forms, pre-registration links, and information about future clinics are available www.somervillema.gov/vaccine.



COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Autumn is here, folks.

Our View Of The Times



Most change leads to a new beginning. That's what they say anyway. It's been a challenging time this past year, and here we are with autumn on our doorstep, bringing with it who knows what?

We've slogged our way through the pandemic with its isolation and deprivation, an incomparably divisive political climate, and who knows whether or not the worst is yet to come?

But as we bid farewell to summer, some are looking forward with hope in their hearts while others harbor fear and trepidation. It isn't difficult to understand either side of it. Both the COVID-19 crisis and the political prospects could go either way. Ultimately, it's up to us to affect the outcomes of these issues.

We have expert guidance on how to control the spread of the virus, and hope-

fully more people will be taking the vaccine in the weeks and months ahead. We know how to keep ourselves and others as safe as possible, even though fatigue from such measures is strong. All one has to do, however, is consider the alternative.

Taking a break from it all by getting out on the road to do a little old fashioned New England leaf peeping can do wonders for the spirit and recharge the wea-

ry. After all, we live in a part of the world where the colors of autumn are breathtaking. Let's not forget that.

A change of season can represent a 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 in the beauty and wonder of life itself. Again, consider the alternative.

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birthday to **Richard Mangan**. We hope he has a very happy birthday as well. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Adelester Chang, Kimberly Barnett, John Morabito Jr., Mark Alston-Follansbee, Ann Sylvester, Julia Gilligan Corsetti, Scott Breen, Lori Pino, Lisa Monaco, Laureen Marie, Joell Johns, Roy Carreiro, Debbie Price King** and **Joseph Leblanc** 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.

SAC and the **Inside-Out Gallery** present featured artist, **Bethany Noel Murray**. Bethany paintings are renderings of the world as it appears through the lens of her chronic migraine symptoms, including ocular aura and a plethora of Alice-in-Wonderland effects. Bethany's aura transforms the world around us and she paints the transformation. This otherworldly vision brings an unexpected eerie joy and shines a spotlight on an otherwise invisible disease. To find out more visit our website at <https://somer-villeartscouncil.org/insideout/noel> and check out her work in person at the **Inside-Out Gallery** at One Davis Square.

Beginning **Monday, September 20**, and continuing through **Friday, October 29**, excluding weekends, the **Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)** will implement a closure of the **Foss Park/ Latta Brothers Memorial Pool parking area** in the **City of Somerville** from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to accommodate work on the **Latta Brothers Memorial Pool Modernization Project**. No roadways will be closed or blocked due to this work, but the public is advised to be cautious of construction vehicles entering and exiting the site at the **Fellsway West/ Jaques Street** intersection.

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and **Ward 4 City Councilor Jesse Clingan** invite you to a **ribbon cutting ceremony** at the newly renovated **Healey Community Play Area**, 5 Meacham Street, on **Tuesday, September 28**, at 2 p.m. The new playground, formerly known as the tot lot, features state-of-the-art play structures for children ages 2 through 5, an expanded natural area with log seating, and bright colors and graphics. The design was developed in partnership with the **Healey School community** and the

Friends of Healey group. Renovations were funded entirely using **Community Preservation Act** funds. The **Healey Community Play Area** is the first phase of a larger, transformational schoolyard renovation project focused on equity and access that is currently under construction and expected to be complete in the summer of 2022.

The **Somerville Board of Health (BOH)** approved a **face-covering mandate** for all indoor public places 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.somerville-ma.gov/sites/default/files/COVID-19-Mask-Order-Proposed-8.21.pdf>.

The **East Somerville Market** takes place on **Sunday September 26**, 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.eastsomervillmain-streets.org/market>.

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

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 somer-villeartscouncil.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!

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Thirteen crossing guard vacancies

City struggles to find replacements amidst the pandemic

By Joe Creason

The Traffic and Parking Committee, Chaired by Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang, was held on Monday, September 20.

A major topic of discussion was the resolution submitted by Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, asking that the city urgently address the insufficient number of crossing guards, and to present to the City Council a plan to ensure student safety in the absence of guards at multiple large intersections.

"Presently, we are experiencing 13 vacancies at crossing guard locations. We believe this is due to the advanced age of many of our crossing guards and the current situation with COVID-19. Right now, we are doing everything we can to alleviate our shortage issue," said Deputy Chief of Police Christopher Ward.

Ward says that human resources is increasing outreach efforts and has created a new brochure which has been posted to the city website and the Police Department website.

"We want the community to know that the Somerville Police Department and Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development are collaborating closely together on this issue," said Director of Mobility for OSPCD Brad Rawson.

Members of the Council had questions regarding the recent outreach efforts.

"I understand there are some complications because of COVID, but to me, putting brochures on websites is not community outreach," Councilor Niedergang said. "Outreach is going out into the community and talking to community leaders who know people and might be able to encourage them to apply, so is anyone doing real outreach?"

Ward says that the police department is in the process of developing a better plan and have posted the new brochures to bulletin boards around the city. Members of the Council also proposed ideas to recruit at faith-based community meetings as well as on school bulletins.

An order sponsored by Councilor At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah called upon the Director of Engineering to install a crosswalk at Woods Avenue and Route 16. The order was posed to Di-



rector of Mobility Rawson for a response.

"This is an item that has been in the committee's box for some time now, discussions we've had in this committee to date identify the really important desire line to connect our neighborhoods across Route 16 to the pools and athletic fields," Rawson said.

"... we are doing everything we can to alleviate our shortage issue"

According to Rawson, OSPCD has installed signalized crossings at High Street, Powder House Boulevard, Broadway and Boston Avenue.

"Since our last discussion, we have been in conversation with the state delegation who has been successful in securing extra funding which would be directed to the Massachusetts State Department of Conservation and Recreation to perform engineering analysis and design new signalized crossing," Rawson said.

While Rawson says that a side street crossing would likely be installed at Woods Avenue, OSPCD is continuing to talk to the Massachusetts State Department of Conservation and Recreation about specifications with regards to the engineering contracts. The funding is sufficient for engineering analysis and design, however further funding will need to be secured to actually construct the signalized crossing, according to Rawson.

"We know many stakeholders are growing impatient for this milestone so we will reach out to the state and report back to the committee," Rawson said.

In an order sponsored by

Councilor Niedergang and Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo, the Director of Strategic Planning and Community Development has been called upon to install flashing STOP signs at the intersection Lowell and Albion Street to prevent accidents caused by speeding or incautious motor vehicles.

"This has been a long-standing issue in the Lowell Street area, neighbors have been advocating for a stop signal at Albion Street for quite a while. The city has made some significant improvements in the area, however the neighbors want more," Councilor Niedergang said.

According to Director of Mobility Rawson, OSPCD is conducting an engineering analysis of the area and speed has in fact been concluded to be the main culprit of danger on that road. Speed Bumps are being proposed throughout the area, including between Hudson and Albion Street, says Rawson.

In an order sponsored by the entire Council, OSPCD has been called upon to reconvene the High School Parking Working Group and provide an update on what is being done to understand and address parking issues for teachers, staff, and residents.

"Councilors have shown their support for our plan to distribute CharlieCard and commuter mobility benefits to 1,400 Somerville students. In addition, we've pushed funding for free blue bikes for City Hall staff and students with stations added to the Central Hill neighborhood and we've freed up parking in the Gilman Square Area for public employees. There's a whole bunch of progress to report to the working group and the wider community so we are looking forward to having those conversations this fall," Rawson said.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #237

A ribbon, a globe and a star

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The year was 1841, one year before Somerville broke away from Charlestown, when the barely nineteen-year-old Eben Dyer Jordan completed his first transaction. The sale was of one yard of cherry-colored ribbon made to a young girl who was his first customer.



One hundred and seventy years ago in 1851, Eben and a fellow shop owner, Benjamin L. Marsh, went into business together. The result of the partnership between these two friends created the largest department store in New England, Jordan Marsh Company, with its policy of "the customer is always right." Through the years, this Yankee household name of "Jordan's" expanded and offered the most extensive array of merchandise in New England for the buyer and his home.



Not everything went well for Mr. Jordan. In 1872, the year Somerville became a city, he led a group of businessmen in establishing the *Boston Daily Globe* newspaper which began to fail in its first year.

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Riverfest 2021

Riverfest 2021 took place on Saturday, September 18, at Assembly Row at Assembly Square. Highlights included live local music powered by PUMA, free family-friendly activities and a fireworks spectacular over the Mystic River. Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos. — Photos by Claudia Ferro and Makayla Lancaster



Somerstreets, Strike up the Bands

Somerstreets, Strike up the Bands took place on Sunday, September on Highland Ave. between Central St. to Lowell St. There were two stages of music and activities including local craft vendors, aerial performances, parkour, activities and games. Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos. — Photos by Courtney Young



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City of Somerville

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on **Thursday the 7th day of October, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.**, at the **Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes. It is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Linda Dubuque, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **18 STICKNEY AVE**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): KADROALDA GARCIA FOR LIFE; GABRIEL D GARCIA TRUSTEE OF THE GARCIA FAMILY 2018 TRUST
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **060E00004000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04197165**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 5,715 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 1530, Page: 139; document # 01793064; certificate # 268268

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

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Total for which Land will be Taken

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **366 LOWELL ST**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): ESTATE OF MARY EREMIAN
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **032C00010000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20142200**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,328 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 46427, Page: 587

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **2 SHERMAN CT 3**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): GE YU
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **071A00016000003**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20075040**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63667, Page: 166

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **38 FLORENCE ST**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): EUGENE L ESPINAL & THERESA A ESPINAL URENA
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **105A00009000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20672110**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,125 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 31550, Page: 530

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **197 WASHINGTON ST 402**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): JINGWEN KAN
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **081A00012000402**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20182330**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 67193, Page: 416

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

Total for which Land will be Taken

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **23 ELM ST UNIT 207**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): KING-HUNG LEUNG, AN-YEUNG CHEE LEUNG & YUN CHEONG LEUNG
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **036C00044000207**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **89900073**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 49542, Page: 104

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **223 HIGHLAND AVE**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): JIM-LING CHIA & SHIO-JU CHEN
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **034E00037000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **01015055**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,750 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 33517, Page: 199

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **322 HIGHLAND AVE**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): JONAS GARCIA & ADROALDA DINIS GARCIA
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **029I00001000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **07266145**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,550 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 14839, Page: 259

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **30A SUMMER ST**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): EDITH BERMUDEZ & ABELINO FABIAN
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **063C0004B000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19630082**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1,480 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 32241, Page: 104

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **337 WASHINGTON ST**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): MARLENE LESLIE
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **064B00022000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **03152080**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2,800 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63341, Page: 207

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **225 HIGHLAND AVE**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): CHIA CHIN-LIANG
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **034E00038000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19601130**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,825 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 56933, Page: 305

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **10 HOLTS AVE**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): AN SOKOLOVSKA
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **083E00025000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13453115**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1,956 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 31151, Page: 135; Book: 28369, Page: 196

Fiscal Year **2020** Taxes Remaining Unpaid

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **66 HUDSON ST**
ASSESSED & CURRENT OWNER(S): OTTAVIA CERBONE FOR LIFE; REMAINDERMEN GIUSEPPE CERBONE, ANTONIETTA MUSTONE, PIETRO CERBONE, HEIRS OF VINCENZA CERBONE BASILE, DANIELA BASILE, SABRINA BASILE
DEMAND: **7/16/2020** PARCEL ID: **042F00009000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **03118035**
DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,739 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 66203, Page: 550; Book: 29810, Page: 348

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131 § 40, the **SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION** will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday September 28th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** to review the Notice of Intent submitted by The Winter Hill Yacht Club, for the dredging of approximately 2450 cubic feet of silt in the travel lift well area. Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2514, or send an email to mdrayton@somervillema.gov for more information.

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020, Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curatone’s Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public meeting will be conducted via remote participation.

TO USE A COMPUTER
Webinar ID
558-681-347
Registration URL
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8867541904523970320>

TO CALL IN
UNITED STATES
+1 (562) 247-8422
Access code: 870-557-862

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

10-U Commerce Way

Woburn, MA 01801

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI21D1103DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Mirvelyne Bernard Barthelemy aka Mirvelyne Bernard

vs.

Christian F Barthelemy

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for [Irretrievable breakdown of the Marriage 1B](#)

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:
Mirvelyne B Barthelemy
109 Marble Street
Apt 11
Stoneham, MA 02180

your answer, if any on or before **10/26/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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


Date: September 14, 2021

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICES

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**City of Somerville
PLANNING BOARD**
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Planning Board (PB)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5160148124980758541>
Webinar ID: 169-232-315

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (914) 614-3221
Access code: 138-988-242

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


872 Broadway 872 Broadway, LLC proposes to construct a 3-story Net Zero Ready general building in the MR3 district, which requires Site Plan Approval.

153 South Street Boynton Yards LandCo LLC seeks approval of a plat plan establishing new rights of way for a thoroughfare, which requires subdivision plan approval.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:00pm** through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1353597088178384397>
Webinar ID: 893-897-739

TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0060
Access code: 433-553-400


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

27 Loring Street Jovie and Kyle Conroy seek an administrative appeal of the Building Official's determination of the building type for the principal building at 27 Loring Street.

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 mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP# 22-09**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites proposals for:

Workforce Development and Placement Services

The RFP package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress landing page <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/33100/home> on or after: **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**. Sealed responses will be received at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm**.

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

Please email purchasing@somervillema.gov for more information.

**Thupten Chukhatsang
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x3400**

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: 15 McGrath Highway

LOCATION: 13-21 McGrath Highway Somerville, Massachusetts

PROPOSER: 15 McGrath Hwy Owner LLC (a joint venture between Leggat McCall Properties LLC, Laben Realty, LLC and DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, collectively the "Proponent").

The undersigned has submitted an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) on behalf of the Proponent. The 15 McGrath Project (the "Project") is subject to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

This will initiate review of the ENF for the Project pursuant MEPA implementing regulations (301 CMR 11.05(7)). Electronic copies of the ENF may be obtained upon request from:

Samhita Saquib
VHB/Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110-2354
617-607-2988
ssaquib@vhb.com

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties.

The Secretary of the EOEEA will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and within approximately seven days will issue a MEPA Certificate. All persons wishing to comment on the Project should write to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the Project.

By: Samhita Saquib- VHB
(agent for the Proponent)

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Answers

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2. Green Bay Packers	8. Perennial plant
3. Kacey Musgraves	9. John F. Kennedy
4. Meryl Streep	10. Diane Keaton
5. Skunk	11. 4 years
6. Speaking In Tongues	12. Christian Bale

**NOTICE OF ACTION
Middlesex County**

BEFORE THE BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

IN RE: The certificate to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician

Joseph R. Merry, Jr.
333 Great River Road #527
Somerville, MA 02145

**17 Florence Street, Apt. 287
Malden, MA 02148-3983**

**150 Rivers Edge Drive, Apt. 408
Medford, MA 02155-5448**

CASE NO.: 2020-24237

LICENSE NO.: EMT569778

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Kimberly Marshall, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9810.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by November 3, 2021 the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 11

He was lucky in recruiting young State Representative Charles H. Taylor, a wounded Civil War veteran and newspaperman.

Taylor dedicated his life to saving the *Globe*, even mortgaging his home on Belmont Street in Somerville. In this effort, the two men and their families remained in close union retaining the *Globe's* circulation and building it up to the largest in Boston. Later, Taylor and his son John would build Fenway Park, own the team, and give the Red Sox its name.

In 1981 the Assembly Square Mall in Somerville opened inside the former Ford Motor Company's Assembly Plant. A Jordan Marsh

store anchored the northern end of the mall. In 1996 the R.H. Macy Company acquired the Jordan Marsh Company's chain and re-branded their stores as Macy's but eventually closed its Somerville's store in 1997.

Rowland Hussey Macy adopted a red star as his company's symbol dating back to his life as a whaling sailor. He was once lost at sea and guided himself back to shore by a star. After that, he sported a red-star tattoo to remind him of his luck but never again went to sea. Today, the 170-year-old-department store that he established is the largest in America and Eben Jordan's legacy still runs through it.

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Guest of honor



Former Somerville Board of Alderman members recently took retired City Clerk John Long out for a dinner.

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would extend many of the measures instituted in Massachusetts during the COVID-19 state of emergency that expired when the emergency declaration ended at 12:01 a.m. on June 15.

The House approved the extensions on June 15 at 8:52 p.m. and the Senate at 8:54 p.m. Gov. Baker signed the bill into law at 9:40 a.m. on June 16. That means that during the more than 33 hours from 12:01 a.m. on June 15 until 9:40 a.m. on June 16, the extensions had expired and were not in effect.

Provisions include allowing public bodies subject to the open meeting law to continue to hold remote meetings until April 1, 2022; allowing cities and towns to approve and extend permits for outdoor dining through April 1, 2022; allowing restaurants to offer alcoholic beverages, including mixed drinks, for off-site consumption with the purchase of food until May 1, 2022; and extending several protections that have been granted to tenants who have difficulty paying rent through April 1, 2022.

Other provisions include reinstating until December 15, 2021, the remote option for representative town meetings and meetings of nonprofits and public corporations; notary services; reverse-mortgage loan counseling; and flexibility for assisted living residences.

Several other matters were not resolved and remain before the conference committee including a House-approved provision keeping the cap on delivery fees charged to restaurants by third parties like Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats at 15 percent of the order price; a Senate-approved requirement that certain in-network telehealth services be reimbursed at the same rate as equivalent in-person services; and a Senate approved extension of mail-in voting.

“This partial report addresses issues common to both the Senate and House bills and is necessary to ensure that critical policies—including those relating to municipalities’ meetings, restaurants, tenants facing eviction, health care and childcare—are available as expeditiously as possible,” read a statement from Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Ronald Mariano and Ways and Means chairs Sen. Michael Rodrigues and Rep. Aaron Michlewitz. “These temporary provisions have been helpful to businesses, municipalities, health care providers, residents and communities during this extraordinary time. We will continue working together to resolve items in the near-term that were not included in today’s conference report, which deserve further consideration.”

“I couldn’t in good conscience vote to kick the can down the road as far as property rights,” said Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk), one of only 10 representatives who voted against the bill. “By limiting homeowners rights to get rid of a nonpaying renter, [the bill] puts many in a terrible financial bind as they still have to pay taxes, insurance, mortgage and upkeep of the building. I do not believe it is fair or constitutional that the government has the ability to seize private property—which is basically what is happening. While I know there are legitimate issues—I would have rather given the judges the ability to use their discretion on a case-by-case basis as opposed to a one-size-fits-all approach that solely favors one class over another.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES (H 769) – The Election Laws Committee held a virtual hearing on legislation that would allow candidates who are parents to use campaign funds to pay for childcare services that they would not otherwise need but for the existence of the campaign.

Co-sponsor Rep. Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge) said he filed the bill to make running for office more accessible to working class folks raising young children. “In order to achieve greater diversity in our elected bodies we need to make it easier for potential candidates to cover the cost of childcare,” said Connolly. “It is time for Massachusetts to join 17 other states and the federal government in making childcare an allowable campaign expense.”

“This legislation is relevant, it is timely and it is well-vetted,” said co-sponsor Rep. Joan Meschino (D-Hull). “If we want a more diverse body of legislators, then we need a more diverse candidate pool, and thus we must be intentional about investing in people, building equity in the system so that we can grow that candidate pool and encourage people from all walks of life to run for public office.”

TREE WARDENS (H 2195) – The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee held a virtual hearing on a measure that would require that every city and town’s tree warden have sufficient training and certification; change the penalty paid to communities for someone who illegally removes shade trees from \$500 to the often higher value of actually replacing the tree; and update antiquated laws including the one that fines anyone who damages a tree or plant by driving an animal into it, but does not mention a car or truck because the current law was passed before the popular use of the automobile.

“The Massachusetts public shade tree law has not been materially updated for 100 years and must be reflective of the time we are living in,” said sponsor Rep. Steven Owens (D-Watertown). “This legislation would bring the commonwealth’s public shade tree law from the 19th to the 21st century. We know that a well-maintained urban tree canopy can act as a buffer against climate change. This bill will make sure our tree wardens have the training and tools they need to effectively manage our public trees.”

BILLS HEARD BY THE COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT – This committee held a virtual hearing on dozens of bills including:

STATE MUST TRANSLATE VITAL DOCUMENTS INTO SEVERAL LANGUAGES (H 3199) – Requires all state agencies to offer interpretation services and translate vital documents notices, forms and applications for non-English speakers. The requirement would apply to any languages that constitute the primary language of at least 10,000 residents or one-half of 1 percent of all residents, whichever includes more languages.

“I filed this bill after hearing from countless residents about the difficulty of navigating state services due to language barriers, especially in emergencies,” said co-sponsor Rep. Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston). “At the beginning of the pandemic, my staff spent hours translating the online unemployment insurance application for constituents. As more of what we do moves online, we need to ensure that language access is delivered across all platforms, and that it is not an afterthought. We know language barriers deepen inequities that drive

disparities in health and life outcomes. With this bill, we can work towards a more equitable commonwealth.”

“As a representative of a large bilingual community, I understand the importance and necessity of having documents and instructions translated in a person’s native language,” said co-sponsor Rep. Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield). “As we strive for a more perfect union, it is imperative for our state agencies to be inclusive and provide equal access to services, programs and activities for those who have first languages other than English and those who are deaf or hard of hearing.”

GENDER IDENTITY ON STATE DOCUMENTS (S 2012) – Requires all state agencies to use gender identity inclusive language in all their forms and documents. The legislation provides that the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth produce guidelines to be used by agencies as they convert their forms.

“A constituent came to me after they had to fill out an official state document that offered only one option for a parental-unit: ‘mom’ and ‘dad,’” said sponsor Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). “But my constituent’s family didn’t look like this. Simply put, the form was inaccurate. Thousands of Massachusetts residents identify as LGBTQ+. But so many of our bureaucratic forms do not reflect the diversity of our population. This legislation will ensure that every document and form spread across the state’s vast bureaucracy respects Massachusetts families as they are.”

“With nearly 30 years of experience in providing policy guidance to our state government, the commission is ready and eager to produce these guidelines and help ensure that our bureaucracy recognizes families and individuals as they are,” said Jordan Meehan, the commission’s Legislative and Policy Manager.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of September 13-17, the House met for a total of 44 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 40 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 13	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 14	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Sept. 15	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 16	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:20 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 17	No House session No Senate session
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Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ageless Grace Program – Ageless Grace is a fitness and wellness program consisting of 21 simple exercise tools designed for all ages and abilities. These exercises, based on everyday movements, focus on the healthy longevity of the body and mind. Classes are held via Zoom. Please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email ckowaleski@somervillema.gov with any questions or for additional information.

Walking Group – Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The walking group will meet in front of the Holland Street Center and will enjoy walks through area neighborhoods. All classes and groups will be limited to 8 participants and will follow City of Somerville social distancing and mask policy. Pre-registration is required. For additional info or to register for one of the above programs, contact Chris by email at ckowaleski@somervillema.gov or by phone at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

English Conversation – Every Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street (Behind the Holiday Inn.) Meet people from all over the world as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation. This program is in person; pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Caregiver Check-In – Tuesday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. - Are you a caregiver for a loved one and want to connect with other caregivers? Would you like to discuss the joys and challenges of caregiving? The Somerville Council on Aging is hosting a monthly check-in via Zoom for caregivers. Please contact Natasha by either calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 or e-mail Natasha at NNaim@Somervillema.gov.

Ralph & Jenny Bingo – Every Tuesday, beginning September 28 at 10:00 a.m. – Located at 9 New Washington Street (Behind the Holiday Inn.) Join us for in-person Bingo! Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Debbie Higgins at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to RSVP. Masks will be required. Grab and go lunch available following Bingo.

Holland Street Bingo – Every Thursday, beginning September 30 at 10:00 a.m. – At our Hol-

land Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Join us for in-person Bingo! Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Debbie Higgins at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 to RSVP. Mask will be required. Grab and go lunch available following Bingo.

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EXERCISE

VIRTUAL FIT-4-LIFE SCHEDULE

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Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise
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Fit-4-Life Exercise Video # 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hd26HjpwBI&t=68s>
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Yoga YouTube

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BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



At first I didn't think my chiropractor was any good.
But now I stand corrected.

On This Day in History
September 22

0454 – In Italy, Aetius, the supreme army commander, is murdered in Ravenna by Valentinian III, the emperor of the West.

1327 – Edward II of England is murdered by order of his wife.

1673 – James Needham returns to Virginia after exploring the land to the west, which would become Tennessee.

1904 – Exiled Nez Perce leader Chief Joseph dies of a "broken heart".

1915 – Stonehenge is sold by auction for 6,600 pounds sterling (\$11,500) to a Mr. Chubb, who buys it as a present for his wife.

1937 – J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel The Hobbit is published.

1942 – British forces attack the Japanese in Burma.

1978 – Two Soviet cosmonauts set a space endurance record after 96 days in space.

2003 – Galileo space mission ends as the probe is sent into Jupiter's atmosphere where it is crushed.

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Somerville Cross Country team victories

The Somerville Boys Cross Country team handily defeated Lynn English, 16-47, having standout junior Highlander Sam Buckley winning his second race in as many weeks, clocking in at 14:40 for the 2.5-mile course.

The resurgent Somerville Boys team captured the first four slots, with highly heralded sophomores Atticus Kaye and Atticus Borggaard placing second and third, respectively, and stalwart senior Calvin Wicks in fourth.

Top runner in fifth place for the Lynn English Bulldogs was Eamonn McHale with a time of 16:16. The revamped Lady Highlanders also won the meet, with freshman Charlotte Johnson in first with a time of 19:54, closely followed by sophomore

Anna Siebler.

"I'm so impressed by the effort and resiliency of these kids," said Somerville Head Coach Sean Fitzgerald, who also noted the team's commitment and focus.

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"Practice is everything, it's a direct correlation to performance in competition, and these kids show up ready to go every day," praised Fitzgerald.



Both of the Somerville teams stand unblemished in league competition at 2-0. Both teams recently excelled at the recent

Amherst Invitational, and have an aggressive and highly competitive schedule coming up. Most all Massachusetts MIAA

teams are on a fully renewed full schedule after the postponement of last year's season due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Grandfathers

CONT. FROM PG 3

what my 5 brothers and sisters, my 2 cousins on the first floor and all of the neighborhood kids in Teele Square called him. He was the best. Died at 96 on my 29th birthday. We lived in the the house he bought in the 1930's. My 90-year-old Mum and Dad still live there... He was a great man. We had the best childhood!! Grandpa was the best."

"Bumpa"

"Big Stan"

"Gumpy"

"Grumpy, Gramps and Pupup."

"We were Greek so Papou was the word for Grandfather. Both my Papou's lived a couple of streets away from my home in the neighborhood. My Papou Charlie owned a convenient store up the hill from the Healey School. Most school kids knew him way back then for their penny candy."

"Bumpy"

I am Nana and my husband was Jiggy (he liked the song nanananananana

getting jiggy with it.

"Grampsie or Gramps."

"BeBa and Bampi."

"My Dad, Eddie Abate was the best Papa to his grandchildren (I loved Eddie! Jimmy)

"My Dad from West Somerville had four grandchildren, they each had their own name for him. By birth order, oldest to youngest grandchild called him - Gramps, Grampy, Papa and Grandpa. I loved that they each had their own."

"I love it when they call me PaPa!!!" (me too!)

"My grandfather on my father's side was Papa, on my mother's side he was Mimi."

"We called my grandfather Dada."

My kids always called my father Grandpa Papa, and my father-in-law.

"Gypsy Papa."

"Our grandfather was Baba. We had Big Baba and Little Baba. They were the best."

"My boys had a 'Grumpy'"



Grandma Concetta and Grandpa Giuseppe DelPonte.



The wall I watched my grandpa and my dad build around 1962 out of chunks of broken up sidewalk from Davis Square.

"My Pappou was born and raised in Somerville. Lived his entire life there. I'm his only living descendant."

"Called both Grandpa! Wonderful MEN!"

"My grandfather, my mom's dad was called "Manki" the oldest couldn't say Grampy, so the adults said it sounded like Manki! Always in my heart. My dad is Greek and he was Papou my nieces and nephews."

"Papa Fuzz"

"Pepere"

"My kids have their Vavo (pronounced Vavu, Portuguese) and a Nonno (Italian grandfather). Hi Jimmy! I worked with you at Kiss a long time ago. I interned for Billy and grew up in Somerville so you and I used to talk all the time!" Hi Emily!

"Granfy"

"We had Gumpy (our grandfather) and Umpy (our kids grandpa)"

"Papa Nick"

"My day Leo F Sr. Was Grampy. And my name is Beeka"

"Papa Chip and Papa Frank"

"My Dad from West Somerville had four grandchildren, they each had their own name for him. By birth order, oldest to youngest grandchild called him - Gramps, Grampy, Papa and Grandpa. I loved that they each had their own."

"Bampy"

"Ganda - because the oldest grandchild couldn't say grandpa - so it stuck / even on to the next generation of grandfather is also called Ganda."

As I prepare to see my fellow Somerville High School students at our 50th class reunion, I'm sure we will be talking about our grandkids and showing photos.

My two sons are 26.

Sincere thanks to everyone who shared their precious memories and comments. There were tons of responses. I used all I could so thank you to all who shared. Please look on The Pride of Somerville Facebook page for the entire list. We will share grandmother stories another time.


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6:00am	NASA TV	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:00am	SMC Youth Media
7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie
9:00am	DW Global 3000	6:30pm	#AFAD	12:00pm	Somerville Storytellers
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race	1:00pm	Tele Magazine
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View	2:00pm	Reeling Review
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony	3:00pm	MA House of Representatives Formal Session
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:30am	From My Heart to Yours	10:30pm	The World Fusion Show	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	11:00pm	VOX POP Comedy Night	5:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	Friday, September 24		6:00pm	Somerville Pundits
1:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:30pm	The Somerville Labor Show
2:00pm	Colores Latinos	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	BLOWW Show a Go Go
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
4:00pm	DW Conflict Zone	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	#AFAD
4:30pm	Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library	6:00am	NASA TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Music Video Show
5:30pm	From My Heart to Yours	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	DW Euromaxx	11:30pm	Queer Cats
6:30pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:30am	Strata	Sunday, September 26	
7:00pm	"The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP	10:00am	NASA TV	12:00am	Flotilla
7:30pm	Sidewalks Entertainment	11:00am	SOM ARTS	1:00am	NASA TV
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	11:30am	Cambridge Calendar	1:30am	NASA TV
8:30pm	DW Euromaxx	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	Free Speech TV
9:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP	1:00pm	Community Benefits Agreement	3:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits	6:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes
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3:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Emergency Preparedness	1:30pm	SNN Neighborhood Update
6:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley	7:30pm	The Somerville Labor Show	2:00pm	Chico and B-Man
7:00am	DW Conflict Zone	8:00pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville	3:00pm	African Television Network
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9:30am	Hello Neighbor	11:00pm	Heavy Leather Music Video Show	6:30pm	DW Tomorrow Today
10:00am	The Chef's Table Series	Saturday, September 25		7:00pm	Emergency Preparedness
10:30am	The Chef's Table Series	12:00am	VOX POP Comedy Night	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
11:00am	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals	1:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Tele Magazine
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				8:00pm	LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction
				9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
				10:00pm	Colores Latinos
				11:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
				Tuesday, September 28	
				12:00am	Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
				6:00am	NASA TV
				7:00am	NASA TV
				8:00am	Democracy Now!
				9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
				10:00am	Strata
				11:00am	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
				12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
				1:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
				2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
				3:00pm	Democracy Now!
				4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
				4:30pm	Going Postal
				5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
				5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
				6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
				6:30pm	From My Heart to Yours
				7:00pm	The Somerville Labor Show
				7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
				8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
				9:00pm	The World Fusion Show
				10:00pm	Totally Working Out
				11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
				11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash

CITY TV 22 (Comcast) 13 (RCN) Schedule							
Wednesday, September 22		3:03pm	COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA	11:00am	Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #6 2021	12:30am	Celebrate Immigrants in Somerville
6:00am	Mystic McGrath Rally	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	11:30am	Lead Paint Safe Somerville	1:15am	School Committee Meeting 9-13-21
7:05am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV	7:00pm	City Council Meeting - LIVE	12:15pm	Art Beat 2021	6:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
7:50am	Mental Health Resources	Friday, September 24		1:35pm	School Committee Meeting 9-13-21	7:00am	Senior Circuit
8:00am	Celebrate Immigrants in Somerville	12:00am	Senior Circuit - Shape Up Somerville	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	7:30am	Art Beat 2021
8:45am	SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake	12:25am	Mabel And Jerry - Senior Story	4:30pm	Senior Circuit	9:00am	9/11 Ceremony 2021 - 20th Anniversary
9:00am	Senior Circuit - Shape Up Somerville	1:00am	Finance Committee Meeting 6-17-21	5:00pm	COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA	9:30am	School Committee Meeting 9-13-21
9:30am	Art Beat 2021	6:00am	Chair Yoga w Chris	5:45pm	Mental Health Resources	11:30am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #2
11:00am	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	6:30am	Mystic McGrath Rally	6:00pm	Climate Forward Presentations	12:00pm	City Council Meeting 9-23-21
11:30am	Raising of Indian Flag	7:35am	Mabel And Jerry - Senior Story	8:00pm	Virtual Town Hall en Español 7-2-21	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3
11:45am	SPD Ride Along	8:10am	SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake	9:31pm	School Committee Update - Andre Green	4:30pm	Climate Forward Presentations
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting 9-13-21	8:30am	Raising of Indian Flag	10:00pm	Mystic McGrath Rally	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting 9-27-21
2:00pm	Mayor's Business Town Hall 8-5-21	8:45am	SPD Ride Along	11:05pm	9/11 Ceremony 2021 - 20th Anniversary	11:00pm	Celebrate Immigrants in Somerville
3:00pm	Chair Yoga w Chris	9:00am	School Committee Update - Andre Green	11:35pm	Raising of Indian Flag	Tuesday, September 28	
3:30pm	Senior Circuit	9:30am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 8-5-21	Sunday, September 26		12:00am	City Council Meeting 9-23-21
4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	10:30am	SPL Gardening - Progress, Pests & Planting	12:00am	Senior Circuit	6:00am	Art Beat 2021
4:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	11:00am	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	12:30am	Art Beat 2021	7:20am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV
5:03pm	Climate Forward Presentations	11:30am	Senior Circuit	2:00am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 8-5-21	8:05am	Mabel And Jerry - Senior Story
7:00pm	School Committee Update - Andre Green	12:00pm	Art Beat 2021	6:30am	Mystic McGrath Rally	8:40am	Mental Health Resources
7:30pm	Lead Paint Safe Somerville PSA	1:30pm	Pride Flag Raising 2021	7:35am	Chair Yoga w Chris	8:47am	SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake
8:15pm	Mental Health Resources	2:00pm	Climate Forward Presentations	8:02am	Celebrate Immigrants in Somerville	9:00am	Raising of Indian Flag
8:30pm	Art Beat 2021	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	9:00am	Senior Circuit	9:15am	Climate Webinar Climate Resilience & Health
10:00pm	Three Paths to Italy	4:30pm	COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA	9:30am	Three Paths to Italy	10:30am	School Committee Update - Andre Green
11:00pm	COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA	5:30pm	Three Paths to Italy	10:30am	9/11 Ceremony 2021 - 20th Anniversary	11:00am	Fit-4-Life Video #4
Thursday, September 23		6:30pm	Lead Paint Safe Somerville	11:00am	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	11:30am	Pride Flag Raising 2021
12:00am	Finance Meeting 6-22-21	7:20pm	Virtual Town Hall en Español 7-2-21	11:30am	Congressional Update- Pressley	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
6:00am	Celebrate Immigrants in Somerville	9:00pm	Art Beat 2021	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:30pm	City Council Meeting 9-23-21
7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II	10:20pm	Mental Health Resources	12:30pm	School Committee Meeting 9-13-21	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7
8:00am	School Committee Update - Andre Green	10:30pm	The Bilingual Brain Benefits of Bilingualism	2:30pm	COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA	4:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
8:30am	Chair Yoga w Chris	Saturday, September 25		3:15pm	Mental Health Resources	5:03pm	Climate Forward Presentations
9:00am	9/11 Ceremony 2021 - 20th Anniversary	12:00am	City Council Meeting 9-23-21	3:30pm	Chair Yoga w Chris	7:00pm	Senior Circuit: Benefits of Music & Movement
9:30am	Celebrate Immigrants in Somerville	6:30am	Mental Health Resources	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7	7:30pm	Pride Flag Raising 2021
10:30am	SPL Gardening - Progress, Pests & Planting	6:45am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV	4:30pm	Climate Forward Presentations	8:00pm	School Committee Update - Andre Green
11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #3	7:30am	Mayor's Business Town Hall 8-5-21	6:30pm	School Committee Update - Andre Green	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting 9-27-21
11:30am	City Council Meeting 9-9-21	8:30am	Raising of Indian Flag	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	Wednesday, September 29	
1:15pm	Mental Health Resources	8:45am	SPD Ride Along	7:30pm	City Council Meeting 9-23-21	12:00am	Senior Circuit
1:30pm	Three Paths to Italy	9:00am	Mystic McGrath Rally	Monday, September 27		12:30am	Finance Committee Meeting 6-17-21
2:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	10:05am	9/11 Ceremony 2021 - 20th Anniversary	12:00am	Senior Circuit		



OFF THE SHELF

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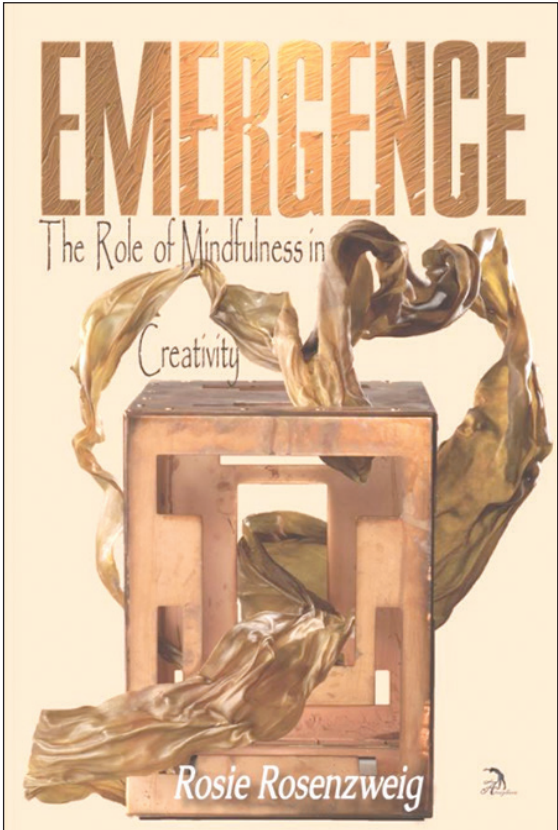
By Off the Shelf Correspondent Rosie Rosenzweig

After interviewing 40 women artists on their creative process, or Flow, the term coined by psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, I realized that there was another state of consciousness. Flow, according to him had certain characteristics; these include:

1. Complete concentration on the task;
2. Clarity of goals and reward in mind and immediate feedback;
3. Transformation of time (speeding up/slowing down);
4. The experience is intrinsically rewarding;
5. Effortlessness and ease;
6. There is a balance between challenge and skills;
7. Actions and awareness are merged, losing self-conscious rumination;
8. There is a feeling of control over the task.

In my book *Emergence: The Role of Mindfulness in Creativity*, I equated his characteristics with certain states of meditation or mindfulness described in the Buddhist canon. The state of consciousness that I described as Emergence occurred during Flow as well as during certain moments of meditation. I used the terms meditation and mindfulness interchangeably. I based this idea on a talk by Buddha called Codependent Arising, which describes the links between states of consciousness and feelings. The important idea here is that thoughts arise and so does the state of Emergence.

I described this state using an interview with Novelist Joan Leegant, who described how, after creating the characters and the situation, she just watched the characters take on a life of their own to further the plot ... they EMERGE. Creativity or



Emergence assumes a will of its own, once experienced and produces the art form naturally.

I reasoned that this is the way of the natural world. For example, an embryo emerges as a baby after nine months, and that baby emerges as an adult, just like the seeds of spring grow to be trees, flowers, vegetables and other vegetation. Emergence is a natural state of being and occurs when artists produce art.

Everyone can access this in their lives when they put their minds to it, mindfully. Problems get solved daily with this same process. It's not really that unique to artists and occurs multiple times during a day. Even finding a new route to an oft travelled place could be in this category.

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Migrant Christ

Christ arrives tired, dirty, and hungry To the border.

This Christ comes from everywhere,

And it has taken the form of a child,

Of a woman, of an old man,

Of a young woman expecting a child,

Of the man who flees violence

And of the insulting poverty in his country.

This Christ, like all the others before him, seeks to reach his dream.

This Christ is about to cross the border, climbing the famous wall,

While he prepares, he says that there is no other way;

He says it loud, for all to hear,

Although only some will follow his example,

Others, perhaps out of fear, will continue to wait for a miracle.

There is no turning back, he tells them, once again,

Since we are so close to the longed-for dream.

Later it will be seen, he warns them, what that dream is made of

For each one of us.

— Sergio Inestrosa

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A 'Movie that Matters' in the park

Please join in for Somerville Community Corporation's Movie that Matters in Chuckie Harris Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24 (rain date September 25). This event will be outside, with masks encouraged, and social distance enforced.



To raise awareness about the housing affordability crisis in Somerville, as well as issues of equity and opportunity generally, they are hosting a short documentary screening in the park. SCC and their partner organizations will be tabling with information on programs and resources, and the Bon Me food truck will be there with delicious fare.

The work of the Somerville Community Corporation and their local community nonprofit partners is crucial to the diversity, affordability, and equity of our city. They fight together to help those facing eviction, homelessness, unemployment, poverty, and displacement by providing critical equity resources like job training, financial education, community organizing, affordable housing, and advocacy. These basics – shelter, safety, a stable job, a voice – are the foundation of equity without which all other efforts crumble.

Ensuring all our neighbors can participate and prosper is how we build a thriving and resilient community. An equitable Somerville means everyone has access to good jobs, rising standards of living, and stable housing.

Join in for the Movie that Matters in Chuckie Harris Park on Friday to learn more about the impact of SCC and their partners in the Somerville community and support their important work.

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