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Legislative Matters Committee discusses additions to law enforcement



By Jennifer Purcell

The Somerville City Council's Legislative Matters Committee convened on September 19 to discuss several of the significant changes that have been proposed and requested for approval by Mayor Ballantyne and the Somerville Police Department. Many of the topics that were discussed during the meeting could have quite an impact on residents of Somerville.

Anti-Harassment Ordinance

The first topic of discussion was Order 23-0461, an ordinance that would protect homeowners from realtor and developer mail as well as harassment via phone and email. The general consensus among the councilors is that while enforcement might be a challenge, there is a solid legal *Continued on page 4*

Ignite: A Global Street Food and Fire Festival, Sept. 30

The Ignite Festival brings you an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a raucous celebration of global culture to Union Square, Saturday, September 30, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, October 1).

and traffic violations.

The festival will kick off with food demos featuring the Arts Council's Nibble Chefs – learn how to make Salvadoran pupusas and Mexican Birria tacos. All evening long Nibble chefs and slews of local restaurants will be serving their food from Brazilian Churrasco to Venezuelan Arepas to Japanese Bento Bowls. And restaurants throughout the square will be serving Ignite specials you won't want to miss out on.

Throughout the evening there will be music and dance performances, including Brazilian Sinha capoeira, Haitian dance, Peruvian *Continued on page 4*



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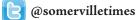
Exchanging Notes Performance takes place at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave., this Friday, September 29, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. An evening showcasing the first of its kind cross-cultural exchange between Somerville artists and artists from the country of Georgia. Join in for a celebration of songs and stories that fuse Georgian and American themes, connect cultures, and enrich our common humanity. Special guests will be the members of the choir from Somerville High School. The event is free to the public.

Reminder: Green Line Union Branch service is suspended through Thursday, October 12, to allow for MassDOT work on the Route 28 Squires Bridge. Riders can use Routes 86, 91, and CT2 between Union Square and East Somerville Station on the Medford Branch. These routes also service Sullivan Square Station on the Orange Line. Route 87 can also be used between Union Square and Lechmere Station.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Karen F. McWatters**, who celebrates this week. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Sal DiDomenico**, who is also celebrating this week. A special happy birthday to **Ena Johnson**, who will be celebrating on October 2. She has lived in Somerville for 60+ years and we wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to **AnnMarie Carey-Browne**. We hope she has a great birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, *Continued on page 7*



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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of September 27 - October 3 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Č	Wednesday September 27	Partly Cloudy	67°/49°	7%	5%	NE 9 mph
Č	Thursday September 28	Partly Cloudy	66°/51°	15%	9%	ENE 9 mph
•••	Friday September 29	Rain	64°/53°	40%	33%	E 10 mph
•••	Saturday September 30	Rain	66°/54°	43%	35%	E 11 mph
•••	Sunday October 1	Rain	68°/55°	32%	28%	NE 11 mph
	Monday October 2	Partly Cloudy	72°/56°	22%	18%	N 8 mph
Č	Tuesday October 3	Partly Cloudy	72°/58°	20%	16%	NE 9 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: For the love of all that's Holy, can we please do something about Highland Ave.?

Dave says:

Everyone on the City Council wants Highland paved (see City Council meeting, Sept 14). The decision is with the Mayor, not the Council.

Mel says:

None of these words actually say anything of consequence, nor do they even provide real-world examples to support the argument. You could even say the author doesn't know jack(s).

Response to: The Dumpster at 371 Beacon Street

Moses says:

Thank you for writing this. I have many 311 requests which have been closed with no action taken and no response. I think the city should have a policy that every 311 request gets a response, even if the answer is "no".

I tried to bring this up with the mayor at a community meeting. I waited in line to ask my question, but by the time it was my turn everyone was yelling so much that I didn't get to speak.

Response to: No biz like old biz

Steve Keenan says:

Jimmy,

You brought back some great memories. I had many a fine meal and good time at the Paddock. Jimmy Wakely(RIP)was a great guy and ran a fine establishment.

And Kemps was the home of the 15 cent hamburger. Victor's in Ball Square was also outstanding and Victor and his family were the nicest people. Those were great days in a great community! Thanks for another great article.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte **Funny now, scary then** St Clement's: Part two



This article first appeared in the August 20, 2008, edition of the paper.

Because of all the positive feedback I received on my first

St. Clements Elementary School column, I pray that you enjoy this sequel of sorts - especially Frank Sharpe and Gary Murphy. Now remember, we are talking many, many years ago and things have changed a lot over there on Warner Street - St. Clements School is a fine institution of parochial learning.

Back then things were different, and we had some very memorable and colorful (actually, black and white) nuns. Their influences, memories and stories have stayed with us throughout our lives. One of those nuns was Sister Helene. I would also like to say right up front, that Sister Helene had to have loved the hundreds of students who passed in and out of her classroom because she taught for a long, long time. At that time, however, we mistook her dedication for terror tactics. She had a very odd way of showing her dedication to the fine art of learning. Some of her favorite things to call students were: "lazy lump", "sneaky piece" and "sawed-off runt". When I would stand next to tall guys like Mike Bonanno and Teddy Bates, she would say something charming, like: "look at the pint of peanuts between the two elephants!" Sister Helene's nickname for Teddy was "Animalistic Bates." She got confused at times and called Phil Bradley "Bradshaw." She once called me Gerald La Point and got mad

when I didn't answer her.

Everyone that had her as a teacher has many choice Sister Helene stories. Most of these former students can also do a decent impression of her. Her facial expressions and manner of speech were unique, to say the least.

Sister Helene was good at imitation too - I'll never forget the time she mimicked Lenny Provenzano's unique style of walking. She bounced up and down the aisle and it was a riot. She would also embarrass the girls by nonchalantly (albeit quite loudly) recommending deodorants and soaps: "Jean Nate and Tussy are very good products," she would say. Yes another "Helene-ism" - she would call you up after a test, look at the paper, smile and say: "Very good (then the dreaded pause...) -THIRD GRADE WORK!" We would cowl and limp back to our desk. One of the Sister's favorite maneuvers was looking at a student and sternly saying "STAND UP!" and the minute you stood, she would say: "SIT DOWN." She would drag this cat and mouse torture out for at least half a minute. I'm not sure, but I think she was a drill sergeant in a former life. A classic Sister Helene adage was "It's a poor workman who blames his tools." I still use that one on my kids.

1967 was the year that I was in Sister Helene's 8th grade class. For an assignment, she told us to watch "The Music Man" on TV over the weekend. She told us to write a parody of the song "76 Trombones" using our class as the subject matter. Dave Porzio and I came up with: "We are the seniors of the grammar school, and we will do our work faithfully. We will

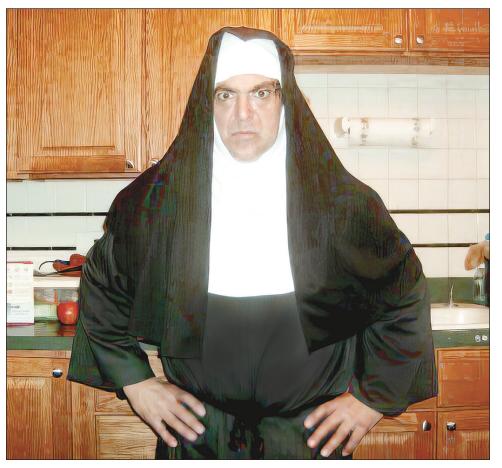


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be proud and loud when we tell it to the crowd, we have won St. Clements pride again!" We had to perform it if front of the class, but had to stand in the back because we couldn't stop laughing. Thanks to Sister Helene, I wrote my first parody song, and went on to make a living doing exactly that on the radio for over 23 years.

She may have had a unique style of teaching, which involved a bit of intimidation and get in your face discipline, but we know she cared about us (I think). One of my classmates in "8A" was Gayle Fee, one of the Herald's "Inside Track Girls." Sister Helene used to call her "Miss Fee." Gayle has some great Sister Helene recollections I'm sure.

After 8 years in St. Clements, I jumped ship and went to the 9th grade at Western Junior High School. My brother was three years behind me and my sister was one year in front of me. Sister Helene used to say: "Thank God your parents have the 'little one" (because Christine and I were such disappointments, naturally).

I was being my usual "sneaky little sawed-off runt" one day when Sister Helene went out of the classroom for a minute. For some reason, I put my school bag over Dave Porzio's head, three rows over. Just as I did it, Sister Helene darted back into the room and went into frenzy - she danced around me singing: "I caught Del Ponte, I caught Del Ponte."

The one time I actually talked back to her, I defended myself by saying that I was sticking up for my rights – and she promptly reminded me "you have no rights in 8A." No rights, but lots of great memories. She used to tell me "butter would melt in your mouth." I still don't know what that meant.

One day Sister Helene judged a contest to determine who did the best imitation of her. It was between Mike Bonanno and Teddy Bates - it was an official "Helene-off" and she was judging. The Sister picked Mike as the winner. It was then that I finally saw the genuine caring she had for her students, but you had to dig deep. We all had a good laugh, and it was a highlight of the year.

When she bagged me jokingly giving "slippery Charlie" the bird, she exclaimed: "you can'snap' your fingers at The Western (Junior High School)." I did, and I took some laughs with me.

22 years after being in 8A, I got a clipping from a newspaper article about me that she had cut out and mailed to me. With it was a note saying, "I am very proud of you, James, and I'm sure your family is also. God Bless you." Continued on page 11

2023 MCAS scores show continued academic recovery in Somerville Public Schools

Last week, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released the results of the 2023 statewide MCAS assessments. Across all participating grade levels, Somerville Public Schools' student scores remained relatively stable compared to 2022. Like most districts across the state, Somerville's scores remain lower than pre-pandemic test scores, though the district continues to show progress toward its targets and has seen incremental increases in Student Growth Percentiles on assessments.

2023 MCAS data shows that 39% of SPS students in grades 3-8 met or exceeded expectations in English Language Arts (ELA), and 33% of students met or exceeded expectations in math. In grades 5 and 8, 36% of students met or exceeded expectations in science, and in grade 10, 37% met or exceeded expectations for math, 53% met or exceeded expectations for ELA, and 41% met or exceeded expectations for science.

"Unequivocally, we know that the pandemic had significant impacts on student achievement across the country. Data collected through annual assessments like MCAS is just one tool we use to focus on supporting students' diverse needs both academically and socially-emotionally, especially accounting for gaps in achievement presented by an unprecedented shift in learning in 2020 and 2021," said Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools, Dr. Ruben Carmona. "As a district we are thinking not only about how we use summative data collected through MCAS, but are also utilizing new assessment tools through which we can monitor ongoing progress and adjust instructional and curricular choices throughout the school year, we are continuing the roll out of a new Illustrative Mathematics curriculum in our elementary schools, and we are continuing to implement innovative, high quality professional development opportunities, including the roll out of Common Planning Time for educators beginning next school year."

The Somerville Public Schools' commitment to educational excellence extends beyond the classroom. Wraparound services including access to quality out-of-school time, enrichment programs and curriculum, athletics, and birth-to-graduation support services and resources all contribute to the critical needs of all of SPS students. Through 2019, investments in these areas and in rigorous core curriculum saw SPS among the highest performing urban districts in the Commonwealth for Student Growth Percentile.

Dr. Carmona added, "With our continued investments in all of these areas, I am extremely confident that we will continue to see progress in these assessments year over year."

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basis that would support the protection of homeowners. Chair Lance Davis said that he will reach out to the Chicago solicitor about how their ordinance is working for them and how they enforce it.

Traffic Violations

There were two different topics regarding traffic violations that were discussed during the meeting, both of them regarding ticketing and how the SPD should approach it. They first discussed Order 22-1449, which would allow the city of Somerville to mail tickets for any type of traffic violation, including 311. Their biggest concern is that many cyclists have reported vehicles being parked in bike lanes, making it unsafe for them to ride in those areas. The committee wishes to prioritize the safety of those cyclists and therefore decided that it would be acceptable to pass this law.

Additionally, Chair Davis brought up the idea of automatically capturing photos of license plates belonging to those who violate traffic laws. In order to back up this proposal, it was brought to the councilors' attention that anyone who takes a photo on their phone can edit it in whatever way they see fit before submitting it to the police, potentially tampering with important information. As such actions could heavily and negatively affect the outcomes of the investigations, this was marked as complete and the committee will begin to work with the police department to see what can be done in order to prevent this from happening.

Surveillance Technology Impact Report

The Legislative Matters committee ended the session by discussing what proved to be the most important subject on their agenda. The SPD had previously requested approval of the Surveillance Technology Impact Report for a GrayKey Digital Forensic Analysis Tool, a device that would aid them in speeding up investigations for serious events. This device would serve the following purposes: identifying and preventing threats to individuals and their properties, prosecuting criminals, gathering evidence, and providing any necessary information to emergency personnel. Lieutenant Sean Sheehan, who submitted the request, stressed that there would be a room dedicated to the technology that would only be accessible to three individuals in charge as several councilors worried about the potential issues that could arise if this device were to fall into the wrong hands.

The device itself is designed to save lives by accessing iOS and Android devices in order to extract encrypted data in mere hours. It would be used to hack devices that the police believe might belong to suspects, an idea that Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott was particularly concerned about.

It was ultimately decided that the committee would hold off on approving this request and would instead conduct further research before giving the police department a definitive answer.

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dance, a showcase of Latin dance from Metamovements – and much more. There will also be roving hula-hoopers and buskers, interactive activities, and light installations. And to top things off, Boston Circus Guild will offer up a fiery performance of flame throwing and twirling – an incendiary act that will light up Union Square. **About SAC:**

The mission of the Somerville Arts Council is to cultivate and celebrate the creative expressions of the Somerville community. Through innovative collaborations and quality programming, we work to make the arts an integral part of life reflective of our diverse city.

ABOUT Nibble:

A Somerville Arts Council initiative that includes Nibble Kitchen restaurant (at Bow Market, Union Square), market tours, food festivals like Ignite, and the Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program (NEP). NEP and Nibble Kitchen provide a space for entrepreneurs who are predominantly female and hail from our diverse immigrant communities to test out restaurant concepts in a low-risk environment before launching independent businesses. Nibble supports immigrant communities, celebrates cultural exchange and spurs cultural and economic development.

To learn more about the event visit somervilleartscouncil.org/ artsunion/2023/ignite.



The Somerville Y Partners with Consigli, Stantec, and CSL build the future together



The Somerville Y is proud to announce a partnership with the above-mentioned companies to ensure the longstanding mission of the Somerville Y continues well into the future as it has done for the past 156 years. These companies were chosen not only for their well-known accomplishments in their respective fields but also for their strong individual beliefs in giving back to the communities in which they operate as well as reside.

The Somerville Y has been a cornerstone of the community for 156 years, providing transformative programs and services that nurture the potential of every individual and promote a healthy spirit, mind, and body. With a commitment to social responsibility and community development, the Somerville Y strives to create a positive impact and empower individuals to reach their full potential.

The Somerville Y would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Ballantyne and the dedicated staff of the city of Somerville for their unwavering support. Along with a special thank you to the members of the city council who have reached out to the Y expressing their excitement and

support for this long-awaited endeavor. Their longstanding alliance with the Y has been instrumental in making this project a reality, and the collaboration looks forward to continuing this fruitful partnership for the next 100+ years.

The project will encompass the following key components, each designed to address the pressing needs of the community:

New Y Facility: As part of this visionary project, a state-of-the-art Y facility will be constructed.

This modern facility will serve as a thriving community hub, offering a wide range of amenities and services for people of all ages and backgrounds. From health and wellness programs to educational initiatives and recreational activities, the new Y facility will foster a sense of wellbeing and belonging within the community.

Community Engagement: The Somerville YMCA is dedicated to creating meaningful engagement opportunities that empower individuals and foster a strong sense of community. Through various initiatives, the project aims to bring people together, providing spaces and programs that encourage connection, collaboration, and personal growth.

Affordable Housing: Recognizing the importance of safe and stable homes, the Somerville Y is committed to preserving and expanding the Continued on page 20



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

This week's report is on the latest fundraising and expenditure numbers for the state's 40 senators' campaign committees from the latest filing period of August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023. It also includes how much money each senator has on hand as of August 31, 2023. The numbers are from the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

To get more information and details on any senator's fundraising and expenditures, go to www.ocpf.us Click on "Filer listing" under "Browse candidates" and then type the name of your senator in the box that says "Filter by name" in the upper left-hand corner of the page.

MOST AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND:

The senator with the most cash on hand is Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) who currently has \$787,702.35 in his campaign account.

Rounding out the top ten senators with the most cash on hand are Sens. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport) \$754,817.96; Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) \$459,883.21; Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) \$347,117.88; Julian Cyr (D-Truro) \$231,304.78; James Eldridge (D-Marlborough) \$210,334.29; William Brownsberger (D-Belmont) \$205,110.65; Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) \$202,580.87; Michael Barrett (D-Lexington) \$145,572.56; and Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) \$144,815.87.

LEAST AMOUNT OF CASH ON HAND:

The senator with the least cash on hand is former Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) whose campaign account currently has a balance of \$0.

Rounding out the bottom ten senators with the least cash on hand are Sens. Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence) \$41.15; Liz Miranda (D-Boston) \$1,152.83; John Cronin (D-Lunenburg) \$2,530.57; Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) \$15,236.10; Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester) \$15,693.29; Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow) \$16,580.45; Michael Brady (D-Brockton) \$26,532.35; John Keenan (D-Quincy) \$31,315.43; and Michael Rush (D-West Roxbury) \$34,449.93.

RAISED THE MOST MONEY:

The senator who raised the most money is Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport) who raised \$51,632.99.

Rounding out the top ten senators who raised the most money are Sens. Julian Cyr (D-Truro) \$51,117.81; Susan Moran (D-Falmouth) \$14,610.96; Nick Collins (D-Boston) \$8,236.70; John Velis (D-Westfield) \$4,450.00; Paul Mark (D-Becket) \$2,894.71; Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) \$2,874.01; Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) \$2,467.75; Rebecca Rausch (D-Needham) \$2,176.32 and Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) \$1,391.08.

RAISED THE LEAST MONEY:

There are seven senators who raised \$0 each: Cynthia Creem (D-Newton); Anne Gobi (D-Spencer); Adam Gomez (D-Springfield); Edward Kennedy (D-Lowell); Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow); Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) and Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence).

SPENT THE MOST MONEY:

The senator who spent the most money is Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport) who spent \$28,449.94.

Rounding out the top ten senators who spent the most money are Sens. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) \$22,144.30; Nick Collins (D-Boston) \$11,140.85; Julian Cyr (D-Truro) \$7,965.65; Paul Mark (D-Becket) \$6,211.24; Lydia Edwards (D-Boston) \$5,038.83; Michael Barrett (D-Lexington) \$3,850.20; Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) \$3,468.58; James Eldridge (D-Marlborough) \$2,811.80; and Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn) \$2,769.22.

SPENT THE LEAST MONEY:

The senator who spent the least amount of money is Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Lowell) who spent \$0.

Rounding out the top ten senators who spent the least money are Sens. Michael Brady (D-Brockton) \$60.00; Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence) \$97.74; Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville) \$130.94; Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) \$135.08; Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) \$228.72; Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) \$376.30; Jacob Oliveira (D-Ludlow) \$442.44; John Keenan (D-Quincy) \$457.00; and Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester) \$633.12.

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

Here is the total amount of cash your local senators have on hand as of August 31, 2023.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$44,200.73

TOTAL MONEY RAISED IN AUGUST 2023 Here is the total amount of money your local senators raised in August 2023.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$157.62

TOTAL MONEY SPENT IN AUGUST 2023 Here is the total amount of money your local senators

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$130.94

spent in August 2023.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HOUSE AND SENATE AGREE ON TAX RELIEF

PACKAGE – House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) and Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) announced in a press release that the House and Senate conference committee has finalized a compromise version of a tax relief package. The House and Senate months ago approved different tax relief packages. The Senate's package would cost the state about \$590 million annually, while the House's would cost close to \$1.1 billion. No details were released about the new package. Mariano and Spilka said they plan to have a vote on the package during the week of September 25.

"In an effort to provide meaningful financial relief to the commonwealth's residents and businesses, we are thrilled to announce that an agreement has been reached in principle that reconciles the differences between the House and Senate tax relief packages," said the statement. "We look forward to filing and taking up the conference report next week, which responsibly implements our shared goal of making Massachusetts more affordable, equitable, and competitive."

"As I've said from day one, tax relief is essential for making Massachusetts more affordable, competitive and equitable," responded Gov. Maura Healey. "I'm pleased that the Legislature has taken this step and look forward to delivering urgently needed tax relief to Massachusetts residents and businesses."

The lack of details thus far has led to some criticism. "The public is told that they've come to agreed terms, but they haven't released any details and plan to vote on it next week," said Paul Craney, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "This process should be occurring out in the open, not behind closed doors like it has for the majority of the last two years. Unfortunately, the basic tenets of openness, transparency and good government are anathema to Beacon Hill leaders."

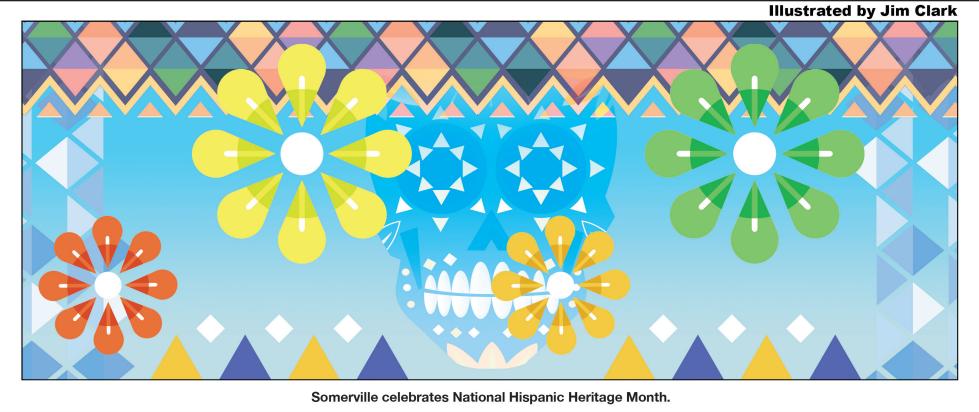
EQUITY IN EDUCATION - What can our business, political and education leaders do differently to connect Black and Latino students to pathways to careers that our thriving life sciences, health, clean tech and other sectors so urgently need to fill?

Join MASSterList, the State House News Service, and the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education on Tuesday, October 24th, for a policy event from 8:15 – 10:30 am at the MCLE New England – 10 Winter Place, Boston (Downtown Crossing), (in-person only).

Register for this FREE event: https://www. eventbrite.com/e/equity-in-education-tickets-723011084617?aff=BHRC. Continued on page 12

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES







As a city that has historically embraced peoples and cultures from all over the world, Somerville is no less welcoming of the Hispanic community in all its varied and vibrant forms.

As such, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the city's SomerViva: Office of Immigrant Affairs, Department of Racial and Social Justice, and the Somerville Arts Council (SAC) are currently busy celebrating

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such as Joell Johns, Laureen Marie, Roy Carreiro, Joseph Leblanc, Debbie Price King, Linda Malone, Edward Barry, Rick Gaetano and Terri Monsalve a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

The Somerville 5K Road Race returns for a 28th year on Saturday, September 30, in Davis Square. Staff, clients, supporters, and local partners will come together once again to raise awareness and support for our most underrepresented neighbors. Help in the fight to end home-

As a city that has historically embraced National Hispanic Heritage month, now peoples and cultures from all over the through October 15.

A number of special events are scheduled throughout the course of the celebration, including: Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Saturday, October 14, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School. Hosted by the city's SomerViva: Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Racial and Social Justice, the event was coordinated by a working group of community volunteers who interviewed residents to ask how they wished to celebrate their heritage.

Other events include activities at Somerville High School (SHS) LatinX Student Union, the Las Chicas Artistas all-Spanish-language exhibition at the Somerville Arts Council's BIPOC pop-up exhibition space, 191 Highland Ave., Suite 2A and don't miss the Artistas de Somerville exhibit at The Inside Out Gallery at the CVS window in Davis Square.

For dates and times of the above-mentioned events, go to: https://www.somervillema.gov/news/somerville-celebrating-national-hispanic-heritage-month or https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/ archives/127150.

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lessness, hunger, and eviction? Whether you want to run, jog, or walk alone or with a team, your support will help is needed to go the distance for our clients. Learn more and register here: https://bit. ly/Somerville5KRoadRace.

Stop by the East Branch Library, 115 Broadway and try your hand at capoeira from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, October 7, October 14, and October 28. These classes will combine the Brazilian art of capoeira with fitness science to deliver a full body workout that showcases the elegance of dance, the power of martial arts, and the rhythms of Brazilian music. No registration is required for this event and it's open to all ages.

Somerville Prevention staff will host a Narcan Distribution Event to distribute free overdose prevention information and harm reduction materials, including Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, CPR face shields, and syringe disposal boxes. September 28, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Statue Park, College Ave. and Davis Square.

 tinued to grow every year. The press has offered numerous events every year. This year, the press is offering an exciting new event. Červená Barva Press Poetry and Fiction Online Summit, Saturday, September 30, from 9:50 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 1, from 9:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Online access information will be sent out prior to the summit. Presenters include award-winning authors with years of publishing experience. Registration is \$42 for both days. For registration, descriptions of the events and bios, please http://www.cervenabarvapress. visit: com/index.html#PO ETRYFICTION-SUMMIT. Continued on page 23 Ms. Cam's

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. There are 293 ways to make a change for a dollar.

2. The average person has four to six dreams a night.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THE 2000s

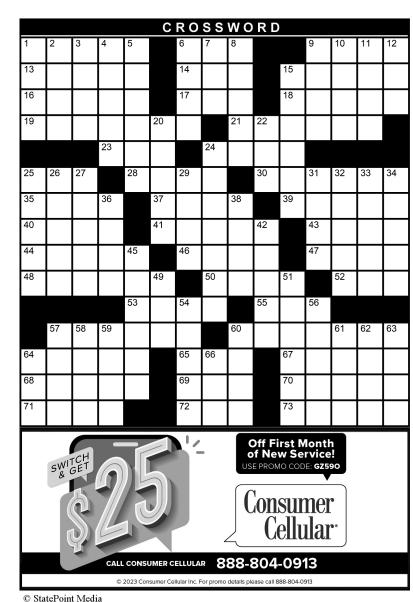
ACROSS

1. Interest in a venture

- 6. Hundredweight, acr.
- 9. Med. sch. requirement 13. _____ the tail ____ the donkey
- 14. Duran Duran's 1982 hit
- 15. All plants and animals
- 16. Part of an eye, pl.
- 17. Go for the bull's eye
- 18. Reduction/oxidation portmanteau
- 19. Best selling author of the 2000s
- 21. Billboard's music artist of the 2000s
- 23. Chicken _ ____ king
- 24. From a thrift store
- 25. Class-conscious grp. 28. Formerly, once
- 30. Marine mammal in famous Beatles' song
- 35. Fabled fliers
- 37. Jealous biblical brother
- 39. Averse
- 40. "He's Just Not That _____ You" (2009)
- 41. Acrylic fiber
- 43. Arabian chieftain
- 44. Apartments, e.g.
- 46. Friendster or Facebook, e.g.
- 47. 5,280 feet
- 48. Metal detector, e.g.
- 50. Goose egg
- 52. Cry of horror in comics
- 53. Made a basket
- 55. Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee or Nemo and Dory, e.g.
- 57. Name for 2000s
- 60. Popular social network of the 2000s
- 64. K-pop country
- 65. Woody creeper
- 67. Teletype machine, for short
- 68. Picture within a picture, e.g.
- 69. "____ Smart" (2008)
- 70. Make a canyon, e.g.
- 71. Furniture wood
- 72. Utmost degree
- 73. Financing values

DOWN

- 1. Horse prod
- 2. Popular DVR device 3. All over again
- 4. Eucalyptus-eating marsupial
- 5. Store in a silo



6. Mountain goat terrain 34. First ever recipient of Oscar for Best An-7. Xbox competitor 8. Libraryful 9. Dignified manner 10. "The Da Vinci _____," best selling book of the 2000s 11. A-bomb particle 12. Levy 15. Like "something new" boutique 20. Beginning of sleeping disorder 22. Feline sound 24. Put to work 25. Toyota Hybrid introduced worldwide in 2000 26. 1,000 kilograms 27. Play a part (2 words) 29. 2002-2004 zoonotic epidemic cause, acr. 31. Rich soil 32. China grass 33. Handy

imated Feature 36. Chronic drinkers 38. Post-it slip 42. Like #59 Down 45. Pink's 2008 hit (2 words) 49. Break down 51. Dismissal or ejection 54. "Peace" with fingers 56. "Madame Butterfly", e.g. 57. First rate (2 words) 58. Sky's Major one 59. Like Best Buy's Squad 60. Urban legend 61. Tons (2 words) 62. Relinquish, as in property 63. Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt, after 2005 64. American Girl _____ Kittredge 66. Doctor Dolittle, e.g. Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:



of the cousin that comes to live with the Brady family?

9. Which Asian

in the world?

country has the only

non-rectangular flag

10. What type of skirt

became popular for

women in the 50's?

11. How old was

1950s acting legend

James Dean when he

passed away in 1955?

12. Who sang Mr.

Sandman in 1954?

Answers on page 11

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2. When is National Chewing Gum Day? 8. What is the study of beards known as?

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

3. What is the name of the woman narrator in Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights?

4. Who was the first woman to break the sound barrier?

5. Which common bean is usually used in the dish known as succotash?

6. What is the only apple native to North America?

7. What is the name

USQ unveils new mural by local artist at 10 Prospect Street

USQ proudly unveiled a public art mural by local artist Sophy Tuttle that weaves together history, art, and nature. The artwork adds intrigue to the Bennett Court façade of 10 Prospect Street USQ's seven-story lab building, located at the corner of Prospect Street and Somerville Avenue in Union Square.

The mural, titled "_Restoration_", portrays a river otter swimming in a body of water, surrounded by native plants. Spanning 15 feet by 30 feet, its allure extends beyond aesthetics, enriching the public realm by paying homage to our natural world as well as connecting back to Union Square's legacy as a dynamic commercial center.

The design celebrates the Miller's River, which once flowed through Union Square, and serves as a reminder of the neighborhood's historical significance, providing water transport to commercial and industrial sites along its shores since the colonial period. The otter symbolizes the restoration of the surrounding land and the importance of supporting nature in urban environments.

USQ collaborated with the Somerville Arts Council, to create and implement an open call to the creative community to submit interest in the project, welcoming creators renowned for their impactful public art installations. Three exceptional individuals emerged as standouts from over a dozen interested artists, earning their advancement to the subsequent phase. With this milestone, each artist was granted a stipend to create site-specific proposals based on their concept.

The final selection process vielded artist Sophy Tuttle's compelling proposal. "I believe in the unique power of public art to ignite discussions and cultivate a shared sense of community. By infusing my interest in biology and the future of science, I've created a mural that speaks to the occupants of the space and captivates passersby. This mural is now part of Somerville's vibrant outdoor art landscape, while hopefully allowing the viewer to find something new each time," states Tuttle.



The new public mural by Sophy Tuttle is on display at 10 Prospect Street.

— Photo courtesy of USQ

Karczewski, Presi-Greg dent of US2, expressed his excitement: "Enhancing Union Square's public realm and celebrating the local arts community are important goals of the USQ project. We are thrilled that this process connected us with Sophy Tuttle and we love the result! Through Sophy's talents and vision, we've added another layer to the public spaces in the neighborhood – one that speaks to critical connections to nature

and history of place while enlivening spaces that support the future of the square."

Sophy Tuttle, an accomplished artist, holds an MFA in Interdisciplinary Art from the Hartford Art School and a Certificate in Graphic Design from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. With a BFA in Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design, Tuttle brings a unique blend of artistic excellence and interdisciplinary expertise. As the owner of Sophy Tuttle Studios since 2008, she has seamlessly navigated mural painting, fine art, illustration, graphic design, budgeting, bookkeeping, and social media. Her civic engagement is exemplified by her co-chair position in the Medford Arts Council from 2021 to 2022, and her membership from 2018 to 2022 showcases her dedication to art's role in fostering community growth and vibrancy. sophytuttle.com.

Dorothy's Corner by dorothy dimarzo

Dosa N Curry

I recently had the opportunity to try a restaurant that's been on my radar for quite some time. I mean what are the chances that I was hungry, I was driving by the area, and found a parking spot right out front? It was meant to be! Upon entering the restaurant, we were promptly greeted and seated.

I immediately inhaled an array of aromatics that filled the air all while reading through the menu. There were many dishes to choose from, and I was having trouble choosing just one, but lucky for me, they served Thali. Thali is a meal served on a round platter consisting of appetizers, naan, multiple curries, and dessert. This is the perfect vessel when you're having a hard time trying to make a choice for sure. Thali served during lunch hours only.

I really enjoyed all the curries, but especially the paneer tikka masala. The paneer had a soft texture, yet held up to the slightly spicy sauce. I highly recommend giving them a try if you haven't already. For more information about their menu, go to dosa-n-curry.com. This vegetarian/vegan restaurant also offers gluten free dishes.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.



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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 382 McGrath NT LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of OS Lending Trust, dated June 10, 2022 and recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 80264 Page 140 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 382 Mc-Grath Highway, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of October 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 382 McGrath Highway, Somerville Middlesex (Southern District) County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Somerville owned by the Estate of George D. Haven," Charles J. Elliot, Engineer and Surveyor, dated May 18, 1922, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 4685, being bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Medford Street, now known as McGrath Highway, by a line with a radius of 750 degrees, forty-seven and 18/100 (47.18) feet; Northwesterly by Lot "B" on a said plan, eighty and 55/100 (80.55) feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Hopkins, fifty-two and 61/100 (52.61) feet: and

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Francis, seventy-two and 58/100 (72.58) feet.

Containing 3,749 square feet of land according to said plan. For title see Deed recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 80264, Page 137.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is"

TERMS OF SALE:

Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of said sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Erik T. Potter, Esq., Potter MacLellan LLP, 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

Present Holder of Said Mortgage: Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust - c/o Erik T. Potter, Esq. Potter MacLellan, LLP 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 - 617-257-7050 ,2023 Dated: April

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via <u>www.storagetreasures.com</u> on 10/11/2023 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Teries Isckarus unit #0121; Atta Ahmad unit #348MZ. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **KATJANA BALLANTYNE** MAYOR

THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Histor-ic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16-7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VIqpt47fRTWZdrSnNwFTUw Webinar ID: 858 7638 5108

TO CALL IN

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

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

DETERMINATIONS OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEM-OLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HP23-000024 – 97 Highland Avenue

Applicant: Somerville Young Men's Christian Association Owner: Same as Applicant The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of

75 vears ago.

DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE DEM-**OLITION REVIEW PROCESS**)

<u>HP23-000025 – 101 Highland Avenue</u> Applicant: Somerville Young Men's Christian Association

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 vears ago.

Case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (post-

ed 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Note: Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov NO LATER THAN NOON one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries. 9/27/23 The Somerville Times

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 0037 Main Somerville LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust, dated August 2, 2021 with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 78389, Page 62 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 37 Main Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:30 a.m. on the 17th day of October 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 37 Main Street, Somerville, Mid-dlesex (Southern County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

The land together with the improvements thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts ("the premises") shown as Lot A on a plan ("the Plan") entitled: "Plan of Land in Somerville, Mass." Dated July 20, 1965, made by Fred M. Gould, Surveyor, recorded Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 10934, Page 201. For title see Deed recorded with the Essex County Registry of Deeds in Book 78389, Page 59.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is"

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113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 - 617-257-7050 Dated: April 5, 2023

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB #24-22

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

Water Main Pipe Fittings

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <u>www.bidexpress</u>.com, https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after <u>Wednesday, September 20, 2023</u>. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 2:00PM, Wednesday, October 4th, 2023. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Sonia Castro at scastro@somervillema.gov for more information.

> Sonia Castro Procurement Manager 617-625-6600 x3407

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	LEGAL N	OTICE - Vehicle Sale 10/21/2023	
	0	vner. The following abandoned moto vately sold unless claimed.	or vehicle will be
Car information 2008 Land Rover Range Rover Sport	VIN# SALSK25438122117	Last registered owner Ali Zaiter	Address 2258 Pawtucket Ave. East Providence RI 02914
Date of Sal		he Waltham Police Department Chio 205 Willow St. Waltham, MA, Phone	

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S.H.A. Job No. P-STOVE102023

The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and deliver stoves to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department

Job No. P-STOVE102023

Description of Work

Supply and deliver NEW Stoves as needed. Deliver to Somerville, MA address.

Term of contract is 3 years or 1 year if alternate is chosen.

Sealed Bids will be received until <u>11:00 A.M. on October 12, 2023</u>, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Somerville, MA 01245.

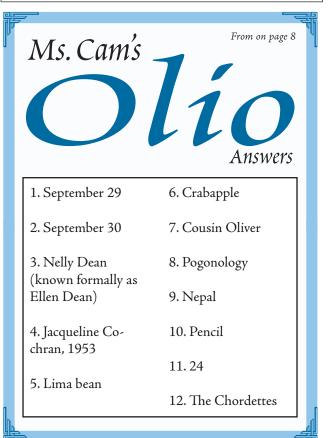
Bid and Contract Documents will be available for download on Somerville Housing Authority's web site <u>www.sha-web.org</u>, under our bid opportunities tab on <u>September 27, 11:00 a.m.</u> Updates and addendums will be posted on website. Bidders are responsible for downloading and including updates, and addendum\s with their bid. There will be no charge for these documents.

Bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, Stove Bid, Attn. Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified. A mail slot is provided if you would like to drop off.

If you are submitting a bid, you must register with Anthony Crespo by email at <u>Tonyc@sha-web.org</u> and provide contact information including, telephone number, and email. You will receive a reply that your email has been received. Bidders\Contractors are responsible for ensuring that their email and bids are received.

All inquiries regarding this bid shall be directed to the Purchasing Department by email to <u>Tonyc@sha-web.org</u>.

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POPLAR STREET PUMP STATION PROJECT: 10 POPLAR STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA

> <u>S-07 50 MGD Storm Water Pump Station</u> CITY OF SOMERVILLE REQUST FOR PROPOSALS CONTRACTOR

City of Somerville and its OPM, PMA Consultants, LLC RFP for Contractor services procured in accordance with current MGL Chapter 30, § 39M for Public Works (Non-Building) Construction Contracts with Labor over \$50,000 inclusive of all amendments. Includes construction of the 50 MGD stormwater pump station, associated site utilities, landscaping and site improvements. Project subject to Mass Prevailing Wage Laws. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for <u>Wednesday,</u> <u>October, 11, 2023 at 2:00PM</u>. Meet at PMA on-site trailer, 10 Poplar St.

RFP will be available on <u>Wednesday, September 27, 2023</u>. Project to be electronically bid via <u>www.projectdog.com</u>, Projectdog Code/ Project #858105. Contractor RFP submissions will be due <u>Wednesday,</u> <u>November 8, 2023 at 2PM</u>. Project contact: Clark McCormick, email: <u>cmccormick@pmaconsultants.com</u>, Cell: 781-910-6571.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI21P1685EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Estate of: Anthony Donato Tempesta Date of Death: 6/28/1988 A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Daniel A. Tempesta of Tewksbury MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, the allowance of proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. Witness, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/23/2023 This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file

a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

> <u>Tara E. De Cristofaro</u> Register of Probate

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Date: September 25, 2023

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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 <u>Wednesday, October 4, 2023</u>, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LSsbGaqNQ2-T7vQfA0SCHA Webinar ID: 821 2260 7168

TO CALL IN

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

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

118 College Ave Havurat Shalom Community Seminary, Inc., c/o Meredith Porter, seeks an administrative appeal of the Building Inspector's issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, CO23-000082.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at $% \left({{\boldsymbol{\sigma }} \right) = {\boldsymbol{\sigma }} \right)$

ttps://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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Funny now, scary then

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and it was signed by Sister Helene. It totally blew me away. She terrified us then, but she also provided us with the most memorable year of school ever.

Sister Helene is up there watching her former students going about their lives, and is probably very proud of us all. We all might just be a little stronger thanks to her. Everyone who ever had Sister Helene can sure tell some very funny stories. Thank you, Sister Helene, from your favorite sawed off runt.

Beacon Hill Roll Call CONT. FROM PG 6

HEALEY BANS STATE AGENCIES FROM BUY-ING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES - Gov. Healey announced an executive order that, effective immediately, will prohibit state agencies from buying single-use plastic bottles. Healey noted that this historic move will make the Bay State the first state in the nation to implement this type of ban.

"We know that plastic waste and plastic production are among the leading threats to our oceans, our climate and environmental justice," said Healey. "In government, we have an obligation -- we also have an opportunity -- to not only stop contributing to this damage, but to chart a better path forward. In our coastal state, we know climate change is our biggest threat. We also believe that taking action is our greatest opportunity, an opportunity to secure a safe, prosperous and sustainable future."

"We applaud Gov. Healey's announcement, which shifts our state's focus on plastics from recycling waste to reducing waste," said MASSPIRG Executive Director Janet Domenitz. "While recycling is better than just throwing things out, after several decades it's clear that we cannot recycle our way out of the mess we are in. Recent studies and reports show that it is next to impossible to recycle plastic."

She continued, "Massachusetts sends to landfills or incinerates almost six million tons of waste each year. Reducing single-use plastics would reduce that waste and the commonwealth's new commitment to use fewer water bottles is an important step towards zero waste in Massachusetts."

HUNGER ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES (S 835) – The Higher Education Committee held a hearing on legislation that would create the Hunger-free Campus Grant Program to provide funding to address food insecurity among college students at the state's public universities.

"Thirty-seven percent of public college students are food insecure, with a disproportionate impact on Black, Latin, LGBTQ students and student parents," said sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "However, only 20 percent are enrolled in SNAP. The Hunger-Free Campus legislation creates a grant program to support college campuses in taking steps toward ending food insecurity. Initiatives funded through the grant program can include notifying students about eligibility for federal food assistance like SNAP or WIC and establishing on-campus EBT/SNAP vendors or meal-sharing programs. No one should have to choose between furthering their education and being able to feed themselves or their families. By fighting hunger insecurity on our public college campuses we can remove barriers to graduation for low-income students and help them secure a brighter future."

FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION (H 1265, S 823) – Another bill heard by the Higher Education Committee would make it the policy of the state to guarantee free public higher education as a right for all residents, including undocumented ones. The measure would create a grant program to pay the equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees to an eligible student at any Massachusetts public college or university, or certificate, vocational or training program at a public institution.

"I want to emphasize that making college free is critical to strengthening our democracy, at a time when threats nationwide to our democracy are at a peak," said Senate sponsor Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Marlborough). "Giving young people the opportunity to build upon their roots and experiences in the community they grew up, by going to college without financial insecurities, plays a critical role in the development of young people as they become active citizens and contribute to the world in a way that makes the fabric of Massachusetts society stronger."

"As a proud first-generation college student (I graduated from Umass Amherst in 2009), I want to ensure all Massachusetts residents have access to public higher education," said House sponsor Rep. Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster). "In Massachusetts, you're more likely to take on student debt, and in higher amounts, if you attend a public college/university rather than a private college/ university. Massachusetts cannot afford to wait to address the affordability challenges of public higher education, and this legislation will help to address many of the workforce challenges we're facing, across education, healthcare and human services."

NONOPIOD PAIN RELIEF (H 1962) – The Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery Committee held a hearing on legislation that would require the Department of Public Health to develop and publish on its website an educational pamphlet regarding the use of nonopioid alternatives for the treatment of pain.

Provisions include requiring the pamphlet to include information on available nonopioid alternatives; the advantages and disadvantages of nonopioid alternatives; requiring health care practitioners to inform patients in hospitals, emergency care departments and hospice care for whom they intend to administer anesthesia involving the use of an opioid drug, to inform the patient and/or their representative, of nonopioid alternatives and their advantages and disadvantages.

"Over the last two decades the use of opioids as a pain medicine has resulted in unprecedented cases of addiction and overdose," said sponsor Rep. Jim Arciero (D-Westford). "In order to give an alternative to their direct use, this legislation will offer information to patients about potential non-opioid treatments for pain control. I believe this legislation will provide individuals with greater choices in making their personal medical decisions which can impact their own future, their families and society."

REQUIRE WARNING LABEL (H 1968) – Another measure before the Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery Committee would require pharmacists filling a written, electronic or oral prescription for an opiate to affix to the container a label with a clear, concise warning that the opiates dispensed can cause dependence, addic-

tion and overdose.

"Nearly 50 percent of opioid dependence originates with prescribed opioid painkillers," said sponsor Rep. Peter Capano (D-Lynn). "While the state hasn't released final numbers for overdose deaths in 2022, some of Massachusetts' biggest cities say they've seen an uptick in fatal overdoses. Warning labels won't solve the opioid addiction crisis but it is one tool mixed with other strategies that would help combat this epidemic."

MARIJUANA AND FIRST RESPONDERS (S 48)

- The Cannabis Policy Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would require the Cannabis Control Commission and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to study and report to the Legislature on the barriers that first responders face about their legal right to use cannabis.

"As we move away from cannabis prohibition, we should ensure we do not hold on to pre-existing, bias-driven bans," said sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro). "I filed ... [the measure] to investigate the existing barriers to first responders' legal right to use cannabis a first responders are asked to perform difficult jobs. The bill would also explore the effectiveness of cannabis in treating anxiety, depression, stress, PTSD and other traumas."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"We respectfully urge the United States Congress to act expeditiously to enact legislation relative to comprehensive immigration reform and, in doing so, help resolve the dual crises of a dysfunctional immigration system and a rapidly devolving domestic workforce shortage." — From a letter from 65 state legislators to President Joe Biden and members of Congress.

"The commonwealth is committed to supporting health care providers who deliver health care services that meet the needs of high-risk communities and populations where they are. Not only do these community health centers provide critical care to families and individuals that would otherwise have limited access to services, but these climate resilience projects also reflect the community health canters' commitment to healthy communities." — Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh announcing \$20 million in grants awarded to community health centers to support capital projects that address the intersection between climate change and a person's health.

"We are in the middle of a crisis in both health disparities and health care workforce retention. We can't effectively address either of these crises without specific, current data to inform actionable policy decisions." — Dr. Ellana Stinson, New England Medical Association President testifying in support of legislation to address physician diversity and health disparities by mandating that licensed healthcare facilities collect and submit demographic data on physicians and physicians-in-training to the state.

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Somerville holds 18th annual 'What the Fluff?' festival

This past Sunday, Somerville residents gathered in Union Square to celebrate the existence of Marshmallow Fluff. Various vendors attended to sell their food and fluff-related art, alongside a variety of equally exciting Fluff-related games. — Text/photos by Jennifer Purcell



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A Community Curator exhibition curated by Martha Friend

The color blue has existed for millennia, influencing great works of art as well as ordinary, but treasured, household objects. It carries many associations including calm, sadness, royalty, and peace. Even the many different words for the color blue evoke emotions-turquoise, indigo, cerulean, periwinkle, cobalt, aquamarine. It lives in our world all around us in the blue sky and ocean waves.

Martha Friend, local curator and collector of all things blue, fell in love with the color early on in her life. As a result, she's spent years building "Sapphire City," an art installation outside her home on Highland Avenue in Somerville, which many in the area would recognize as an unofficial community landmark. Her work has garnered media attention and her vision for this exhibition is translated through artworks by local artists, installations of found objects, music, and creative workshops. Friend invites visitors to explore the many different meanings and uses of blue and leave with a newfound appreciation for the color's history and influence on art and culture.

Could blue be everyone's favorite color? What does blue mean to you?

Funded [in part] by an American Rescue Plan Act grant from the City of Somerville. September 21 – December 2, hours: www.somervillemuseum.org Somerville Museum, One Westwood Road, Somerville, MA 02143.



Fall 2023 Schedule Announced for City Hall Community Meetings Series With Somerville Mayor and Councilors

Meetings for All Seven Wards Will Be Held Throughout October and In Early November

Community members are invited to join Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City Council at the fall 2023 City Hall Community Meetings. These meetings are held twice a year in each of Somerville's seven wards to share the latest City and neighborhood updates with community members. They are an opportunity to get an overview of the latest City news, learn more about City programs and initiatives, meet your neighbors, find ways to get involved, and talk with elected officials and City staff. In-person meetings start with a social half-hour with pizza and kid-friendly, healthy snacks. This is an opportunity to chat one-on-one with elected officials including the Mayor and your Ward City Councilor or At-Large City Councilors, as well as staff, about issues important to you. The meeting then includes presentations by the Mayor and staff on projects in your neighborhood, updates on citywide initiatives, and a look at neighborhood crime stats. Then we will have roughly 20-minutes of open Q&A. All Ward meetings will be held in person, and there will also be one all-virtual, all-ward meeting which will be held on Zoom and will be accessible online or by phone. **Fall 2023 Community Meeting Schedule**

Meetings run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with refreshments and meet-and-greets starting at 6:00 p.m. Unsure about which ward you live in? Find out with the MySomerville address lookup tool at somervillema.gov/mysomerville.

- + Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq., and more): Tues., October 3, West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd.
- Ward 6 (Greater Davis Sq. neighborhood and more): Thurs., October 5, Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.
- Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills, and more): Tues., October 10, Healey School Cafeteria, 5 Meacham St.
- + Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq., and more): Weds., October 18, East Somerville Community School Cafeteria, 50 Cross St.
- Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq., and more): Thurs., October 19, Kennedy School Cafeteria, 5 Cherry St.
- + Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill, and more): Mon., October 23, Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.
- + Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area, and more): Weds., October 25, Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.
- All-Ward Meeting in Portuguese: Thurs., October 26, East Somerville Community School Cafeteria, 50 Cross St. This meeting will also be livestreamed on the City of Somerville YouTube page, and shared on Portuguese language Facebook page fb.com/SomervilleCidade.
- All-Ward Meeting in Spanish: Weds., November 1, East Somerville Community School Cafeteria, 50 Cross St. This meeting will also be livestreamed on the City of Somerville YouTube page, and shared on the Spanish language Facebook page fb.com/SomervilleCiudad.
- All-Ward Virtual Meeting: Thurs., November 2, on Zoom with interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese, as well as other languages by request. You may join online or call in on any phone.

For sign-in information, please visit somervillema.gov/communitymeetings or call 311 at 617-666-3311. All meetings will be recorded by the City's GovTV team. Watch them on-demand with optional closed-captioning (select the CC icon) on YouTube.com/SomervilleCityTV. Or watch on cable TV at GovTV Comcast Ch. 22 and GovTV Astound (RCN) Ch. 13 & 613. Videos will be posted online at the conclusion of all meetings. Interpretation into your language is available for all meetings upon advance request by contacting the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somerviva@somervillema.gov or calling 311 at 617-666-3311. Interpretation availability is also being advertised in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, Nepali, Mandarin, and Cantonese. For more information about the Community Meetings and to attend virtually, visit somervillema.gov/communitymeetings. Please contact Victoria MacGregor with any questions at vmacgregor@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2620.

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Somernova and Fabrication Districts



By Chris Dwan

When the Somerville City Council passed its comprehensive zoning overhaul [1] in 2019, it created a new designation: "Fabrication," sometimes shortened to "FAB."

According to the zoning code, fabrication districts are intended to "protect buildings that are key assets to the creative economy of Somerville from residential conversation, to preserve existing work space, and to retain incubator spaces for start-up, entry-, and mid-level business" and to "create, maintain, and enhance areas appropriate for small and moderate scale single and multi-use buildings; activities common to the arts & creative economy and supporting commercial activities; and a variety of employment opportunities in the arts & creative enterprises."

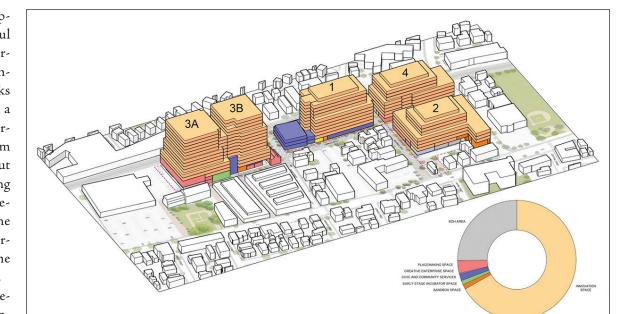
This comes up because Rafi

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Properties [2] is seeking approval for a massive overhaul and expansion [3] of its Somernova [4] campus, which stretches along the railroad tracks from Park to Dane Street and a bit beyond. This is the site formerly home to Artisan's Asylum [5], and still host to Aeronaut Brewing [6], the Bouldering Project [7], a portion of Greentown Labs [8], MIT's Engine [9], and now also the Somerville Media Center [10] and the Somerville Bike Kitchen [11].

Rafi wants to build up, well beyond the four stories allowed under current zoning. They are seeking permission to demolish the existing buildings and construct four new towers, 9 and 10 stories tall along Park Street and up to 16 stories on the East side of Dane.

The proposed campus includes a two-story community center on Dane Street (shown in purple, below), funded for its first ten years of operations. The center would supposedly be constructed first, putting community benefits towards the front of the project timeline in contrast with what we have seen in Union Square. Rafi have also committed to efforts



to keep their current tenants operating through construction, though I honestly don't see how that can be possible. Personally, I'm not convinced that I will be grabbing either a beer or a workout in a hard-hat zone.

The Somernova site is the core of the largest contiguous FAB area in the city, one of only three that could meaningfully be called a "district" (the others are across the tracks from Junction Park and along Joy Street in Brickbottom). Most of the properties zoned FAB were existing manufacturing or arts buildings that the council included piecemeal to protect them - briefly - from being chopped up into condos.

The community is gearing up for a vigorous conversation about traffic and parking (Park Street and Somerville Ave cannot handle their current traffic load, much less thousands more trips per day), displacement (what will happen to those well-loved tenants, and neighbors?), the reality of living through years of high-rise construction (it's really noisy and dirty down here in the lower numbered wards), and of course housing (the proposal doesn't include any, honoring that one little bit of the FAB zoning, though it does commit to a \$27.9M contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust).

All of those are important topics, and I look forward to engaging with them. At the same time, I think that we should keep the intention of the FAB district front and center: "Supporting activities common to the arts & creative economy ... and a variety of employment opportunities in the arts & creative enterprises."

Artisan's Asylum was, for me, the very soul of FAB. I took classes in jewelry making from a school board member and was learning how to build my own furniture. The SCUL [12] crew could be found welding together fantastical bicycles just a few stalls over from a friend who builds robots. The story of why the Asylum moved to Allston/Brighton is long and people have a variety of takes, but move they did and I think that Somerville's creative economy is the worse for the loss.

I think FAB is well named, in the sense that it's fabulous, or it could be.

If we are to tear down and build up (which seems to be the way of things), we should insist that builders retain and expand space to nurture the funky, artsy, inventive, quirky, brilliant core of Somerville, still hanging on in these few tiny slivers of FAB that the 2019 council was wise enough to protect.

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Compassion and accountability needed to address homeless crisis



By Matthew McLaughlin Ward 1 City Councilor

Homelessness is a national problem that is testing the capacity and compassion of some of the most progressive cities in America. Somerville is no different, and East Somerville in particular is dealing with an increase in homelessness.

I submitted a resolution at the August 21 City Council meeting that the city declare a public health emergency regarding homelessness in Somerville, following Governor Maura Healey's declaration a week prior. I also submitted a list of tangible goals to address homelessness in Ward 1 that can be found at: https:// somervillema.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx. They boil down to two resources we have yet to fully provide: money and effort. My goal is to push the city to finally treat homelessness as an emergency and use compassion as well as accountability to help people while upholding basic community standards.

This is an issue close to my heart. I see it as I walk the streets as well as in my day job where I help homeless veterans find employment. People I grew up with and now their children are living on the streets. I've lost count of how many friends died from substance abuse. I've also been robbed and assaulted by people close to me. The hard lesson I've learned is you must always assist those seeking help, but some are not ready to accept help and boundaries must be set for your own safety.

I've passed numerous orders and resolutions over the years regarding homelessness and substance abuse prevention. The very first substantive order I placed was to have the police and fire departments carry Narcan, which saved hundreds of lives, including many people I know personally. I've advocated for housing, shelters, warming and cooling stations, public restrooms and more. This year I successfully advocated to increase staffing for the Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) team who work directly with homeless residents and overdose victims.

While we must always uphold our compassionate ideals, we must also have accountability around basic standards of decency in the community. In the past few months alone, East Somerville has seen public defecation, knife fights, street brawls, indecent exposure, public intoxication, theft, destruction of property, trespassing and litter. I've heard about this from many residents, from families to immigrant owned businesses to unhoused residents themselves. These incidents are not a blanket description of all homeless residents. It is a very small group that is reducing the quality of life for everyone, including other homeless people. No shelter, church, non-profit organization or mental health institution would tolerate this behavior. Public parks and streets should be no different.

Numerous studies show that exposure to violence, crime and even litter has a negative mental impact on community members. Ignoring these problems is not compassion; rather it dehumanizes the homeless and ensures they will never escape the streets. We must offer all the resources possible to house and treat the symptoms of homelessness. If people are not ready or willing to accept those resources, however, the alternative cannot be to enable them to continue harming themselves and the community.

Accountability does not necessarily mean arrest, although violent crime and indecent behavior should be addressed. It does mean, however, that everyone, housed and unhoused alike, buy into the same set of basic community standards. I've requested the city increase enforcement on liquor stores over-serving customers, which they have aggressively pursued. I've also asked for alcohol consumed in public spaces be confiscated, a basic standard we expect from all residents. I've suggested work programs and community cleanups that include homeless residents to have everyone buy into our shared responsibility.

Compassion and accountability are not contradicting concepts. They are basic elements of society. Compassion without accountability can lead to progressive minded people becoming resentful of the victims of our economic system and the resources cities provide. This dynamic is playing out all over America where cities are resorting to force to push out unhoused populations. Accountability with no compassion, however, does not address the root causes of homelessness and leads to the authoritarian responses people fear.

Somerville cannot solve homelessness alone, but we do have the resources and compassion necessary to help people in crisis while not ignoring the problems everyone can see in plain sight. I will continue to push the city to address this national issue on a neighborhood level with the resources they must provide.



By Jack Connolly Jackconnolly422@gmail.com Candidate for Ward 6 Councilor

Heard the latest?

The Stop & Shop grocery store Bfresh is closing soon, mid-October; "Not meeting financial expectations" was the press report. Street talk is that there's been

a lot of shoplifting going on in there, as well as in the CVS store just up the block; Maybe Bfresh's parent company, Stop and Shop, decided Davis Sq. is not the place to be anymore. Dunkin' Donuts has already left Davis Sq.

The cocktail supply shop 'Boston Shaker' on Holland Street has already closed.

You probably have noticed the empty Holland St. storefront where Rockin' Bob's guitar shop once lived.

How about the empty com-

mercial space nearby where Johnny D's Uptown lounge existed for many years?

Word has it that a cannabis shop is trying to open at that location. We already have three cannabis shops that are open already in Davis; Might be a tough go for one more. What about the old smoke shop on Elm St: Closed for what, over a year? How about the uplifted bricks out in front that people stumble over every day?

What about the empty out-ofservice and closed graffitied gas station on Highland Ave., and the empty RiteAid pharmacy nearby on Highland and Grove St.?

Anybody like the "artwork" on the Eversource transfer station building on Willow Ave. next to the Community Path?

How many more people will trip on the loose bricks between Mike's Restaurant and the old smoke shop (now closed)?

How many more used syringes are going to be found in front of the ice cream store in the Davis Sq. Plaza?

When will the trash around the MBTA subway light shaft next to the 7/11 get picked up?

Who's getting after the MBTA to clean up the busway and fix the

bike racks laying around unable to rack any bikes?

Those are just a few of the unanswered questions and broken fixtures throughout Davis Sq. deteriorating day by day, week by week.

Looks like the City of Somerville, with almost a third of a billion dollar annual budget, is giving Davis Sq., and the Davis Sq. neighborhood, a good leaving alone.

Jack Connolly is a native Somervillian, a Davis Sq. resident and insurance agent: He is also a former Somerville Ward Six and At Large Alderman (known now as City Councilor).

Deteriorating Davis Square

COMMENTARY

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Tuition-Free Community College – a Possible Option for Somerville Grads



By Will Mbah Candidate for Somerville City Councilor at Large

Among the new spending lines that have been most welcomed in the FY2024 Massachusetts State Budget are two funds that look forward to tuition-free Community College in the Commonwealth.

First, beginning this month, any qualified Massachusetts resident who is at least 25 years old and has a high school degree or GED but no associate's or bachelor's degree, can attend a community college without tuition. This program, called Mass Reconnect, brings back to school people who had to defer education for work and family obligations. The program is funded at \$20 million for the first year.

Second, starting next year, free tuition will be available for all Commonwealth resident students, including new high school graduates. In order to prepare the 15 campuses with facilities improvements and new hiring, the budget has provided \$12 million funding for this year. Future budgets will have the funding to cover the tuition for the students who enroll.

The two new programs expand the list of scholarships, loans and other assistance that the state now provides at all the community colleges, state colleges and University of Massachusetts campuses. To participate, each student must fill out a standard federal grant/loan application form (FAFSA) and the data it records about their income and resources becomes the basis to determine eligibility under any program.

The Mass Reconnect tuition-forgiveness for an over-25 age student will apply after he/she takes advantage of any other available grant or scholarship. The grant can be as high \$10,244 per year, which is the tuition at Bunker Hill

and other Boston area Community Colleges. Another \$250 per semester covers the textbooks and course materials each student will need. The student will still pay for housing, transportation, cafeteria, etc., to the extent these costs are not covered by other programs.

We do not yet know how many eligible students have enrolled so far this year. However, officials of the Department of Education have appeared on the news recently to encourage applications and they have given an estimate of about 8,000 students, state-wide, who are likely to participate in Mass Reconnect in the "next few years." (WBUR, WGBH)

This estimate is small, in comparison to the total 696,000 Massachusetts residents, who have some college credits but have not completed degrees. It is also substantially below the estimate of 48,000 students that the advocacy groups presented when they testified at the state budget hearings in spring 2023 (Boston Daily DIG).

What is likely to be the impact on Somerville students? Somerville High School keeps and publishes data on the future plans of its graduating students, who number 300-320 each year. They report on their website that about 48% expect to attend a four-year college; about 15% intend to enroll in a community college, and another 15% plan to enter the workforce and gain job training. Finally, about 7% of students do not know what they will be doing after high school.

Based on these percentages, we could foresee that the all the students, intending to enroll at a Community College, would get free tuition in 2024 – that is, 45 students. Some of the other students, who expect to enter the workforce and who do not have fixed plans, may now be able to afford Community College for their job training. Perhaps 15 or 20 of these students would participate. A few of the students in the group of 48%, who will pursue a fouryear degree, might decide to do their first two years at a Community College to save on tuition and then transfer – another 10 or 15 students. Thus, 75-80 graduates of Somerville High might take advantage of the free tuition program each year.

Another way to estimate the potential beneficiaries is to consult a database of college searches by Somerville students. A website called: "Niche network" allows high school to research campuses and financial programs, and it then publishes the search data as: "The 10 most "Popular Colleges" of Somerville High School students. Bunker Hill Community College is number ten on this list with 73 student inquiries out of a total of 1,397 searches. This compares to 507 searches about UMass campuses and 726 searches about Boston-area private colleges.

These numbers suggest that the counselors at the high school will be able to guide several more graduates, each year, to a community college program.

Somerville already is among the US cities with the highest percentages of college graduates -65% of its total population. But this still leaves some 11,000 to 12,000 working-age residents with a high school degree or equivalency but without the opportunity to complete a higher degree.

Bunker Hill CC and the other nearby community colleges offer career-oriented programs in health care and nursing, bio-technology, criminal justice, teaching and childcare, and computer science. Mass Reconnect could offer Somerville residents, now working in these fields, with opportunities to advance.

Somerville High School Career Counselors

Statewide the FY2024 program of free tuition for over-25 age students was estimated to attract over five years 48,000 adults at a cumulative cost of \$46 million according to EY Parthenon – quote from DIG Boston, January 27,2023.

MassINC forum on college affordability on January 25, 2023.

If you want to learn more or support my campaign, please visit my website at willmbah.com.

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House 11:03 a.m. to 12:24 p.m.

Senate 11:15 a.m. to 12:07 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 19

Wed. Sept. 20

Thurs. Sept. 21

Fri. Sept. 22

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Urban and Community Forestry program is critical for these cities and towns to address some of their most pressing needs around public health, workforce development and climate resiliency through increasing access to green space." — Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure Quentin Palfrey.

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 18-22, the House met for a total of one hour and 26 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 56 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 18

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

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affordable housing inventory in the area. The project aims to help meet the diverse needs of individuals and families within our community.

The project team is comprised of:

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• **Stantec:** Stantec is a global leader in sustainable design, has been selected to provide architecture, interior design and landscape services for the project. For more information, visit Boston, Massachusetts Office Project at stantect.com.

• **CSL Consulting:** CSL is an Owner's Project Management and Mitigation firm that provides construction consulting services to a full spectrum of clients in the higher ed, private K-12, corporate, hospitality, healthcare, development, infrastructure, nonprofit and life sciences

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This exceptional team ensures that the Somerville Y is poised to execute the project with utmost precision and meet the goals and expectations put in place.

About the Somerville Y

Each year, the Somerville Y reaches over 5,000 people and 2,500 youths through a variety of social, cultural, and athletic programs designed to help participants grow personally, understand others, and appreciate the world's diversity. The Somerville Y serves the City of Somerville and its adjacent neighborhoods in Boston, Cambridge, Arlington, Medford, Malden, and Everett, an area generally defined as lower mid-dle-class suburbs of Boston.



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Flamingo watering hole ...

— Photo by Denise Provost

On This Day in History

September 27

1722 – Samuel Adams, American revolutionary patriot and statesman, helped to organize the Boston Tea Party.

1864 – Confederate guerrilla Bloody Bill Anderson and his henchmen, including a teenage Jesse James, massacre 20 unarmed Union soldiers at Centralia, Missouri.

1920 – Eight Chicago White Sox players are charged with fixing the 1919 World Series.

1939 – Germany occupies Warsaw as Poland falls to Germany and the Soviet Union.

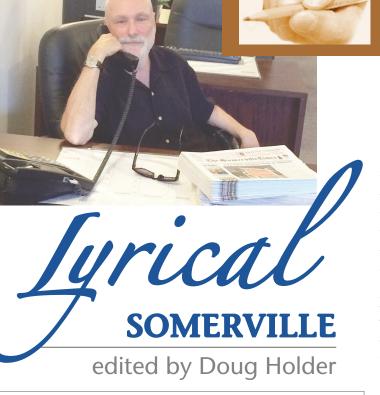
1950 – U.S. Army and Marine troops liberate Seoul, South Korea.

1964 – The Warren Commission, investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, issues its report, stating its conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole gunman.

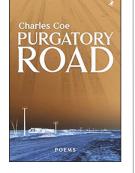
1979 – US Congress approves Department of Education as the 13th agency in the US Cabinet.

1996 – The Taliban capture Afghanistan's capital city, Kabul.





Charles Coe is the author of two previous volumes of poetry, both with Leapfrog Press: All Sins Forgiven: Poems for my Parents (2013) and Picnic on the Moon (1999). He's also the author of Spin Cycles, a novella published by Gemma Media. Charles is the winner of a fellowship in poetry from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and was selected by the Associates of the Boston Public



Library as a "Boston Literary Light in 2014." He teaches poetry in the MFA programs at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island and Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. His latest collection is *Purgatory Road*.

Night Birds

A young woman lies in the moonlight along the banks of a river whose name she does not know, head resting on a coat balled into a pillow, sleepless ears taking in the sounds around her, sighs and snores and quiet conversations, an old man's tired, dry cough blending with a baby's cry, night birds whose calls remind her of the home she left behind.

She lies in the dark, remembering a place she knows she will never see again, the village where she laughed and played as a child, where now, men with automatic rifles swarm the streets like stone-faced farmers who sow only blood and tears.

Her body aches from a day riding atop a north bound freight train, El Tren de la Muerte, where those who lose their grip tumble to earth, often to their death, while the train, like some blind, mindless

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Max Heinegg – A Poet who is 'Going There'

I recently caught up with poet Max Heinegg, who has a new collection of poetry out. Heinegg works as an English teacher, brew master, musician, singer, actor and of course poet. He resides in Medford, and his poetry reflects the Somerville, Cambridge and Medford area.

Doug Holder: The title of your new poetry collection is *Going There* by the Lily Press. Where are you going with this collection of poetry? In this part of your life are you taking a look at new territory, or revisiting the same ground?

Max Heinegg: The book is about literal journeys and the big life journey; it's about going to work, seeing the country, and attending all of the human ceremonies: weddings, births, funerals, and all of the mundane things in between, which I try to present as often having more significance and complexity than at first glance. I think it's about revisiting the past with clearer sight, but the poems range in age from less than a year, to in many cases five. There's a lot of revision to try to make the work sing.

DH: One critic stated that your poems are like an arrangement of mirrors. Explain.

MH: I think they mean I present places, people, and experiences as they are but also from different angles (often in the same poem) to show things as they are but also from different angles to reveal depth. I'm looking for resonances as well as different vantage points, and to try to see things from the perspectives of the subjects I'm writing about.

DH: Among the many hats you wear is that of a brew master. I wonder is there a sort of poetry in the birth of beer?

MH: Yes. I think there are some similarities with writer's block and then working on a piece. Making beer is about curiosity and enchantment, and then relying on experience and knowledge to help the beer become what it "wants" to be. Every beer is different and the arrival of every beer is exciting!

DH: Why should we read your book?

animal, rumbles on.

But in spite of everything she has seen she still believes in the power of prayer, so she prays to remain invisible to the men from the drug cartels who sell those they kidnap into forced labor and prostitution.

She prays for a home with a warm bed. She prays that there is goodness still



MH: I think the book is relatable on a human level. I write about family, teaching, travel, and aging, but I also write about Medford, Somerville, Cambridge, so there's a local aspect to it. For people who enjoy accessible, narrative oriented poems with a focus on the sound of the language, I think the book will connect. I always ask myself if the work feels authentic and if it reads with energy. I think these poems do that and I'm very excited to share them.

Raspberry

This is what I left the city for a sight to soak in, the ah in yard, a pint in a palmful, the fruit that grows itself.

In summer, when they sit heavy, loose to the touch, I yield to ants that drag a crown off, & wait until a thin pinkie can don the knit pink hat, then focus & get at the fractal of

drupelet a fat lip, level an igloo's row, Continu

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to be found in this world, that those she meets at the end of this long journey will be generous and kind,

and in the moment before sleep comes at last the night birds at the river's edge add their songs to her prayer.

> — Charles Coe From Purgatory Road Leapfrog Press © 2023

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

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School season is in full swing, but the Somerville Homeless Coalition still have a handful of children in need of backpacks. They have babies in need of diapers too - sizes 1-5. For a full list of items please see their Amazon Wishlist: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2PKG3LS84XJMF?ref_=wl_ share&fbclid=IwAR2hGRE_D8M-8Jr2TUUV6fN0PlqOrGCRHFXsD-BqfK6alM2jR3dsxNUv3AFus or, drop off your donations at their food pantry, Project SOUP, at 165 Broadway, Somerville. Visit https://somervillehomelesscoalition.org/.

Somerville Math Fund's high school engineering challenge is coming. Time to sign up (deadline is October 6), for the October 22 event. Get details and links here https://somervillemathematics. blogspot.com/.

Registration is open for Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Somerville Youth Hockey. All sessions take place at either Veterans or Founders rinks in Somerville. Beginner classes are geared towards kids 3-9 who have never skated nor played hockey before. There's also a new Advanced option for kids aged 9 and older who are ready for a more fast-paced introduction to the fundamentals of hockey and skating. Financial aid (and some equipment) is available. To learn more and register, visit https://www.somervilleyouthhockey.org/ltsltp.

 Pavement and Sidewalk Management Program. This presents an opportunity to redesign the street to make it safer for all users. Tufts Street is designated as a Neighborway in the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan, so the new design will prioritize traffic calming elements to reduce speeds and discourage cutthrough traffic. The meeting will take place Wednesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Learn more about the project and find the virtual meeting link at somervillema.gov/tuftsstreet.

The Somerville Community Growing Center is holding their 2nd annual Seasonal Salvage Sale & Makers' Market on October 21, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., 22 Vinal Ave. Rather than a traditional yard sale, it became a two-part shopping experience: a curated, seasonally-themed secondhand sale where 100% of the proceeds go to the Growing Center, and a new "Makers' Market" filled with local craft vendors who participate for a nominal fee but get to keep all the proceeds of their sales. To volunteer, be a vendor or donate visit: www.thegrowingcenter. org/yard-sale

Is your family looking for adventure? **Cub Scouts** is a program for kids and their families. Every family pitches in to help out. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a **Do Your Best attitude**. Pack 3 is an all-volunteer group of families who welcome and embrace people of diverse race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic status, family structure, and physical or mental ability. Contact the pack, for more info visit facebook.com/somervillepack3 or email: info@somervillepack3.org. Visit somervillepack3.org.

Join the Arts at the Armory on Octo-

ber 3 and 4 for "Cirque Us Stories," a new, thoughtfully curated show that flips through the pages of Cirque Us's favorite stories to bring you a touching, thrilling narrative about community and identity. Interweaving a collection of folktales, classic literature, children's stories, modern fiction, and more, this show jumps off the page with twists, flips, rewrites, and retellings of stories you'll love. The show features aerialists, jugglers, acrobats, contortionists, clowns, and more, all ready to fly off the shelf and straight to you. For tickets and more information https:// artsatthearmory.org/events/cirque-usstories/

Free classes available to parents and guardians. Register on the first Monday of each month from 6:00–9:00 p.m. Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences (SCALE) offers free, in-person high school equivalency classes. SCALE is located at 167 Holland Street and can be reached at 617-625-6600 x6920.

get a library card with their parents' information. Visit: somervillepubliclibrary.org.

Congratulations to Dr. Ana Nieto for being named a 2023 Early Childhood Policy Fellowship by BankStreet College of Education. She is one of 13 leaders from across the United States chosen, who are working toward creating high-quality, equitable early childhood systems. Dr. Nieto is Coordinator of Prenatal to School Entry Partnership Alignment and Grant Development at Somerville Public Schools. Learn more: https://www. bankstreet.edu/.

Did you know students at **Somerville High School** can access **free dental care** during the school year? All services are provided at the **CHA Teen Connection**. Students are encouraged to make an appointment and learn more through the school nurse or by visiting the CHA Teen Connection (phone 617-575-5690).

Safety tips and resources to help during the current hurricane season: Secure outdoor property and ensure you are in a safe location before the onset of strong winds. Charge cell phones and other electronic devices. Do not attempt to relocate or move any downed wires, as they are dangerous to handle. Reports of downed wires can be reported by calling 911. Downed tree limbs can be reported via 311 (dial 311 or 617-666-3311). Power outages can be reported and monitored via Eversource's website: eversource.com/ cg/customer/reportoutage.

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sepal a present's bow, peduncle a bristling pestle to, molars for mortar. Seeds bittersweet as the month is plucked. One, not done. From Going There.

To find out more about Max go to: https://www.maxheinegg.com/biography

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