

RESIDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

PROGRAMS

Digital Navigator Program:
Helps all Mystic residents build digital literacy skills and access essential online resources, including job applications, benefits enrollment, telehealth, and communication tools. By appointment or drop in at the MAC Computer Lab. 530 Mystic Ave

- Wednesday: 9:00am-7:30pm
- Friday: 9:00am-7:30pm
- Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm
- Sunday: 9:00am-3:00pm
- Tuesday: 10:00am-1:00pm

Rafael Pineda | Digital Navigator
617-996-0957 | RPineda@sha-web.org

Mystic River Residents | Memorial Road or Mystic Ave

Resident Service Coordination:
Connects residents with social services, healthcare, educational programs, and community engagement opportunities.

State Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP):
A voluntary work-based program helping families build economic independence through case management, education, job training, and motivational support. Participants can earn an escrow account and access employment counseling, transportation, education, skills training, homeownership counseling, childcare assistance, financial counseling, and credit building. Now enrolling! Available to SHA residents living in the Mystic River development.

Georgina Barnes, SSP Coordinator and RSC
617-702-2002 | GeorginaB@sha-web.org.

Mystic View Residents | River Road or Canal Lane

Resident Service Coordination:
Connects residents with social services, healthcare, educational programs, and community engagement opportunities.

Contact:
Avi Samaha, ROSS Coordinator
617-996-0945 | AviS@sha-web.org.

Federal Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS):
A voluntary work-based program helping families build economic independence through case management, education, job training, and motivational support. Participants can earn an escrow account (up to $20,000) and access employment counseling, transportation, education, skills training, homeownership counseling, childcare assistance, financial counseling, and credit building. This program is currently waitlisted — intakes are still encouraged for when a spot opens. Available to all Mystic View residents who have not yet completed the program and received the full $20,000 escrow.

Contact:
Suze Montina, FSS Coordinator (English/Haitian Creole)
617-625-1152 x356| SuzeM@sha-web.org

Director of Resident Services is here to help! If you have questions or need specific resources and assistance please contact Shannon Bennett, LCSW.
shannonb@sha-web.org | (617) 996-0927

AUTUMN UPDATES



Resident Services Coordinator **Graciela Cordova** is expanding her outreach starting November 2, 2026! She will serve **Hagan Manor** and **Properzi Manor**, in addition to her long standing post at **Brant Manor**. Graciela is bilingual in Spanish and English, in addition to her many other gifts and talents for serving the residents of Somerville Housing Authority.

Thank you to CVS Pharmacy Somerville's Health and Human Services Department for hosting flu and vaccine clinics across the SHA.

Exciting upgrades to the mail delivery system at Mystic are underway this fall!



The Mystic Tenants Association hosted their first annual gala **Together We Rise Gala, on** October 24, 2026, which was a great success! Connect here to support and learn about their work



Septic & Sewer Information

Never pour fats oils and grease down the sink

Do not discard food waste down the kitchen sink

N**ever** flush hygiene products or other household waste down the toilet

Learn more about combined sewer overflow in Somerville here and subscribe for updates.

Get involved, check out the work of Charles River Watershed Association and the Mystic River



Mystic Mural Ribbon Cutting | Event details
Tuesday October 27 3:00PM | Mystic Ave



Thursday October 29 4:00PM | Garden
Celebrate the end of the garden season and join the fall festivities at our close out party!



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CITY OF SOMERVILLE
ELECTIONS

On **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**, Massachusetts will hold its State Election.

Offices and items on the ballot include Governor, Senator in Congress, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, District Attorney, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Councilor, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Representative in Congress, and Register of Probate – and nine ballot questions.

Somerville voters can vote early in person or by mail or on Election Day. The state election is open to all registered voters in Somerville.

Consider these options:

- Vote by mail: apply by Tuesday, October 27
- Vote early: October 17-30 at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)
- Review ballot questions in advance.
- Learn more and get all election information in Somerville.
- Register to vote by Saturday, October 24.
- Check voting location here.

Job Opportunities

Work with Somerville Public Schools
Work with the City of Somerville
Career One Stop
MassHire | Cambridge Fresh Pond
Career Coaching

Somerville Public Schools

🌐 Padres Latinos de Somerville
🌐 Programs and Departments | Somerville Public Schools
🌐 District Newsletter | Somerville Public Schools

Somerville Public Library

Fall 2026 Citizenship Preparation Class
English Language Classes

Social Services
Events Calendar

Locations:
Central Library | 79 Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02143
East Branch | 115 Broadway Somerville, MA 02145
West Branch | 40 College Ave Somerville, MA 02144



Around Hear | Enriching the life of the City of Somerville by offering innovative, uplifting, free chamber music concerts and community music classes to generationally, culturally, and economically diverse audiences.

Somerville Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans of Somerville
SomerVet Registration

Somerville Council on Aging
Somerville Cambridge Elder Services

Mystic Tenant Association | To empower and uplift the residents of the Mystic View and Mystic River developments within the Somerville Housing Authority.

Mystic Learning Center | To improve the lives of children and families who live at the Mystic Public Housing Development and surrounding neighborhoods.

Somerville Hub | A place to find what youth and their families need to grow, learn, and thrive in Somerville.

Dojo at SomerNova | Teen center, events, and programing for Somerville youth with different events everyday.



New to Somerville? Start Here
Know Your Rights | New Resident Guide

2026 Fall Guide | Activities and helpful info for Fall by Somerville Parks & Recreation

Somerville Food Resources

Free Produce at Mystic Activity Center | 530 Mystic Ave
Thursday | October 8th & 22nd | 2:45pm

Union Square Farmers Market | 70 Union Square
Saturdays | 9:00am-1:00pm

Davis Square Farmers Market | 44 Day Street
Tuesdays | 12:00pm-6:00pm

Assembly Row Farmers Market | 355 Artisan Way

Fridays | 3:00pm-7:00pm

Somerville Mobile Farmers Market (LAST DAY OCT 31)
Thursdays | 4:00pm-6:00pm | Clarendon Hill Towers
Fridays | 10:30am-12:30pm | Council on Aging
Fridays | 2:30pm-4:30pm | Somerville Library East
Saturdays | 10:00am-12:00pm | Mystic Playground

Somerville Food Resources
Get assistance with SNAP benefits
Food not Bombs | Somerville
Mutual Aid of Somerville & Medford

Somerville Housing Authority
30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02144
Office: (617) 625-1152 | Public Safety: (617) 628-1258 | Maintenance: (617) 625-4522

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Translation and interpretation services are available upon request by appointment only | (617) 625-1152.
Sèvis tradiksyon ak entèpretasyon disponib sèlman sou demann ak randevou | (617) 625-1152.
Servicio de traducción e intepretación estan disponibles, con cita, una vez que lo solicite | (617) 625-1152.
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