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I've sold homes in Somerville for 10+ years now. When I'm not out showing or selling houses in the area, you can find me at Foss Park with my shih-tzu Teddy every morning at 9:30 having a romp with our neighborhood friends. Please, come say hi!

If you're looking to connect with a local real estate agent (or make a new friend) who lives in and loves East Somerville, let's chat!





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WELCOME!

East Somerville Main Streets is

excited to present this 1st edition East Somerville Guide Book. East Somerville has a lot to offer but one of the most unique highlights is our international cuisine from across the globe including El Salvador, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Ethiopia and more!



While you are out enjoying all the flavors of East Somerville, you also can't miss our noteworthy public art collection. We have included a suggested walking tours in this Guide to take in all of our amazing artworks and some local history to help you familiarize yourself with East Somerville's past and what has shaped the community to what it is today.

We hope that this Guide will inspire you to visit our local businesses, take in some local culture and fall in love with East Somerville. Feel free to visit us online at **Eastsomervillemainstreets.org** to learn more about how East Somerville Main Streets works to support East Somerville.



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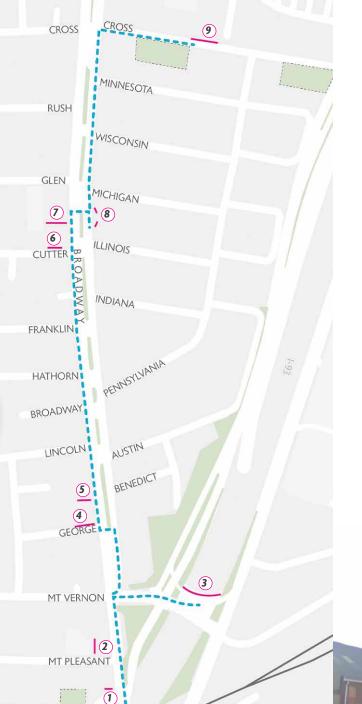
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CALDWELL



We start this tour at Caldwell Street and Broadway just West of the 93 underpass, where the Somerville and Charlestown City lines meet. Just a short distance away from the Sullivan Orange Line Station.

Caldwell Street Mural

This mural is a painted canvas was created by <u>Nate Swain</u> and <u>Laura Smith</u> that was created in 2015 as part of the <u>This is East</u> project, which was a collaboration between East Somerville main Streets, the <u>Somerville Arts</u> <u>Council</u> and <u>Mudflat Pottery School</u> and funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. You will find several public art projects along this tour that were completed as part of this large scale project.

Moving on to our next stop, proceed westward along Broadway until you reach Mt Pleasant Street. You should be at the corner of Mount Vernon Restaurant. Walk up Mount Pleasant Street and look at the backside of the restaurant. Here you will find the next stop.

Mount Vernon Restaurant Mural

Mount Vernon Restaurant Mural by artist Brian Hart was completed October 2019. This mural was commissioned by East Somerville Main Streets and was funded in part by a Somerville Arts Council Grant and with support from Mount Vernon Restaurant and Pub. The mural features the restaurants well known "Twin Lobster Special" and if you look close, you will see representative icons of oceans and voyages.



After you've had your fill of lobster, proceed back to Broadway and proceed westward until you reach Mount Vernon Street. From this corner you can chose to cross Broadway towards Lombardi underpass to get a closer look at the next two murals. Lombardi underpass is a pedestrian and vehicle crossing under Interstate 93 to reach Assembly Square.

Broadway Brake Corp & Lombardi Underpass Murals

The Broadway Brake mural was completed in 2020 by artist Meagan O'Brien and commissioned by East Somerville Main Streets with support of community member donations. This mural features various modes of transportation with nods to East Somerville culture.



If you continue to walk towards the underpass at Lombardi street you will come to the Lombardi Underpass mural:



In 2019 local artist Meagan O'Brian was commissioned by Federal Realty Investment Trust/ Assembly Row to paint a mural to replace the printed mural that had deteriorated. Meagan included several East Somerville icons in her mural including the triple decker houses, Chuckie



Harris Park, Mudflat ceramic studios and "hello" in Spanish, Hattian and Portuguese representing our diverse community in East Somerville.

Taco Loco at 46 Broadway.

Return to Broadway and continue westward until you reach Broadway and George Street. You should see a mural on the East facing wall of

🕘 David Zayas Mural

This eye-catching <u>David Zayas</u> mural was commissioned by the City of Somerville/<u>Somerville Arts Council</u> and was completed in 2018. David Zayas is from Puerto Rico. Society is the main theme of his work—Us, human beings. He portrays this theme through images of children, women, and animals.



Continue westward along Broadway for less than one block down is our next stop at 52 Broadway is another East facing mural.

Calo Rosa Mural

Calo Rosa mural at 52 Broadway (Somerville Communications) completed in 2019.

"This piece was created for the El Salvadoran and Central American friends in Somerville, it's a portrait of my friend Bianca Rosalia surrounded by elements from the tropical flora native to ES. As many other Central Americans, Bianca represents the resilience and commitment to thrive in a different environment. It includes flora that is easy to recognize to Central Americans: Flor de izote, the national flower of ES, hojas de guineo that are use to cook and make tamales, and birds of paradise flowers.

This elements bring us back to the days where we were in our hometowns, in the mountains or the coast, playing with our friends surrounded by life full of color. Bianca is wearing Mayan "ruler" earplugs as a reminder to recognize where we came from to know who we are, bigger that any government, bigger than any frontier or division. wherever we are, the colors and energy of the tropics will always come with us." – Calo



The next stop is quite a bit farther down on Broadway so take your time walking and perhaps stop for lunch at one of our many amazing immigrant-owned restaurants or stop into Mudflat Pottery School to see the latest ceramic art exhibit and classes happening. Head westward until you have reached Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine at102 Broadway.

Alexander Keto Mural

Alexander Keto's mural was completed in 2020 and commissioned by the City of Somerville/Somerville Arts Council. Brazilian painter and sculptor Alexandre Keto's works can be found in the permanent collections of the Brazilian Embassies in Ghana and Belgium. Influenced by samba, Orisha worship, and American graffiti, Keto's mission is to celebrate, reconnect, and value the African heritage. Keto's paintings are versions of the gods and goddesses of the ancestral Yoruba traditions, and his sculptures are influenced by African statues, especially those by the Yoruba and Baole people. Keto's works are vivid, eclectic, and celebratory.



Head across the street to the East Branch Library at 115 Broadway. Standing in front of the library gives the best vantage point to view the next mural, which is on the other side of Broadway above Ola Café at 112 Broadway.

🚺 Angurria Mural

The <u>Evaristo Angurria</u> mural at 112 Broadway (above Ola cafe) was completed in 2018 and commissioned by the City of Somerville/<u>Somerville</u> <u>Arts Council</u>. Angurria is a Dominican graphic designer and muralist.



While you are standing in front of the library, take a look at the cement bench out front, you should see the mosaic tiles on the face of the bench.

🕑 Library Mosaic

This mosaic was created by a partnership between lead artist <u>Laura Smith</u>, East Somerville Main Streets, <u>Mudflat Pottery Studios</u> and the <u>Somerville</u> <u>Arts Council</u>, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts as part of the This is East project in 2015.



East Somerville Main Streets and Mudflat Studios held six workshops at the East Somerville Community School with grades 2 and 7 to conceptualize and mold the actual clay pieces for the mosaic. This created over 100 unique pieces that represent the children's history and perspective.

There were also six workshops at <u>Beautiful Stuff Project</u>, one workshop at the Broadway Senior Center, one workshop in the East Somerville library and two workshops at Mudflat Potter School, to produce clay pieces for the mosaic that would include the perspective of people in the community from as many backgrounds as possible.

Continue westward along Broadway until you reach Cross Street. Turn right at cross street and head North along Cross Street until you reach Chuckie Harris Park and Playground. The next stop is across the street from the park.

Cross Street Mural

This mural was created in 2015 as part of the <u>This is East</u> project, which was a collaboration between East Somerville main Streets, the <u>Somerville Arts</u>. <u>Council</u> and <u>Mudflat Pottery School</u> and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. This mural included community workshops by <u>True Story</u>. <u>Theatre</u> for concepts and features silhouettes of local community members, painted by the community.



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Welcome to East Somerville! This wonderfully diverse neighborhood has lots of rich history. Somerville was settled in 1630 as part of Charlestown. In 1842, Somerville separated from Charlestown and became a town and 30 years later, in 1872, Somerville became a City. We are the most densely populated



City in Massachusetts, and East Somerville is the densest neighborhood. Paul Revere's famed "Midnight Ride" on April 18, 1775 took him along our two main streets: Washington Street and Broadway during his successful effort to warn Revolutionaries in Lexington and Concord that the British were coming.

East Somerville had a vital role to play in transportation, first as the terminus of the Middlesex Canal, a 27-mile man-made waterway designed to haul building materials and agricultural products to Boston's markets. This was only the second canal built in the United States at the time, and was 3.5 feet deep, 30 feet wide, with 50 bridges, with 8 aqueducts, and 20 locks. The canal was constructed from 1792-1803 and was heavily used until the arrival of the railroad. It closed in 1851.

In the 1830s, East Somerville was home to a portion of the first railroad in the Boston Area, the Boston and Lowell Railroad. Then in 1890, an electric trolley along Broadway expanded opportunities for the neighborhood's growth. From 1926 to 1958, a Ford Motor Plant was located in what we know today as Assembly Square.

Find East Somerville and other local history tours online at the <u>City of</u> <u>Somerivlle Historic Preservation Division</u>. We designed this 1.5-mile walking tour as a loop. We have you starting at the corner of Cross Street and Broadway and ending at the park situated directly behind the first stop. However, you can choose to do this loop in reverse order, or you can start at the place nearest you and circle around the loop until you have seen all the locations.

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We start this tour at the corner of Cross Street and Broadway in front of 165 Broadway.

165 Broadway

This red brick building was built in 1895 as a fire station. The building used to have a crenellated tower and battlements, making it resemble more of an Italian palazzo. Toward the end of the 20th century, the building became home to the community's elders as a senior center. It also currently houses Project Soup, which offers canned and fresh produce, and protein when in stock, to Somerville residents in need.



Cross Broadway and continue South on Cross Street. As you near the first traffic light at the Cross Street and Pearl Street intersection, pause and look to your left. Here you will find the next stop.

East Somerville Community School

In the wee morning hours of Sunday, December 9, 2007, an electrical issue in a heater started a 3-alarm fire that quickly spread throughout the East Somerville Community School. The extensive damage forced students and teachers to disperse to other schools across the City for 5.5 years while the school was demolished and completely rebuilt. The new school reopened in September 2013 and includes a full-sized gym, media center, and garden classroom for students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Turn left onto Pearl Street and continue east for one block. During this time, admire the architecture of the homes on Pearl Street.

S Pearl Street

Pearl Street it evolved as a thoroughfare lined with some of the neighborhoods most stylish and substantial Mansard style residences between in the mid 1860s to early 18702. In that time, Pearl Street surpassed Perkins Street, one block to the north, as the focus for fashionable living in East Somerville.



Turn left onto Glen Street and follow it back up to Broadway. Cross Broadway and turn right to head East along Broadway pausing in front of the library for your next stop. To the right of the library there is a granite marker to commemorate Ploughed Hill and the Ursuline Convent.

115 Broadway

This stop includes many key locations in East Somerville History.

East Branch of the Somerville

Public Library —First, you will see the East Branch of the Somerville Public Library. Built in 1918, the library was funded solely by Andrew Carnegie, the Pittsburgh steel magnate who funded hundreds of libraries in the US and Britain.



When it was built, the library was well positioned to serve a new category of patrons: automobile owners who wished to combine shopping on Broadway with checking out or dropping off books.

Ploughed Hill/Mount Benedict

--Prior to the 1870s, the area north of Broadway was known as Ploughed Hill during Revolutionary times, and later as Mount Benedict. During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington ordered his army to fortify the hill with artillery to defend the Mystic River from the British.



Ursuline Convent Riots —In 1827, a convent and brick school were built on Mount Benedict (Ploughed Hill). At the time, anti-Catholic sentiment was high among the Protestant majority, with many Protestants believing Catholic institutions were full of immorality and corruption. This culminated in angry riots on August 11 and 12 of 1834. During the riots, an angry mob burned down the Ursuline Convent. Luckily, both the Catholic nuns and their students were warned ahead of time to flee the premises and no one was harmed. This area is sometimes referred to as the Nunnery Grounds.

Pause and look across Broadway at Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine.

104 Broadway

This used to be Tony's Foodland, a large local food market owned by the Pino family, that included full fish market where you could buy fresh fried fish and clams. Around the corner, the Pino Brothers also ran a Broadway style carnival with rides for kids. This is now the location of Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine.

Continue East on Broadway until you arrive at the Police Department.

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83 Broadway

Currently the police station, this used to be Broadway Coffee Shop or Eddie's Coke Shop. It opened in 1931 by Jennie and Eddie Vartabedian and had entries onto both the street and the theatre lobby. It included a Juke Box, old fashioned telephone booths,



and a soda fountain. It is described by locals who remember it fondly as a beautiful shop with lots of character. It had a long counter with stools and booths located along the window.

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Continue east to Mudflat, which is right next to the Police Station.

81 Broadway

In the late 1920s, Somerville had six movie theaters! East Somerville's own was the Hurst's Broadway Theatre located at 81 Broadway. Built in 1915 for Star Theatres Incorporated, the Hurst had a capacity of 1,850 seats and continued to operate into the late 1940s.



Cross Broadway and head South on Hathorn Street (next to Vinny's). Continue south on Hathorn Street until it ends and turn right onto Arlington Street. Here is your next stop.

3 25 Arlington Street

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church has been long associated with the Italian community residing in East Somerville. Built in 1911 from designs provided by archdiocesan architect Edward Sheehan, the church is a relatively rare example of the Mission and Spanish Colonial Revival styles. Although the church's original corner



tower has been removed, the interior remains remarkably intact, well detailed, and lavishly appointed. Blending Midwestern Prairie style with Classical Revival elements, the church's rectory at 25 Arlington Street was built in 1934.



Continue West on Arlington Street for a short ways, then turn left onto Franklin Street to head south. Quickly turn left onto Perkins Street. At the corner of Myrtle and Perkins you will find your next stop.

132 Perkins Street

This was the residence of Miss Elizabeth Arrowsmith Waters. She was the founder of the Somerville Samaritan Society, which was organized in this house on November 13, 1871. The purpose of Miss Waters's Society was to help the working poor in Somerville by establishing a children's home and day nursery that evidently anticipated our modern day care centers.



Continue East on Perkins Street and take your first left onto Lincoln Street. At the corner of Lincoln and Arlington street you will find one of the most famous and historically significant houses in Somerville.

1 Arlington Street

Known as The Charles Williams, Jr. House, this is the location of the first residential telephone line. Mr. William's sold telegraph equipment and collaborated with several inventors, including Alexander Graham Bell. Bell and his assistant invented the telephone at Mr. Williams' office at 109 Court Street in Boston 1875. Two years later, Mr. Williams had constructed a 3-mile telephone line from his office to his home and made the first residential phone call in 1877. Mr. Williams' office and home had the first ever telephone numbers – 1 & 2.

Continue North on Lincoln Street toward Broadway. Cross Broadway and turn left. At the corner of Broadway and Pennsylvania, you will find the next stop.

67 Broadway

This building was once a neighborhood funeral parlor, the Kelleher Funeral Home, going back to the late 1940s. The famous lawyer, F. Lee Bailey's father is reputedly the last person for whom a wake was held here. It was painted in somber colors reflecting the nature of the business, white with black shutters, and clearly in contrast to the present color-of brilliant blue. The location currently houses Revolutionary Clinics, a medical marijuana dispensary that will soon have its recreational license.



Now you will walk north on Pennsylvania Avenue for a while. Enjoy the beautiful homes on this long, curved street, pausing to read the description below.

Pennsylvania Avenue

This is the eastern and northern border of the "States Avenue" section of East Somerville. It was Ploughed Hill, the neighborhoods' most picturesque natural feature with a storied past (see the Ploughed Hill and Ursuline Convent marker at stop # 5), until the hill was leveled in the late 1870s to build houses. Construction stalled, however, so the houses in this neighborhood were built in the 1910s.



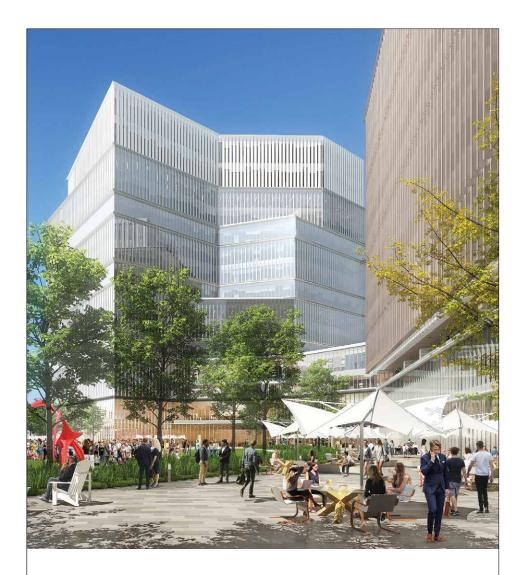
When Pennsylvania Avenue ends, turn left and walk down to end your tour in the beautiful Chuckie Harris Park, which is our last stop.

Chuckie E Harris Park

An empty lot was transformed to this beautiful community park, which debuted in 2013 and has been a treasured addition to the East Somerville neighborhood ever since. The park also benefits the local environment with the addition of 70 trees to East Somerville, and the slides are built into the hill, making them handicap accessible. The park



includes a rain wall that doubles as a movie screen on summer evenings. East Somerville Main Streets hosts events at the park, including the Annual Halloween Block Party, a favorite among neighborhood children.



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