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Somerville Biden/Harris supporters celebrate election victory



XXX The mood in Davis Sq., and other parts of the city, was jubilant on Saturday as supporters gathered to celebrate Joe Biden and Kamala Harris' win.

By Jim Clark

After it was announced on Saturday that Joe Biden received enough electoral votes to be declared the winner in the 2020 presidential race, supporters of the Democratic candidate poured out into the streets of many American cities, inclusing Somerville.

Pennsylvania's announcement that Biden secured the state's 20 electoral votes sent the former Vice-President past the 270 total votes necessary to earn the win. Later in the day, the state of Nevada announced that their electoral votes were also given to Biden.

Celebrations soon broke out all over the city as news of the Biden/Harris victory spread throughout the media. The first and perhaps largest of these took place in Davis Square, as hundreds of people gathered, bearing signs and waving at passing vehicles. Continued on page 4

Somerville Community Corporation leads 'Illuminated Walk'

By Isabel Sami

The Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) hosted an illuminated walk through East Somerville on Saturday, November 7, to raise awareness about affordable housing in Somerville. Members of the community showed up to carry house-shaped lanterns though the streets as a way to represent the SCC's 100 Homes program.

Initially, the SCC had planned a gala to celebrate its 50th anniversary in May, but the event was postponed due to the pandemic. SCC board member Stephanie Toews-Moeling had begun making house-shaped lanterns for the gala to hang from the ceiling like stars. They were supposed to feature 100 lanterns to represent the 100 Homes program, where the SCC buys homes off the speculative market to make them permanently affordable.

When the pandemic hit, Toews-Moeling was sitting with all the lanterns Continued on page 12



Last week's "Illuminated Walk" shed light on the Somerville Community Corporation's 100 Homes program. – Photos by Isabel Sami

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A big celebration throughout Somerville took place on Saturday as the results of the 2020 Presidential Election were finally announced. We congratulate all who participated peacefully, safely, and without incident. This is how we show the world how well Somerville works.

As of November 6, the governor issued a stay at home advisory. With exceptions for essential activities, such as going to work, grocery shopping, pharmacy and medical visits, or taking a walk, all residents are instructed to stay home with their household (not with guests) between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. For details, go to www.mass.gov/stayhome. Always wear a face covering in public - over your mouth and nose, indoors and outdoors - no matter how far you are from others. Face coverings are one tool we know works. The state now requires all persons over the age of five to wear face-coverings in all public places at all times, even when you are at a distance from others. Previous exceptions including for medical or disabling conditions remain. As a reminder, Somerville's face covering order applies starting at age 2 and up. Go to https://www.mass.gov/ info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency#masks-&-face-coverings- to read the revised face-coverings order.

Happy birthday's this week: Happy birthday to favorite local Joe Lynch, of Somerville Media Center. We wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday also to Sheila Meehan MacEachern, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Marsha Eileen Hamel Urquilla. We wish her all the very best. Happy birthday to our good friend Artie "Ernie" Mason, a great family man who served in Vietnam with distinction and valor. We wish him a great birthday, celebrating with his many friends, wife Susan and his family. Happy birthday to Joe Nardella. We wish him a very happy birthday. One of the nicest ladies here in Somerville, a former Alderman At-Large amongst many of her accomplishments, we wish Helen Corrigan the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to lifelong Continued on page 7

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of November 11 – November 17 as provided by the National Weather Service

| | DAY | CONDITIONS | HIGH/LOW | PRECIPITATION | HUMIDITY | WIND |
|----------|--------------------------|------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|
| * | Wednesday November 11 | Cloudy | 72°/59° | 19% | 10% | SW 12 mph |
| * | Thursday November 12 | Rain | 63°/43° | 69% | 27% | NNW 8 mph |
| * | Friday November 13 | Rain | 53°/38° | 41% | 29% | E 7 mph |
| * | Saturday November 14 | Sunny | 51°/37° | 2% | 11% | NW 9 mph |
| * | Sunday November 15 | Rain | 52°/50° | 39% | 38% | SE 10 mph |
| | Monday November 16 | Rain | 56°/36° | 51% | 32% | WSW 15 mph |
| A | Tuesday November 17 | Sunny | 45°/31° | 0% | 6% | WNW 14 mph |
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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: Newstalk - November 4

TO says:

It's beyond time for City Hall to be open for business. Other towns are doing it, even when it's by appointment only. Soon the Mayor will realize that there is much less money coming in right now, and the money he's paying people to stay at home will run out eventually. If people can work in school departments across the state, target, starbucks, Market Basket, police and fire departments, etc., etc., etc. there is absolutely no reason that City Hall employees are still sitting at home.

Arthur Moore says:

I would think on a limited basis if need be to keep things safe. I think in city hall and other departments the people are working from what I can see. But the way those buildings are designed I don't know how they can maintain a safe distance like a supermarket. I just had to do some paperwork for city hall and mailed it in and not being there I have no clue what is happening with it. Some things are more essential and have to operate. This is really tough.

Courtney O'Keefe says:

I agree with Arthur on this one. City Services may be delayed, but have not failed because they are separated. I had the opportunity to chat with a City Hall employee a couple of Fridays ago and, although he expressed sadness at not seeing his coworkers and the public, he was grateful that the City was taking the pandemic seriously and granted them the right to work from home. Arthur, I know why you have that stance. I just drove past the Urgent Care on Broadway and saw the line to get tested for Covid wrapped around the building. Allowing City employees to work remotely and shutting down the building was / is smart!

Response to: Newstalk – Virtual community meeting to discuss Conway Field designs, November 17

Villenous says:

Going to be nice to have a legit field there that can take the pounding of the constant use it gets.

Response to: Newstalk – Joe Biden elected President of the **United States of America**

Bob Ross says:

This man gives me hope.

Response to: Somerville launches new round of small business relief

David says:

Can someone do a news story on this?

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville's all-time favorite restaurant



Somerville ple are very picky about where and what they eat. I did a Facebook survey where I asked, "If vou could bring back one former

Somerville restaurant what would you pick?" I was totally blown away at the number of responses I received. Here are the results along with some comments in quotes.

"I miss the Continental. I had my first slice of Pizza there back in the late 40's. I remember the whole large pizza cost was 75 cents and a medium was 50 cents. (And they were much larger than they are now)!"

"Definitely Memory Lane. Best Pina Coladas."

"Highland Cafe, best steak tips ever."



"Donut Prince at PowderHouse circle was awesome."

"The Paddock's hamburger pizza was

"Virgies. Their veal parm was to die. I went there with my parents every Friday night manicotti and Dad played Daddy's Little Girl on the jukebox for me."

Other great eateries of the past are Victors, Harold's Luncheonette, Kay and Chips, Memory Lane, Harold's, Lil Vinnies, Bella Meo Subs, Di Tucci's, Bo-Bo's, Yee's Village, Ming Toy, The Genoa, The Continental, Villa Capri, J&S, Kerris, Frascati's, Sir Franco, Seven Sons, Kerry's, Primo's, The Railside, Picante, The Coronet, Speedy Pizza, and Napoli Pizza. Thankfully, Redbones is still here and delicious.

How did we reach the conclusions? As I said we did a Facebook survey on The Pride of Somerville page that was up for



almost three weeks.

And the winner is ... drumroll ... Somerville's all-time favorite restaurant is The Venice Cafe. Thank you to everyone who voted.

If you were lucky enough to be there when they were in their prime then you know why it was voted number one. But I'm sure your favorite is no doubt dif-

where Orleans is now. We felt pretty special when we ate at Harold's in Ball Square. Not only were Anna, Butch and Jean our friends, but our band The Tool's 45 record Spark 'Em Up was in the jukebox!

In the meantime, let's all keep patronizing all of Somerville's many fine restaurants in a safe way during these



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Fatal crash under investigation by Middlesex DA's Office, Somerville Police

On the afternoon of November 3, the Somerville Police Department responded to the intersection of College and Kidder avenues for a report of a pedestrian struck by a motor vehicle. The pedestrian, Leah A. Zallman, 40, of Somerville was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where she died from her injuries on November 4.

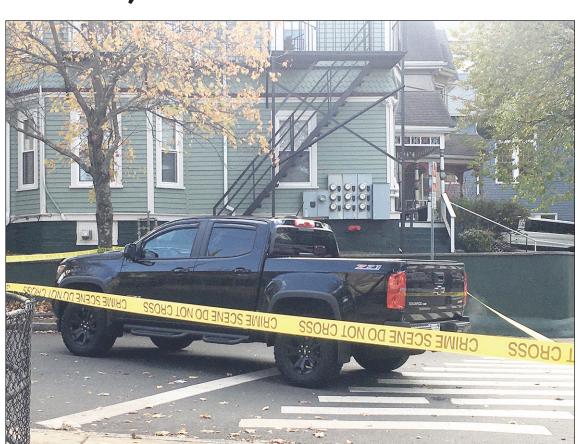
"I send my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Leah Zallman. There are no words that can fully convey the pain and grief felt after such a tragic loss," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "I hope that her loved ones find solace and comfort in memories of her and the impact she had on so many people through her work as a researcher, physician, and advocate for social justice. In this time of

tremendous loss in our community, I ask my fellow Somerville residents to hold Leah Zallman's loved ones in your thoughts."

An initial investigation suggests that the operator of the vehicle, an employee of the City of Somerville who was on duty at the time but operating their personal vehicle, had been attempting to take a left turn onto Kidder Avenue from College Avenue. They remained on the scene following the crash.

Pending the results of an investigation, the employee has been placed on paid administrative leave.

This is an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Somerville Police. No charges have been filed at this time.



— Photo by Bobbie Toner

Somerville Biden/Harris supporters celebrate election victory CONT. FROM PG 1

























Somerville resident to appear with Jaime Foxx for virtual fundraiser benefitting down syndrome

On November 14, Isaiah Lombardo, a 24-year-old Somerville resident with Down syndrome, will be participating in the Global Down Syndrome Foundation's 12th Annual Be Beautiful Be Yourself Fashion Show ("BBBY Fashion Show").

The marquee event is the largest Down syndrome fundraiser in the world, raising over \$20 million for life-saving and life-changing research and medical care to date. During the show, which will be virtual, Isaiah will appear alongside the likes of Jaime Foxx, Quincy Jones, Eric Dane and Caterina Scorsone of Grey's Anato-



my, Matt and Kevin Dillon, Beverly Johnson, John C. McGinley, Zach Gottsagen and more.

Unlike previous years, anyone can tune into the show by purchasing a \$25 general admission virtual ticket," the funds of which will support the Foundation's fundraising efforts for Down syndrome research, medical care and emergency COVID-19 relief services for families with children who have Down syndrome.

Isaiah works as a popcorn vendor at Fenway Park for all Red Sox games and as an usher/ticket taker at Boston University's Agganis Area for concerts and sporting events. As a strong self-advocate, Isaiah speaks at various schools, from elementary to university, about his life with Down syndrome. Throughout the pandemic he has been making music videos and Facebook live events, singing and dancing for his followers. His Bob Marley performance currently has over 3 million views on Facebook.

The Global Down Syndrome Foundation (GLOBAL) is the largest non-profit in the U.S. working to save lives and dramatically improve health outcomes for people with Down syndrome. GLOBAL has donated more than \$32 million to establish the first Down syndrome research institute supporting over 400 scientists and over 2,000 patients with Down syndrome from 28 states and 10 countries.

Working closely with Congress and the National Institutes of Health, GLOBAL is the lead advocacy organization in the U.S. for Down syndrome research and medical care. GLOBAL has a membership of over 150 Down syndrome organizations worldwide and is part of a network of Affiliates – the Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome, the Sie Center for Down Syndrome, and the University of Colorado Alzheimer's and Cognition Center – all on the Anschutz Medical Campus.

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #217

Remembering Veterans Day

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

This year, November 11 marks the 102nd anniversary of the end of World War I. Armistice Day, as it was known until 1954, was dedicated to honor the sacrifices of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and the losses they suffered during that war.



The peace treaty was signed in 1918 at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month. The conflict was commonly called "The war to end all wars," but it didn't.

It was also referred to it as "The Great War," but it wasn't. Tragically, it was dwarfed by World War II twenty years later. Today, Veterans Day honors the memory of all veterans of all services in all wars.



Somerville's centrally located Trum Field honors Army Corporal Richard Trum, who was sadly killed just ten days before the Armistice was signed. An abutting thoroughfare, Charles E. Ryan Road, honors another Somerville soldier killed three months earlier. The sons and daughters of this patriotic city suffered more than her small area would show.



The city has tried to remember their heroic acts by naming streets, squares, and parks after many of them. Dilboy Field, Conway Park, Foss Park, Wilson Square and Foley Street at Assembly Square just scratch the surface. They fought in all of America's wars. Continued on page 13

The Ignite Festival lights up Somerville

Story and photos by Hongyu Liu



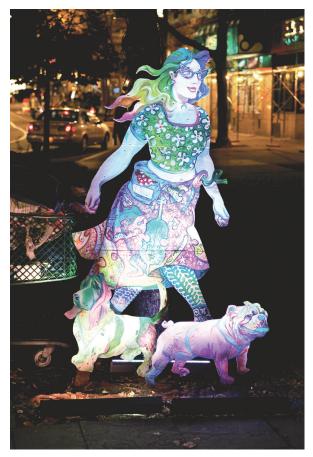
The Somerville community gathered at the Union Square on November 7 to celebrate the Ignite Festival. Due to the pandemic, the festival this year focused on showing works from local artists and attracting customers to local restaurants.



The Somerville Arts Council presented the Somerville Community Lantern Project at the heart of Union Square. It included hundreds of paper bag lanterns made by community members. The drawings on these lanterns ranged from beautiful patterns to political messages calling on people to vote.



Martha Friend is a local resident of Somerville. She came to check out the event and the new works by local artists. She participated in the Somerville Community Lantern Project. Here she is showing the lantern with the leaf patterns she drew. "I think it is so important that this kind of outdoor event continues to happen. The Arts Council worked very hard," she said.



Local artist Nathaniel Devarie showed his latest paintings at Union Square. "The girl with dogs" is his first collection of works during the pandemic. Devarie says, "Since the quarantine started, I had been painting hard inside my house. I painted this girl with dogs. I painted more dogs every week, so there are more and more dogs. By the end of the summer I had around fifty dogs all around the yard."



The dragon is his latest work, made exclusively for the festival. The painting has two parts. Visitors can step in between the two parts to take photos.



The festival also aimed to attract customers for local restaurants. Ten culinary business participated in the event. Following the pandemic regulations, the restaurants reduced the number of seats indoors and offered outdoor dining spaces.



Restaurants featured special dishes to prepare for the festival. Machu Picchu, a Peruvian restaurant in Somerville, offered customers weekend specials, including Lomo a la Huancaina, a typical Peruvian dish. The restaurant was full by around 8:00 p.m. Customers waited outside for a table.









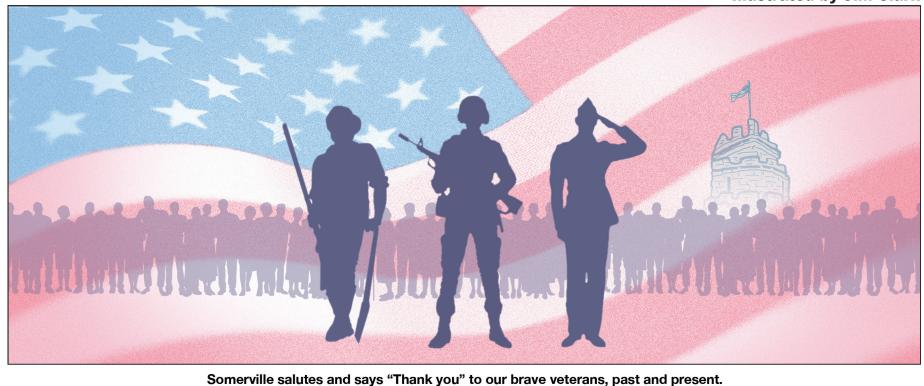




COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



We honor them every year and we regard them with awe and deepest admiration. Proud, but humble in countenance, they seem to simply play their part in our annual celebration of appreciation for their courageous contributions to the wellbeing of our nation. The well-being of ourselves as a society.

The flesh and blood reality is even more awe-inspiring as we realize how fragile

life truly is, and yet these brave men and women each took a stand and declared that no harm should come to their fellow countrymen. Not on their watch.

Veterans Day is a time when each of us has a rare opportunity to reflect a small fraction of that magnificent commitment to humanity back upon the heroes who helped to make us all so much safer in a sometimes savage world.

Those of us who never served in the military cannot know the hardship, privation, and sacrifice that these people have made on behalf of all of us. Some have made the supreme sacrifice. It is for them most of all that we bow our heads and utter prayers of solace and of gratitude for the precious gifts that they have laid before us. Those of liberty and a future free from fear of enemies seen and unseen.

We must endeavor to express our thanks at every possible opportunity. Veterans Day is one opportunity, but there can be many more if we choose to make them. It is up to us to do just that.

We can take a stand and commit ourselves to celebrating the contributions of our beloved champions, one and all, each and every day to come. We ask that everyone here and elsewhere do just that.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

resident Joseph McKeon. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Cindy Bowen, Victoria Macrokanis, Donald Gallarelli, Sharon Alley, Elena Clamen, Jerry DiGiovanni, Cheryl Bertocchi, John Kane, Dottie Bowman, Joe Lynch, Helen Corrigan, Antonette Biondo, Tanya Kalousdian and Jim Powers 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.

Starting on or around November 9, over the course of approximately four to six weeks, Eversource Electric crews will install underground conduit in Ball Square to support the Green Line Extension. Work is expected to primarily be conducted overnight to preserve onstreet parking at local businesses. Where: Broadway from Bristol Rd. to Boston Ave. When: Monday through Friday, 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Work hours may shift to daytime as the crew approaches Boston Ave. If you have questions, please contact Project Supervisor Matthew Viens at matthew.viens@eversource. com or 617-541-5709.

Sligo Pub announced they will close un-

til March 2021. During the pandemic they teamed up with Dragon Pizza with patio seating to stay open since they did not serve food. They look forward to partnering with Dragon Pizza again in March when they will reopen.

The Somerville Bicycle Committee will be hosting Bike Talk Virtual Hour on November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This is the Somerville Bicycle Committee's Monthly Bike Talk Series. November's talk features master bike mechanic, Emily Thibodeau, and she will tell you everything you need to know about getting your bikes, and yourselves, ready for the winter. Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/30zkHJd

East Somerville Main Streets is hosting November Holiday Market on November 15. Support local businesses and pick-up gifts and goodies for the holidays at the November Holiday Market in East Somerville. Pre-order online at https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.

org/market.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, and city staff invite you to a virtual public

meeting to discuss the design of the Conway Field playground and renovation. City staff and consultants will discuss designs for the reconstructed multi-use sports field, new splash pad, and refurbished playground. Following the presentation, staff will answer questions and get feedback from community members. Please note that this meeting will not discuss the soil remediation at the site. A later meeting with the EPA and DEP will be scheduled to discuss remediation. The meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. on the GoToWebinar platform. To register for the meeting or learn more about the project, visit somervillema.gov/conwayfield.

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 7 City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne, and city staff invite you to a virtual community meeting to discuss plans to redesign the intersection of Powder House Boulevard and Alewife Brook Parkway. Following a presentation by city staff on the project background and current design concepts, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and share priorities for this project. The redesign will aim to

improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at this complex intersection and streamline access to the Alewife Brook recreation area and Dilboy Field. The city is in the initial phases of the design process, and stakeholder feedback will help inform the final plans. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 17**, at 5:30 p.m. via GoToWebinar. To register for this meeting visit tinyurl.com/IntersectionRedesign.

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development, on Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m., on the Order of Councilor Kristen Strezo, Chair of the Committee, for public testimony on the proposed Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan (#210787). Because of Governor Baker's and Mayor Curtatone's recent orders limiting the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the GoToWebinar platform. You have two ways to be heard at this meeting: To attend and be heard, enter this link exactly as it appears into your internet browser any time before the Continued on page 9

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. So far, what election was the longest in contemporary American history?
- 7. The best-selling book of 1981 was a book explaining how to solve what puzzle?
- 2. What president changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day?
- 8. Who is the actor that plays "Thor"?
- 3. Where would you find the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?
- 9. When was the Wall Street Journal first published?
- 4. For how long has the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier been guarded 24 hours?
- 10. Who is known as the father of modern surfing?
- 5. What is Alex Trebek's first name?
- 11. What state hosts the largest motorcycle rally?
- 6. In what year did Alex Trebek run the Olympic Torch in Jacksonville, Florida?
- 12. What whiskey brand was advertised with two terrier dogs?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left handed people do.
 - 2. Albert Einstein and Charles Darwin both married their first cousins.

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- 6. Prime time monitor, acr.
- 9. Prelude to a duel
- 13. Video killed this type of star?
- 14. Orinoco or Grande
- 15. Temple Square performers, e.g.
- 16. Set straight
- 17. Thanksgiving is on the fourth Thursday in this country
- 18. Filthy dough
- 19. Opposite of Thanksgiving, traditionally
- 21. The day's offering
- 23. Declare
- 24. Unacceptable in a juror
- 25. Fire fuel
- 28. ThÈ alternative
- 30. Jumped or leapt
- 35. Chipping choice
- 37. Plural of #25 Across
- 39. Coupon clipper, e.g.
- 40. A woodwind
- 41. Vernacular
- 43. The brightest star
- 44. One born to Japanese immigrants
- 46. a.k.a. leaf cabbage
- 47. Capital on the Dnieper
- 48. Rear of a ship, pl. 50. Boisterous play
- 52. Not sweet, as in wine
- 53. Has divine power
- 55. None intended, often
- 57. Macy's offering
- 60. 34th Street offering
- 64. Relating to pond scum
- 65. Highest card in "War"
- 67. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
- 68. Like unbagged tea
- 69. Female
- 70. Thousands, for short
- 71. Microsoft browser
- 72. What we do on Thanksgiving
- ___ welcome!

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4. Window treatments 5. Bay Area serial killer never captured

6. French Bulldog plus Pug 7. Alliance of former Soviet republics,

8. Raccoon's South American cousin

9. Give the cold shoulder

10. Locket content, traditionally

11. Snob puts these on

12. Prior to

15. Necklace fasteners

20. Spiral-horned African antelope

22. ____-been

24. Mendicity

25. Thanksgiving Day football hosts

26. Galactic path

27. One in a gaggle

29. Utensil absent at Pilgrim's table

31. Colonel or captain

32. Steer clear

33. "When pigs fly!"

34. Condiment of the day

_-do-well

38. Without help

42. Allegro and lento

45. Get some air

49. Seed alternative 51. Jonathan Franzen's 2015 novel

54. Rental agreement

56. Chip snack

57. Weary walk 58. Bug-eyed

59. Tear down

60. Track competition

61. Cabbage in France 62. Displeasure on one's face

63. Gaelic tongue

64. Draft choice

66. Repeated Cuban dance step

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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Joe Lynch: on preserving hospitality

By Max Eidelman

On October 29, the Somerville Licensing Commission formally announced that it will waive the annual renewal licensing fees for businesses in the city's hospitality industry. This decision was made pursuant to Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone's request and is an integral part of the efforts to help small businesses through the upcoming winter.

In a recent interview, the Chair of the Licensing Commission, Joe Lynch, spoke about the decision to waive the renewal fees, and provided insight into the ongoing efforts to support Somerville's hospitality business through the pandemic.

For some, the current situation of living with Covid-19 may seem routine by now, but each day is still an unprecedented test for local bars and restaurants. As Lynch explained, these businesses have perhaps experienced the most profound effect of the pandemic upon their activity, and the winter months will inevitably prove difficult to face.

However, acts of goodwill like the Commission's decision to waive annual fees, the continued collaboration of Somerville's departments, and the resolve of local restaurant owners and staff are all cause for having faith that Somerville's hospitality industry will remain a staple of the community.

In his interview, Lynch explained that the waiving of renewal fees will save the hospitality industry over \$500,000 and also save business owners from time spent towards the renewal process. Lynch and the Licensing Commission want to give the folks in the industry "every break they can get," especially in advance of the winter months.

These tend to be tough months for restaurants in particular. The Licensing Commission's page on the city government's website has useful guides for restaurant operations during the winter and offers a glimpse at what the community may expect for the next few months.

However, Lynch explained that many restaurants are considering going into "hibernation" during the winter months and temporarily closing. Others will most likely focus on take-out/ delivery options, given that January 11, 2021 is when the outdoor-seating option on public property will end. April 1 is the date currently set for the outdoor-seating option to re-open on public space.

Restaurants that already had take-out and delivery options before the pandemic have been able to pivot to the restrictions imposed upon the hospitality industry a bit more easily than those that didn't. Lynch was truly sad to say, though, that many family-owned restaurants have had no other option but to close in response to the pandemic. This unfortunate fact demonstrates what's at stake in efforts, such as the Commission's waiving of renewal fees, to help sustain Somerville's local hospitality business.

Lynch graded the overall efforts of the city's departments and special groups during the pandemic with a B+. He spoke to the fact that, while there's room for improvement, folks have risen to the task of creating plans for the hospitality industry to operate despite the circumstances.

He specifically mentioned Jess Willis, whom he described as a "superb representative" of Somer-



Licensing Commission Chair Joe Lynch offered his insights into the Commission's efforts to help alleviate some of the pain inflicted on local businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ville's local restaurant industry. Lynch said that Ms. Willis has been essential in communicating with the Licensing Commission on behalf of the working-group of local restaurants formed by Mayor Curtatone.

Earlier in June, this group circulated a set of recommendations for Somerville restaurants. This is just one example of the coordinated efforts of Somerville's restaurants, and can be found on the city government's website.

Of the restaurants themselves, Lynch gives a similar B+/Agrade to their compliance with the mandated protocol for safety and sanitation. He cited the fact that, to date, no formal adjudication has been necessary for a restaurant's non-compliance. This is testament to the diligent efforts of local restaurant staff to safely provide the community with a means for socializing during the pandemic.

Despite successes such as these, restaurants have faced a tough task these past few months and the winter can only make it more difficult. Lynch said that one restaurant manager he recently spoke with has already had to shovel snow off an outdoor tent a stark reminder that, difficult as outdoor seating might be to maintain in any restaurant, outdoor seating in New England is another challenge entirely.

As mentioned earlier, local restaurants will most likely focus on delivery/take-out options, but there are challenges inherent in these as well. One such challenge is contending with the exorbitant prices some third-party delivery services are imposing.

Lynch said that he'd heard of one instance of a company charging a 40% delivery fee to the restaurant, which is simply shameful considering that many of these local restaurants are fighting just to stay afloat.

There have been efforts in other states, such as California, to impose legislation on these delivery companies to limit the fees they can impose on restaurants. Lynch thinks that the most effective movement to get this through our legislature would have to come from members of the restaurant industry.

It is clear that the Licensing Commission has been working thoroughly and thoughtfully to help the hospitality industry through the pandemic in every way that it can. The Commission's page on the Somerville government website provides many resources with specific information concerning restaurant protocol, and the specifics of the annual fee waiver can be found

Throughout the interview, Lynch spoke highly of the restaurant workers' efforts and the cooperation of all the people who are meeting the challenge of sustaining Somerville's hospitality industry. As the winter will impose new difficulties on restaurants, it's essential that the community continue to support local restaurants with business, and continue to practice the safety necessary for limiting the spread.

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Following months of suspended enforcement during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Somerville will resume residential parking enforcement on December 1. All city buildings, including the Parking Department, remain closed for the foreseeable future, but residents can renew or apply for new permits online, by mail, or by dropping off completed applications in a secure drop box at 133 Holland Street. There are several ways to apply for or renew your resident parking permit: online, by mail, or by dropping off a completed application in the secure drop box at the Parking Department office. To apply online visit www.somervillema. gov/parking and follow the instructions carefully. This will be the fastest, easiest way for most people to get a permit. Online applications will be approved or denied within two business days of submission, and approved permits will be issued and mailed within two business days of payment. To apply by mail or dropbox, gather the necessary materials in one envelope and leave it in the drop box at the Parking Department, 133 Holland Street, or mail it to the City of Somerville Parking Department, 133 Holland Street, Somerville, MA, 02144. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/parking or call 311.

Don't forget the Union Square Farmers Market is still open but in its final stretch of the season. Union Square Main Streets runs a COVID-19 prepared market with a \$15 SNAP match every Saturday until November 21, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Union Square **Plaza**. 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. is reserved for seniors and immuno-compromised shoppers. For more information visit https://www.unionsquaremain. org/2020-season. ********

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY INVITES PROPOSALS FOR **ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE** MYSTIC VIEW APARTMENTS **SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

The Somerville Housing Authority (Awarding Authority) will receive bids for Roof Replacement Project at the Mystic View Apartments, located in Somerville, MA. The estimated construction cost of this Project is \$165,322 (Base Bid only). Sealed General Bids will be received electronically until 2:00PM on November 27, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened, forthwith online. General Bidders shall be DCAMM certified in Roofing.

All General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bonds shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the Somerville Housing Authority. The cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid price.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs Online Inc.

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

Attention is directed to the Davis-Bacon Act Wage Determinations, a copy of which is included in the Contract Documents, and will be made a

Bidding procedures and award of the Contract and Subcontracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149. Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all current amendments; and the guidelines established by the Deputy Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Assets Management (DCAMM), dated June 30, 1981.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work -Roofing and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 PM, local legal time, on November 17, 2020 at the Mystic View Apartments, 10 Canal Lane, Somerville,

The Awarding Authority is exempt from sales and federal excise tax to the extent permitted under law. Bidders should not include such taxes in figuring or in references to any bid.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws Section 149, Sections 44A through 44L and Chapter 30, Sections 39F through 39P, are incorporated herein by reference. Any inconsistency between the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Forms, Conditions of the Contract, and any other Contract Documents and these statutes, or any other applicable statutes, bylaws, or regulations existing on the date on which the bids are to be received, shall not be grounds for invalidating the bidding procedures, but, where required by law, such statute, bylaw, or regulation shall be

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities in or to reject any and all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so, and to act upon the bids and make its award in any lawful manner.

A brief description of the Project Scope and Schedule is as follows:

PROJECT SCOPE

General Bidders are to be DCAMM certified in Roofing The general scope of the construction work is as follows:

Complete removal and replacement of the existing 3-Tab Asphalt Shingles with Lifetime Laminated Architectural Asphalt Shingles, as indicated on the project drawings.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT MILESTONE SCHEDULE

| Project out to bid | . November 11, 2020 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| On-site Pre-Bid Meeting. | . November 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. |
| General Bid Questions Due | . November 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. |
| Response to Questions By | . November 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. |
| General Rids Due | November 27, 2020 at 2:00 n m |

A contract is expected to be promptly awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The construction phase is expected to commence upon the completion of the shop drawing phase, with the Base Bid work to be completed 30 days after the Notice to Proceed (weather dependent) and additional 30 days for Alternate I to complete. The work hours shall be as follows: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm., Saturdays with

All bids shall remain in effect for 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded after opening of General Bids. Successful bidders shall

agree to commence work and complete the Work in accordance with the dates set forth in the Bidding Documents. The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to award or not award the project

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP #21-33

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

Comprehensive Case Management System

The City of Somerville is seeking proposals for a comprehensive, cloud-based case management system to provide multiple City departments the capability of effectively collecting and managing information on social services provided by the City.

RFP packages may be obtained online at https://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing and also on www.bidexpress. com, on or after Thursday, November 12th, 2020.

Sealed proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or on www.bidexpress.com by **2:00 PM, Thursday December 10th, 2020**.

Please email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for information.

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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 public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar. TO USE A COMPUTER

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TO CALL IN Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8422 Access code: 707-364-929

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

54 Elm Street Kon La Yum, LLC seeks a Special Permit to establish a use Special Permit for a restaurant in a

Neighborhood Residence district with a Small Business Overlay.

21 Cherry Street LaCourt Realty, LLC seeks to revise plans and

conditions of a previously-approved Special Permit (ZBA 2016-25). Plan revision requests include the garage, floorplan, one window, exterior stairs, and a door. Condition change requests include a request for ZBA approval of landscape plan and the removal of conditions 21, 23, and 30.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at https://www.somervillema.gov/ <u>departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions.</u>

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

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

GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6:00pm. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments concerning the following proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning

An Amendment to establish an Affordable Housing overlay district and to make associated changes to references for 100% affordable housing throughout the existing ordinance.

The proposed amendment identified above is posted online at somervillezoning.com. Interested persons may provide comments at the hearing or by submitting written comments by email to planning@ somervillema.gov.

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CITATION

Docket No. MI20A0298AD

In the matter of: Julian Michael Goodridge

Ashley Newton

and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Darryl Brion Goodridge Renae Marie Goodridge Somerville, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child

Julian Michael Goodridge

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Cambridge

ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) 12/17/2020

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

Date: October 20, 2020

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by mailing to the Department of Children and Families and by delivering in hand and if in hand service cannot be accomplished then by mailing by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of the forgoing citation to said persons fourteen days at least before said return date, and if service is by mail, unless it shall appear that all persons interested have received actual notice, by publishing a copy thereof in The Somerville Times, Somerville publication to be once in each of three consecutive weeks, the last publication to be seven (7) days at least before said return day.

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

Tara E. De Cristofaro

Date: October 20, 2020 **Darryl Brion Goodridge** 24 Malvern Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development, on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 6:00 PM, on the Order of Councilor Kristen Strezo, Chair of the Committee, for public testimony on the proposed Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan (#210787).

Because of Governor Baker's and Mayor Curtatone's recent orders limiting the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting will be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the GoToWebinar platform.

You have two ways to be heard at this meeting:

- 1. To attend and be heard, enter this link exactly as it appears into your internet browser anytime before the meeting: https://attendee. gotowebinar.com/register/9179575600740006156. You can also find this link on the City website's calendar. You will then be asked to register, and after registering, you will receive an email with instructions to join the webinar.
- 2. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may send written comments by US mail to the City Clerk at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or by email to cityclerk@somervillema.gov. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the Hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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City to consider banning use of tear gas

By Jim Clark

At the October 22 meeting of the Somerville City Council, an order was put forward and approved asking that the City Solicitor draft an ordinance banning the use of tear gas by the Police Department and other law enforcement agencies operating in Somerville.

Speaking in favor of the order, co-sponsor Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen told the Council, "A number of residents have been reaching out over the past several weeks encouraging Somerville to take the lead on explicitly prohibiting the use of tear gas by law enforcement in Somerville. I reached out to the administration to ask whether we currently have a policy on this."

Ewen-Campen indicated that he had not yet received a response to his inquiry.

"I have attempted to look through our Police Department use of force and crowd control policies, which are publicly available for anyone who wishes to read them," the Councilor continued. "I was unable to find an explicit explanation of our policy. I am not aware of tear gas having been used any time recently in Somerville, but from what I can gather there is nothing on the books now that would stop it from being used. And I would like to change that. And I know that I am not alone."

Ewen-Campen asked that the order be referred to the City Council's Legislative Matters Committee and for the City Solicitor's Office to



reach out about crafting the ordinance language.

The order was subsequently laid on the table and referred to the Legislative Matters Committee.

How people and businesses can reduce plastic use, even during a pandemic

If your effort to reduce your personal plastic use has fallen by the wayside in recent months, you're not alone - reusable bags and containers have gotten a bad rap during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, a new report shows that they can be a safe, effective way to tackle the global plastic pollution crisis.

The new report from Greenpeace USA, "Reusables Are Doable," available at greenpeace. org/usa/reports/reusables-are-doable, highlights various reusable programs globally



that have continued or can be used during the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring strong sanitization or contactless systems for cups and containers. The report seeks to assure retailers, restaurants and other large brands that a pandemic doesn't need to mean shifting toward widespread disposable plastic. Indeed, 130 health experts have weighed in to reinforce the public health necessity of moving away from single-use plastic and to detail how reusables can be used safely during a pandemic.

"At a time when communities of color are disproportionately impacted by both the plastic pollution crisis and COVID-19, reusable systems are not only possible right now, they are needed more than ever," says Greenpeace USA plastics campaigner, David Pinsky. "Reusable systems can protect workers, customers and our environment by meeting basic hygiene and distancing requirements, and can help get people back to work." According to the report, here are just a few of the reusable systems and companies that can instill confidence during the pandemic:

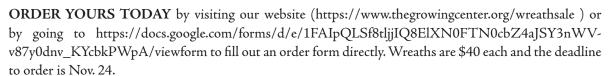
- Contactless coffee systems have been embraced by hundreds of cafes worldwide to minimize waste. With this system, a customer places their reusable cup on the counter, backs away, and allows the barista to fill it with a separate cup that doesn't touch the customer's.
- · Loop, which launched in 2019, offers well-known grocery brands to customers in reusable containers. The company collects used containers, sanitizes them according to FDA standards, and uses them for future products. Loop has reported a sales increase during the pandemic.
- · The Wally Shop, which recently expanded nationally, and Zero, also offer grocery delivery with reusable containers.
- To-go reusable models such as CupClub enable customers to borrow a reusable cup, use it, then return it at a drop-off point to be cleaned.
- · Takeout meal systems such as Dispatch Goods partner with local restaurants to provide meals in reusable containers that customers return for commercial cleaning.
- Algramo, based in Chile, uses vending machines and an electric vehicle delivery service that allows people to pay for only the amount of product they need in reusable containers.

"It is time for restaurants, retailers and all food businesses to end their reliance on useless plastic packaging, bags and containers," says Pinsky. "Individuals who want to see continued action on the plastic pollution crisis can get involved by encouraging their favorite businesses to continue to prioritize reuse in ways that maintain proper hygiene and safety. (StatePoint) — Photo © iStock via Getty Images Plus

The Growing Center's Annual Holiday Wreath Sale

Hard to believe that it is already the time of year to request your wreath order for 2020! We understand there are a variety of choices when deciding what to spend your money on this holiday season and we are grateful for everyone who decides to purchase a beautiful, handcrafted holiday wreath – made with love by our volunteers – which helps to support programming and care for the Growing Center on Vinal Avenue.

These wreaths include a handmade bow (in your choice of three colors: red, burgundy, or purple), evergreen cones, dried flowers, and other natural materials.



PICK-UP INFORMATION: Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Growing Center on Vinal Avenue on Friday, December 4 (12:30 - 2:30 p.m.) and Saturday, December 5 (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.). Limited arrangements can be made for alternative pick-ups, so please indicate on the order form, if needed.

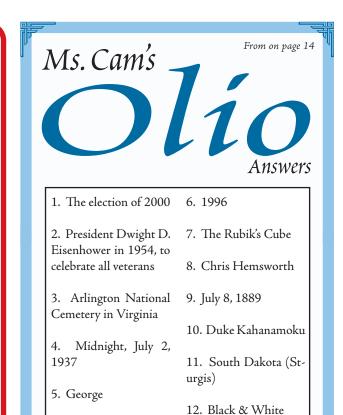
PAYMENT INFORMATION: You can pay at the time of pick-up by exact cash, check (made payable to the Friends of the Community Growing Center or "FCGC"), or Paypal.

HELP WITH WREATH-MAKING: We also welcome volunteers to help create the wreaths! More information on this is found on our website. Or, to learn more, contact Christine at volunteer@thegrowingcenter.org.

The Friends of the Community Growing Center would like to express our gratitude for all the community support over the years; these wreaths are consistently one of our biggest fundraisers of the year with your help.

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Somerville Community Corporation leads 'Illuminated Walk'

in her home, unsure what to do with them at that point. After seeing people safely gather over summer, the board had the idea to host a social distanced outdoors event, which led to the creation of the illuminated walk as a way to celebrate everything the non-profit has accomplished over the past 50 years.

Toews-Moeling put out a call to the community asking for homemade lanterns to be made out of milk cartons, and volunteers heeded her call. Over 60 lanterns were made for the walk, which were then given to participants to carry down the streets. The walk began at the corner of Broadway and Mc-

Grath at 6:00 p.m. and ended at Edward L. Leathers Park at 6:45 p.m.

Vaidehi Garg, a new resident to Somerville, found out about the event on Facebook through Toews-Moeling's post. "It was really fun. I made a few lamps, and she gave out detailed instructions so it wasn't hard," Garg said. "It was just a small way of contributing."

"It's a horrible thing, not having a roof over your head," one long-time Somerville resident said during the walk.

Over the past five decades, the SCC has built over 450 homes, acquired over 100 homes to transition into affordable hous-

ing, and found jobs for more than 500 people. Other programs that the non-profit offers are workforce development, financial literacy for first time homebuyers, and culinary peer training, and the SCC also mobilized hundreds of residents to pass Somerville's Community Preservation Act.

SCC CEO Gonzalo Puigbo said they will continue to build on the 100 Homes program and work with the city. "There's definitely a huge housing need, not just in Somerville but across the state," Puigbo said. "There's a mandate to build more than a thousand homes in the next five years, so we'd

like to do as many as we can in the city of Somerville. But specifically, Somerville has become kind of gentrified over the years, mostly because of the inclusion of Sullivan Square station and now Union Square, there's going to be additional forces, so we want to be ahead of that and make sure that low income families stay here."

Valerie Infante, a Tufts University student, helped SCC organizers at the event. "Looking at housing myself for college next year, I'm noticing the heavy gentrification in the area," she said. "Also, as a Latinx woman, I'm also passionate about helping people who

do not know English that well and therefore may not know how to appropriately handle documents."

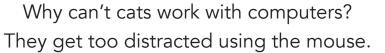
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"We're still going to be fighting for affordable housing, trying to help the city pass policy that favors affordable housing and clearing hurdles that might have been there over time," Toews-Moeling said.

According to Puigbo, the walk was a celebration of the work accomplished over the past 50 years. "We'd love to be here for the next 50 years and more, and continue to build on that legacy," he added. "We hope moving forward we can build on this celebration."

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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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1918 – The German leaders sign the armistice ending World War I.

1919 – The first two-minutes' silence is observed in Britain to commemorate those who died in the Great War.

 ${\bf 1921}-{\bf The\ Tomb\ of\ the\ Unknown\ Soldier\ at\ Arlington\ Cemetery\ is\ dedicated}.$

1922 - Canada's Vernon McKenzie urges to fight U.S. propaganda with taxes on U.S. magazines.

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- + 148 in World War I
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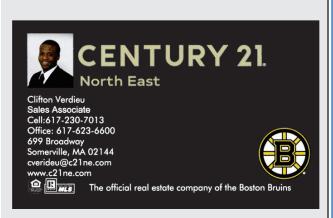
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The Sky in Fragments

A man becomes a conduit -blue and blue, in Gloucester. He has traveled along the Ipswich River, and must rest amid the storm of swallowtail butterflies. He's rising, because with me, he always turns, strains, reaches, begins -- even when breath comes like streaks of pollen dust.. We are skidding in our footsteps in the bright sand. We are giving praise to the tidepool of commuters, fluttering, legs, fins, eyes. This is the mirror of life, above.. This is the mirror of scattered islands, each casting a jagged light. This is where he must go, and the sea does not spare it.

Tiger Song

This was a dream I grew from childhood; like fronds in a forest, dried, amber. There was no place else to go. There is no place else to go. We held each other, in a sleep grazed with something gold, and in a scarlet mist to shield us. Sacred in those whiskers, sacred in those claws. I still place my hand on the soil, and what is now -- this fine, black urn. I listen to the dark earth. for the growl, the shift of breeze, the stripes of fire in the storm.

After the Bleed

Now comes all the talk about stars, and the child of the galaxy -no casket, no flowers. What do we become now, but form a constellation -mother bear and cub, casting north. Come, then, dreamer of night's backbone, chaser of shadows. Luminaries glow on our soundless path.

— Meg Smith

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OFF THE SHE

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Jaina Cipriano

Captures the pain within

"Jaina Cipriano is creating visual metaphors for emotions she has trouble defining. Without the help of Photoshop, she builds physical environments that open her subjects up to become part of something bigger. This primes the space for an authenticity that is so visceral it brings the viewer back to their own memories." (From her website)

Her photos and films are not for the faint of heart. They go to deep to the marrow, and slap us with their often visceral imagery. They bring experiences of trauma to the forefront. They explore the painful transition from childhood to adulthood. I was glad to catch up with this Somerville artist.

Doug Holder: How has it been for you in Somerville, as a creative person?

Jaina Cipriano: Somerville has been great, there is a lot of thought put into artists in this city. Times are tough right now but I feel Somerville has been working hard to support its artists and I am grateful for that. I love the energy of the city, bright and open while also calm somehow.

DH: From what I have seen, a lot of your photography reveals inner turmoil. Do you feel compelled to delve there? Is that your artistic essence?

JC: It is the most effective way I have found for working through and processing my turmoil. Terror loses its power when you name it. It loosens its grip when you show it's face to the light. It's a process but it's worth it.

DH: Does your work speak more to women, or is it more universal than that?

JC: Women are universal. As a woman, a lot of my work is through the lens of womanhood, but I believe a lot of my themes - entrapment, childhood, religious and romantic trauma - are understood and felt by people across the gender

DH: I saw a clip of your movie You Don't Have to take orders from the Moon. The clip had a rather large rat scurrying across the bed. Was that rat a Somerville rat? We have a great supply of them. How does this imagery fit within the full context of your film?

JC: I wish I could say I wrangled some authentic Somerville rats but no, those rats were my sister's pets. Their names are Miso Soup, Sticky Rice and Dumpling and they were very sweet and well behaved. The rats in my film are messengers, helping the audience connect the dots. You'll have to watch space, so stay tuned for more information on that. the film to see what the dots are!



DH: Did you formally study film and photog-

JC: I went to NESOP (New England School of Photography) and studied photography, but I have no formal training in film. I just jumped in back in 2019 and haven't looked back. I love learning new things and my favorite way to learn is by doing, getting my hands dirty, failing, trying new things. It is exhilarating and rewarding!

DH: Is your work therapeutic for you?

JC: Absolutely. No matter how dark things get, my work is always there. It's a home of sorts. I can come back to it whenever I need. It helps me process and connect to myself and the world around me.

DH: If I were to ask you why we should view your work, how would you reply?

JC: Connection is essential, especially in the COVID era. I have poured my entire essence into my work. I want to connect with you through it.

DH: Any new projects in the works?

JC: I start pre-production for my next short film Trauma Bond in a few weeks, which is exciting! It's about three women, a secret, and an intense night. I am also in the midst of opening up a new artist http://www.jainaciprianophotography.com/

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