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Area residents took part in an informational community meeting where issues concerning the ongoing Green Line Extension project were discussed. — Photo by Adam Parise

Last Tuesday, November 19, residents gathered at the East Somerville Community School to discuss the current and upcoming status regarding the MBTA's Green Line Extension (GLX) Project to extend the light rail system to the Union Square and Tufts University communities.

For the first 30 minutes, residents gathered in the hallway to talk with GLX officials about the proposed stations that were presented on billboards regarding their location and station layout. For the last hour of the event, residents moved into the school auditorium for the formal presentation.

Those presenting the overview of the Green Line Extension included Continued on page 4

Celebrate the holidays in Somerville

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Join Mayor Curtatone and City staff for Somerville's 2019 holiday celebrations throughout the month of December.

It all kicks off on Thursday, December 5, with the Christmas Tree Lighting on the City Hall Concourse, followed by a meet-and-greet with Santa Claus in the City Council Chambers. All children who attend will receive a special gift from Santa. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with live entertainment prior to the official tree lighting. Santa Claus will, as always, be escorted by the Somerville Fire and Police Departments.

On Saturday, December 14 (snow date: Sunday, December 15), residents and visitors are invited to the Somerville Arts Council's annual Illuminations Tour. Tour guides will lead trolleys past some of the city's most spectacular displays of holiday lights, sharing stories about the families that decorate and providing local historic trivia en route. Tours depart from City Hall every 45 minutes beginning at 4:30 p.m., but tickets are required.



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Trolley Tour tickets will be available (cash or check only) at Nibble Kitchen, Continued on page 9

Holiday season activities in Somerville for families and individuals are scheduled throughout the month of December.





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The Somerville High School Highlanders battle the Cambridge Rindgeand Latin School Falcons in the annual Backyard Football Rivalry. Cambridge hosts the game this year at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 28 at Russell Field. Tickets are \$7 on game day. Don't miss the chance to support our team. The game location is subway accessible by taking the RedLine to Alewife Station. For directions to Russell Field visit their webpage: http://cpsdcrls.ss5.sharpschool. com/cms/One.aspx...

City offices will be closed **Thursday**, **November 28**, and **Friday**, **November 29**, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Trash, recycling, and yard waste collection will be on a one-day delay if your normal pick up day is Thursday or Friday. Residential parking permits and meters will not be in effect Thursday or Friday, and there is no street sweeping Friday.

Somerville artists: Gallery @ SPL, an art exhibition program designed to highlight local artists, is now accepting applications for 2020. The Somerville Public Library will be considering works in all media, including photography, but not sculptures. Applications will be accepted through January 10, 2020. Email questions and/or your application to Julie at jwalker@ minlib.net. More info, including selection criteria, required application materials, and more: bit.ly/2QIkQWD

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Jason Fucile**, who celebrates this week. We miss Jason and **Nancy** now that **Victor's** is closed but we wish them the best! His better half, Nancy, celebrates next week. We wish Jason a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Craig Resmini**. We wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday to one of Somerville's nicest guys, **Peter Forcellese**. We wish Peter a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday. *Continued on page 11*



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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Residents updated on parking fine increases, street modifications*

LindaS says:

Wonder if the next thing will be fines for driving through Somerville. Or, maybe fines for living here. Oh, wait. We DO get fined. It's called Property Taxes.

Seriously, though, the fines may alleviate SOME of the parking issues, but if it hasn't stopped people from doing the wrong thing already, I pretty much doubt this will do anything to solve that.

Old Taxpayer says:

Can't wait to see them enforce the parking more than one foot from the curb one. That would be great on Broadway now.

joe says:

Don't take away parking spots. People need to commute.

20 mph limit is ridiculous for even the most residential of streets. People need to commute.

Eddie says:

Thieves ! City Hall Crooks! Highway Robbery!

TheoNa says:

More of Somerville's Revenue Achievement through Parking Enforcement. More funds are needed to create more commissions and agencies (aka campaign staff). Perhaps a commission on lawns to make sure blades of grass are protected, require permits for backyard barbecues, take private driveways by eminent domain to create more bike lanes.

Ironic that this will disproportionately impact the poor, the same class of people out leaders claim they want to help.

Response to: Awesomeness awaits at Somerville's small businesses this holiday season

Bob Ross says:

I wonder if Joe pats himself on the back knowing full well several of those small businesses he champions in this very article will be closing in the coming year, due to the fact that all of the parking on Broadway has been removed.

TheoNa says:

I would prefer the opportunity to shop and dine more at our local establishment. Unfortunately Somerville's parking policies removes most local business from my destination list and I take my business elsewhere.

Old Taxpayer says:

Seriously? He cripples the stores almost single handed and then publish this in the same breath? We go to other cities to shop as they have stores we want to shop at and they have parking so if we get there we can actually park and go in. I feel for the small businesses but I cannot physically go there without parking. The new parking fees going to help?

Response to: SPOC responds to city's reaction to community

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joe says:

SPOC with the knockout punch. Well said!

Response to: Victor's Deli, a Somerville favorite, is closing its doors

Kevin Anderton says:

Stopped in the other day to grab lunch. Was surprised to see them closed. Will miss the food and the staff. Not too many places to get a freshly cooked variety of food. I wish them the best of luck in the future.

Response to: Lyrical Somerville – November 20

Tony Toledo says:

Tom Miller, You have nailed it. When the work life is done, our living is not. Bravo. TT

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Life in the **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte Don't fumble your words



As another Thanksgiving is upon us, I asked my friends for help. I reached out to my fellow Thanksgiving lovers in The Ville to give me four starter words that could throw a damper on your holiday dinner.

Any of these utterances, or "conversation starters," could prove to throw a monkey wrench into Turkey day especially with a houseful of friends and family. It started with this...

One Thanksgiving, someone hit the "clean oven" button while the turkey was cooking, and it locked the oven and cleaned it! So the

first one is, "who pressed clean oven?" Okay, here they come! Four little words that just might lead to trouble on Thanksgiving:

We're out of booze. Uncle Ned is here! The cable is out. The stuffing is dry. You're at kids table. The Chestnuts are exploding! Put your shoes on! It's virgin eggnog? Hope you like Tofurkey! What, no pumpkin pie? Turkey is still frozen! The Turducken is ready! Hope you like Vegan! No damn Cool Whip?

You invited my ex? The in-laws are here! Who broke the bong? Hey, that's wax fruit! Where's the fire extinguisher? Uncle Ned is drinking! You hate The Patriots? Granny's into the sherry! My ferret is loose! Whose car's on fire? That's salt not flour! Something bit my leg! It's ketchup or blood! Who Invited that jerk?

Whose teeth are these? He carved his finger! Anyone seen my kid? I forgot my wife! Still in the bathroom? Forgot to remove giblets! What is that smell? Forgot to get Grandpa. That kid's a brat! Someone light a match!

We're out of Charmin? Dog ate the turkey! You're a Yankees fan? I forgot my Tupperware! The gravy is lumpy! Uncle Ned is swearing! Forgot to take meds! Hey, nice ankle bracelet! You brought your gun? Where is the plunger? So how was prison? That's a bad rash! That's quite a cough! Someone call Roto-Rooter! You voted for who? Uncle Ned is snoring! Someone needs Odor Eaters! It's hotel, motel time! Party's over go home! Driving Uncle Ned home! Here are four more words to take to heart: Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Holiday Bar Crawl in East Somerville

The Holiday Bar Crawl is back again in East Somerville on Sunday December 15, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come out in your most tacky sweater and enjoy the diverse range of bars and restaurants on Broadway in East Somerville. This event is free to attend with holiday drinks and food available for purchase at participating restaurants.

The crawl will begin at Mount Vernon Restaurant's pub, 14 Broadway, at 2:00 p.m. and attendees can make their way down Broadway sampling international cuisine and drinks along the way. The crawl will end at Casey's.

Bar Crawl Route Mount Vernon Restaurants Pub

Mount Vernon Restaurant & Pub is a traditional American restaurant that is the oldest continuous family owned restaurant in the city of Somerville. It was founded in 1935 by John Henry. Home of the infamous twin lobster special.



Vinny's @ Night

Celebrating 50 years in East Somerville, Vinny's serves the best in Sicilian-style cooking, made only with the finest ingredients. Along with a wide choice of wines, Vinny's has a full bar as well as the best desserts this side of the North End. Try the Lemoncello Martini while you are here.

Rincon Mexicano

Included in Boston Magazine's list of 15 Best Mexican Restaurants in Boston! Try one of their unique Mexican cocktails or an imported beer.

La Brasa

At La Brasa, the goal is to produce a top-tier, casual culinary experience that recalls these same feelings of a wood-burning hearth – a place to dine among neighbors.

Fasika Restaurant

Traditional Ethiopian cuisine including veggie and spicy meat dishes served atop traditional injera bread. Dining in Ethiopia is characterized by the ritual breaking of injera and eating from the same plate, signifying the bonds of loyalty and friendship. Try an Ethiopian beer or Fasika's special honey wine. 7:00 p.m.

Caseys

Casual pub food and bar with a wide verity of beers on tap. A great place to catch a sports game or trivia night. Be sure to try their pizza.

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A crash and burn on Fitchburg St.

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Fitchburg St. location last week on reports of motor vehicle crash.

Dispatch advised the officers that the vehicle had crashed into a wall and had parked. A moment later dispatch notified them that the operator was now back at the car and that he was attempting to leave. While the officers were still on their way dispatch updated them that the vehicle was on fire.

Upon arrival, several residents were pointing to where the car was. The officers noticed a vehicle matching the description provided to them, and they ordered all the bystanders to get away from the vehicle in question.

The officers noticed a man, later identified as Samuel Wilson, of Reading, in the vehicle and ordered him out and away from it. Wilson complied and immediately started yelling he was sorry, according to reports.

Once he was safely away from the vehicle an officer retrieved the fire extinguisher out of the back of his patrol car and attempted to put out the fire under the hood of the car.

The entire front of the car was reportedly smashed up and the driver's side airbag had been deployed. Once the Fire Department was on scene the officers were able to speak to Wilson. When asked what had happened he reportedly became extremely animated and screamed that he was sorry and that he had too much to drink.

The officers noted that Wilson was slurring his words, was unsteady on his feet, and they could detect a strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath. His eyes were also bloodshot and glassy, his eyelids droopy.

The officers noticed a red mark on his nose and they asked Mr. Wilson if he wanted medical attention, but he declined to both the officers and the EMTs.

The officers asked Wilson if the mark was from the airbag and he could not tell them where it came from. They also asked Wilson if he was driving and he reportedly said yes. He stated that he crashed into the wall. The key to the vehicle was found in Wilsons front right coat pocket.

Wilson was asked how much he had to drink that evening and he reportedly stated, "Too much, take me to jail."

The officers asked Wilson if he would submit to field sobriety tests and he agreed. Wilson was asked if he had any injuries due to the crash and he stated that he did not. I asked Mr. Wilson if he had any history of major injuries to his body and he stated no. Wilson also stated he does

not have balance problems and does not have any problems with his lower body. He was wearing lace up sneakers that he said he owned for at least four months. He stated that he is very comfortable in them and that they are well broken in.

After going through a series of field sobriety tests, it was determined that Wilson was legally intoxicated, being under the influence of alcohol.

Wilson was subsequently placed under arrest charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and was taken in for booking.

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Arrests:

Samuel Wilson, of 6 Archstone Cir., Reading, November 20, 11:05 p.m., arrested at Fitchburg St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

William Morris, of 640 East St., Walpole, November 21, 2:23 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of ing a person of the opposite sex. possession of a class C drug.

Sklym Guillaume, November 21, 3:53 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, possession of a class B drug, destruction of property over

\$1200, and accosting or annoy-

Kenny Pierre, of 30 Granfield St., Roslindale, November 22, 3:24 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of receiving a stolen credit card, possession of a blank credit card, possession of a counterfeit credit card, and unlicensed

operation of a motor vehicle, and on warrant charges of operation of motorized scooters, receiving stolen property over \$1200, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

Christopher Worrell, of 4 Brookvale Ave., Boston, November 22, 3:24 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on a charge of receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Onaji Toddman-Crayton, of 4 Brookvale Ave., Boston, November 22, 3:24 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Residents updated on GLX progress CONT. FROM PG 1

John Dalton, the MBTA/GLX Program Manager, Jeff Wagner, the Public Outreach Manager and Terry McCarthy of the MBTA/GLX Stakeholder Engagement.

During the presentation, the first thing discussed was the scope summary and plan of this project. The plan is to have a brand new relocated Lechmere Station, five brand new stations (East Somerville, Gilman Square, Magoun Square, Ball Square and College Avenue) on the Medford Branch and one brand new station (Union Square) on the Union Square Branch. In addition to this, there will also be a brand new Green Line Maintenance Facility, a procurement of 24 Green Line light rail vehicles as well as an expansion of the current Somerville Community Path, which will run right next to the Medford Branch of the extension to the brand new Lechmere Station.

goals and benefits of this project, which are to improve local and regional air quality, daily ridership (boarding and alighting) of approximately 45,000 passengers by 2030 and to also improve the percentage of Somerville residents that are within walking distance of light rail service from 20% to 80%.

clude the Washington Street bridge, the Broadway bridge, the Medford Street bridge, the construction interface with the Somerville High School project, retaining and noise walls, the major utilities plus the excavation and pile test at the brand new planned Vehicle Maintenance Facility. The next item concerned the dates regarding the bridge closures. The Broadway bridge, Washington Street bridge and Medford Street bridge have been closed since the spring of 2019 and are expected to open back up in the spring in 2020. The School Street bridge is expected to close in the spring 2020 and will reopen in the spring of 2021. The College Avenue bridge will close for construction in the spring of 2020 but will reopen in the early fall of 2020. The Cedar Street bridge will be closed for the whole summer next year and the Lowell Street bridge will be closed for the entire fall of next year.



The next item concerned the

During the construction, the tracks of MBTA Commuter Rail's Lowell Line were pushed over to make room for the new planned Medford branch as well as the new stations.

In order to improve the project and to allow construction of the tracks and stations, the Lowell Line has been shut down on select weekends with shuttle bus service running between Anderson/RTC located in Woburn and Boston North Station. During midday on weekdays, the Lowell Line has been operating during this project but with only one track in service.

The next thing discussed was the significant active work areas of this project which in-

MBTA/GLX officials offered a presentation aimed at clarifying their future plans, as well as engaging in meaningful dialog with residents. – Photo by Adam Parise

In addition, to allow work to be done on the new Lechmere Station, shuttle bus service will be provided to accommodate passengers between Boston North Station from Lechmere Stations. This is expected to start in the later part of Spring next year and is expected to conclude in the Spring of 2021.

Residents also got to have their say on this project. A few residents that live right next to the project were complaining about the lack of sleep they have been getting lately due to the loud noises at night.

The final key point was the Local Outreach which includes a community group hosting 24 consecutive monthly meetings, email blasts, door to door leafletting, tabling events, public meetings and updates at the GLX website, which can be found at www.Mass.gov/GLX.

Somerville activists seek to combat rampant wage theft

By Jane Regan Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville bosses have been quietly cheating employees out of tens of thousands of dollars for years now.

The state attorney general's office has assessed employers based in, or working in, the city almost \$230,000 in fines for various labor violations since January 2015. As of Nov. 1, most of them, including the Herb Chambers Companies, had not yet completely paid the penalties. Many are still in business, and it's entirely possible that there are other deceitful employers who have not yet been caught.

But a coalition of labor groups, unions, the Our Revolution Somerville Labor Committee and other worker advocates are hoping to put an end to "wage theft," includes instances where employers deny workers wages and benefits, such as a lunch break, tips, paid sick time, or when they force employees to work off the clock.

Rampant nationwide and in Somerville

The practice is rampant. A 2018 report from Jobs with Justice and Good Jobs First found that from 2000 to 2018, large employers were assessed \$9.2 billion in penalties as a result of lawsuits or state or federal investigations.

Closer to home, the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division dataset lists 21 violations by Somerville-based companies with assessments totaling almost \$190,000 since January 2015. If two non-city based Assembly Square subcontractors are added in, the total jumps to almost \$230,000.

All of the alleged violators agreed to civil proceedings and but not all have paid up, according to the data. The Herb Chambers Companies was assessed \$116,758.48, but as of Nov. 1 had not yet "paid in full." Nor had K.A.G Drywall (\$12,405.43), which worked at Assembly Square, nor Terri's Little Pumpkins (\$12,954.76), a childcare center that used to be on Broadway. In fact, only ten of 23 fines listed as of Nov. 1 had been "paid in full." (Those companies will be or have been subject to a tax lien, according to state law.)

Other employers assessed fines include Hawkeye Hospitality, owner of Davis Square's Five Horse Tavern, which was found not to have paid its workers tips or legal minimum wage. Hawkeye did pay: a total of \$17,264.08.

Fighting back with a new law?

Because the employers dealt with by the state likely represent only some of the many violators in and around the Boston area, a group of advocates and activists is hoping to confront the problem head on with changes to the city's existing wage theft law, Ordinance 9-31. Representatives recently met at the library to discuss progress on the proposed changes and to consider whether establishing a workers center might also help.

Greater Boston Legal Services Ben Traslavina told the October 28 gathering that Somerville's current wage theft law is ineffectual.

"It only comes into effect if a company has been found to have criminally violated the law," he explained. "As all of you know, prosecutions, criminal prosecutions of wage theft, are almost non-existent. It's on the books



Jobs for Somerville member Mary Jo Connelly is one of many community activists seeking to establish an improved wage theft law in the city.

but it's a dead letter."

Traslavina, who has been helping craft the language that would essentially replace the existing ordinance, noted that while it's difficult to prosecute employers, cities and towns have power.

"We do have, as a municipality, the power to decide what businesses can work in our community," he noted.

The proposed new ordinance - currently being considered by the Licenses and Permits committee - would give city agencies the power the deny abusive employers building permits, licenses and even contracts. It also calls for an advisory committee

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that would include representatives of a number of city-based advocacy organizations.

Councilor-at-large Wilfred Mbah, vice president of the committee, said members hope it will become law by the end of the year.

"We are hoping to vote it out of committee on Wednesday, December 11, and adopt it into law at our last Council meeting of the year on Thursday, December 12," he said in an email dated November 11.

A workers center?

Many of the advocates at the Octber 28 meeting also said they would Continued on page 7

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators and representatives from the week of November 18-22.

\$1.5 BILLION FOR EDUCATION (H 4157)

House 156-0, Senate 39-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker the Student Opportunity Act that invests \$1.5 billion, mostly in the form of Chapter 70 Aid for local school districts, in the state's public K-12 education system over the next seven years. The measure implements the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the state was underfunding schools by more than \$1 billion annually.

"Access to a high-quality public education is a fundamental right for every child, and that's why the Student Opportunity Act will make an unprecedented \$1.5 billion investment in our public schools, ensuring that school districts across the commonwealth have adequate and equitable resources to provide all students, especially those facing adversity, with a high-quality public education," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), the Senate chair of the Education Committee."I am confident that the Student Opportunity Act will effectively address achievement and opportunity gaps and make a meaningful difference to generations of Massachusetts students."

"Today's enactment of the Student Opportunity Act will lead to greater resources for public school students across the commonwealth." said House Education Committee chair Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley). "The House vote is a clear indication of our commitment to ensuring that all students, and especially low-income students and English learners, have full access to the high quality education that Massachusetts provides its children."

"This historic bill represents a milestone for our students, for our communities and for racial and economic justice," said MTA President Merrie Najimy. "It will have a dramatic impact on the education of more than 900,000 students, especially benefiting low-income students and students of color who have been left behind by the state's outdated school funding formula."

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

for a second offense and \$500 for a third and subsequent offense. A third offense would count as a surchargeable offense that could lead to higher insurance rates for the violator.

The measure basically keeps the current mandate that police departments document the driver's race only when they issue a ticket, write a warning, or make an arrest after a traffic stop. Some say that will not gather enough data and that the only way to do so is to get the information on all cars that are stopped regardless of whether they are arrested, received a ticket or a warning.

Supporters said that the bill would save lives and prevent accidents. They noted that the measure does not ban cellphone use but simply requires the use of handsfree ones. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving handheld cellphones.

Some opponents say that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted and that the bill is a bonanza for insurance companies which will collect millions of dollars in surcharges.

"Today marks a significant milestone in increasing safety on our roadways," said Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford), longtime sponsor of hands-free legislation. "While this should have happened years ago, I am thankful that we have delivered a strong bill to the governor. For far too long, distracted driving has claimed the lives of innocent people and wreaked havoc upon families, forever robbed of planning graduations, weddings and holidays. Amazingly, many of these families have channeled their pain into making our roadways safer, and it has been a privilege to have worked closely with them over the past 15 years to ensure a strong law. I hope this measure provides some solace, as it is their tenacious advocacy in memory of their loved ones that has finally achieved these new life-saving protections."

"I wholeheartedly support the provisions of the compromise bill that outlaw distracted driving, and I so much wanted to vote yes to enact this legislation," said Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "But I could not get to a 'yes' vote because the data provisions do not mandate data collection on all traffic stops or define "racial or gender profiling." The bill also creates concerning precedent about access to public records, such as the data actually collected, even though all of the data con-

of traffic stops that result in a warning or citation, as required under current law.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

CHILDREN'S HEALTH (S 2368)

House 155-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Baker legislation designed to make it easier for children and their families to navigate the state's complicated and often difficult to understand health care system. A key provision requires health insurance companies to perform monthly updates of their provider databases that tell patients which doctors and other medical resources are available to them. Patients complain that many physicians are listed as local and taking new patients despite having retired, moved or stopped accepting new patients.

The measure also allows foster children to remain covered by MassHealth until they turn 26, the same option that children covered by their parents' private insurance currently have; examines the barriers to mental and behavioral health supports for children; establishes a commission to study mandated reporting laws; and provides for increased education around child sex abuse and exploitation.

"I am proud of the efforts of the Legislature this week to expand access to behavioral health services for children in Massachusetts," said Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg), the House chair of the Committee on Healthcare Financing."This bill bridges the gap between our children and the services available to them and gives parents the information they need to make informed health care decisions."

"There are several barriers to access for children in the commonwealth who are in need of behavioral health services, and this legislation takes several steps to address them," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. "I'm especially proud that this comprehensive bill requires provider network directories to be more transparent and include accurate, up-to-date information to help connect children with the mental health providers that they need."

BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES (S 2216)

House 154-1, Senate 38-1, approved and sent to Gov. Baker a bill that would prohibit drivers, except on-duty public safety personnel, from using a hand-held cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access social media. The measure allows drivers to use only a hands-free phone but allows him or her to perform a single tap or swipe to activate or deactivate the handsfree mode feature. Public safety personnel are exempt from the ban.

Use of a hand-held phone would be permitted in emergencies including if the vehicle is disabled; a disabled vehicle or an accident are present on a roadway; medical attention is required; police, firefighter or other emergency services are necessary for the personal safety of the operator or a passenger or to otherwise ensure the safety of the public.

Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$250

templated by the bill must be de-identified. Further, I have serious concerns about the path the data will take to its final analysis."

"Today's final bill is a major public safety improvement for the residents of Massachusetts," said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House chair of the Committee on Transportation. "Distracted driving has caused too many unnecessary tragedies and I am pleased that our state will now join the ranks of other states who have adopted a ban on holding a phone while driving."

"For decades, the ACLU has advocated to make roads and highways safer by collecting race data for all motor vehicle stops and ensuring equity in traffic enforcement," said Rahsaan Hall, racial justice program director at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Massachusetts. "Without data on all stops, police departments cannot have a complete picture of their practices, and where reforms may be necessary. This version of the bill continues to require data collection only for the subset

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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The Somerville Times **Discussion sparks talk of inclusion, openness** for Somerville immigrant community

By Lizzie Heintz

On Sunday, November 17, citizens of Somerville gathered at the Nave Gallery, inside the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, for a community panel discussion on "The Importance of Sanctuary Cities." Speakers at the panel were Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Prof. Susan Akram of Boston University, Executive Director of the Somerville Welcome Project Ben Echevarria, and Somerville Councilor At-Large Wilfred Mbah.

Sitting at the front of the room, each of the guests spoke at length about their connection and stance regarding Somerville's immigrant population. The comments held strong undertones of the current state and national political climates.

"To say that today's country is a land of equal opportunity for all ... that's just not true." Curtatone said.

Residents were given the opportunity to view the exhibition in the Nave Gallery, Crossing the Line: In Search of Sanctuary, before the panel began. The exhibit featured art highlighting issues relating to immigration and social justice. The church sanctuary also featured art from the collection Art in Exile: Works from Syrian Refugee Camps. Echevarria touched on the issues specifically relevant to those he works with in Somerville.

"Somerville is a very different place from when I was growing up," Echevarria said, "When I was in school, my sisters and I were the only people of color in the entire school system. Today, about seventy percent of our school district is students of color. You look at what's happening nationally. What we're discovering and what we're seeing is how to legalize hate, how to legalize racism, how to legalize everything that we're so far against."

Echevarria also touched on laws other states have put in place to help undocumented students that Massachusetts has yet to adopt, such as Texas's law allowing undocumented students to have in-state tuition for college and university. He also noted Utah's law allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for a driver's license, another thing Massachusetts has yet to adopt.

Attendees were given the opportunity to speak on the subject and ask questions of the speakers after the presentations were done. Concerns were raised about the lack of affordable housing available to immigrants, as well as the accessibility of educational resources for immigrant children looking to enter university. Other residents raised the point that many misconceptions about immigrants could be solved simply by speaking with them.



The recent community panel discussion provided residents and civic leaders with an opportunity to engage in a dialog concerning challenges faced by immigrants and the cities that take them in. – Photo courtesy of Nave Gallery

"That was me. We were those teenagers on the corner speaking Italian," one resident said, referring to a complaint that teenagers were speaking Spanish on street-corners in Somerville neighborhoods. Residents in attendance expressed their appreciation for Somerville's openness in regards to immigrant residents, but also made sure to note the

changes they wished to be made in the community to help foster a more inclusive environment.

Crossing the Line: In Search of Sanctuary exhibit runs through Sunday, December 15. Nave Gallery, 155 Powder House Blvd, Somerville, MA. Gallery hours: Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Somerville activists seek to combat rampant wage theft

also like to set up a workers center.

"There's a lot of amazing work already in the community," acknowledged Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, co-executive director of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (COSH), but she added that workers need "a safe space."

Before it moved, the immi-

grant advocacy group Centro Presente helped many of the city's laborers, including those being cheated by the Diva Indian Bistro in Davis Square. In 2012, the agency helped workers sue owner One World Cuisine for \$183,000 and helped organize weekly pickets for a year.

Mary Jo Connelly, active with Jobs for Somerville and other groups, and who attended the October 28 meeting, remembered the weekly marches.

"Every Friday there was a crowd of people and I was one of them, sometimes my kids were with me, saying: 'Don't eat at Diva!" she said during an interview in Davis Square.

The company eventually settled out of court.

More recently, Somerville workers have had to find help outside the city, according to MassCOSH's Milagros Barreto.

"We've been helping workers from Somerville for many years now," said Barreto, whose office is in Dorchester.

Goldstein-Gelb and others, including the ORS Labor Committee, are hoping a center can be funded, at least in part, using monies from the Job Creation and Retention Trust Fund, created by assessing commercial developers of sites over 15,000 square feet a fee.

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Cast your vote!

You have until December 20 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, January 1, 2020. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

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Somerville Bicycle Safety petition to Mayor Curtatone

On Friday, November 22, Somerville Bicycle Safety delivered a petition signed by almost 700 people to Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone. The petition asks that the mayor make a public commitment to build protected bike lanes on Powder House Boulevard and to build protected bike lanes when the city does significant road work on major thoroughfares throughout the city.

Somerville Bicycle Safety collected signatures on street corners, in busy intersections, at events, and by talking to hundreds and hundreds of people, all of whom want to see more protected bike lanes built more quickly in all neighborhoods of the city. The petition was signed by people from all areas of the city, almost a fifth of who say they are too afraid to bike in Somerville, but would like to.

"Somerville has made great progress in adding protected bicycle infrastructure, including opening the dedicated bus/bike lanes on Broadway this fall, " says Arah Schuur, of Somerville Bicycle Safety. But the city made the wrong decision on Powder House Boulevard, sacrificing the safety of people on bicycles. This is not an acceptable outcome for one of the city's major connecting streets."

"We started Somerville Bicycle Safety to make sure that our elected officials and city staff know that people who bicycle or would like to bicycle, vote, speak up, and get involved." says George Schneeloch, another member of the organization. "Somerville Bicycle Safety plans to continue to push the administration to meet the goals that the mayor has announced, to finish the citywide bicycle plan and to build protected bike lanes throughout the city."

The main body of the petition reads as follows:

"In July 2019 the city decided not to build protected bike lanes on Powder House Boulevard despite considerable public support in favor. Instead they will delay making a decision and decide again next year whether to do so or not. This decision unacceptably compromised the safety of people biking on Powder House Boulevard.

Protected bike lanes separate people biking from traffic, preventing many common types of crashes when they are built. Somerville has the highest percentage of bicycle commuters on the east coast. The decision to delay shows a city leadership which does not prioritize the safety of its constituents.

We are asking the city for two things:

- We need the city to publicly commit to build protected bike lanes on Powder House Boulevard.

- We need the city to build protected bike lanes when the city does significant road work on a major thoroughfare.

We need city officials to act quickly to commit to build protected bike lanes on Powder House Boulevard, and we need to see a change of thinking in favor of prioritizing the safety of people biking around Somerville so people of all



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ages and abilities have safe infrastructure when they bike around the city."

Somerville Bicycle Safety is an advocacy group working to make streets safer and more enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities in all neighborhoods in Somerville. It organizes people to push elected officials and city staff to meet the commitments of Vision Zero, SomerVision, Somerville Climate Forward and Complete Streets by implementing protected bicycle infrastructure across the city.

The online petition can be found at https://somervillebikesafety.org/petition/?q=w. Please contact info@somervillebikesafety.org with questions.

— Somerville Bicycle Safety

Dorothy's Corner BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

days ahead of time. I find using a stand mixer is much more efficient, but not

totally necessary. A hand held mixer is

fine for the wet ingredients, but use a

large spoon to incorporate the dry in-

gredients into the wet mixture. This

dough is thick and may be difficult for

Add the eggs and sugar and blend

well, about two minutes. Add the oil

and vanilla and mix at low speed for

an additional two minutes. In a separate bowl, add the flour, salt, baking

powder and cocoa, blend well. Put the mixer on low speed and gradually add

the dry ingredients and mix until fully

incorporated.

the hand mixer to do the full job.

Chocolate Holiday Cookies

These are not your traditional Italian chocolate spice cookies made for the Christmas season, but make a great tradition nonetheless. Over the years this recipe has been adjusted many times and this year's batch is the best one yet! These light and airy cookies are not too sweet and pack a concentrated dark chocolate flavor. The secret? Espresso.

Cookies

6 large eggs

1-1/2 cups granulated sugar

Preheat oven 400°. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough into a long 1/2" rope. Without cutting the dough, hold in one hand and make a small circle of dough, tucking it under itself and breaking it off once tucked under the top piece, like a knot. The cookies should be about 1-1/2" in diameter. Place them on the cookie sheet about 2" apart from each other. Bake for 15 minutes, until the tops are soft, but firm to the touch. This batter will make approximately six dozen cookies.



1-1/8 cups canola oil3 teaspoons vanilla3 cups flour, plus extra for rolling out the cookies1/2 teaspoon salt

1-1/2 cups cocoa (unsweetened) 4-1/2 teaspoons baking powder

Frosting

3 cups confectioners' sugar 2/3 cups cocoa (unsweetened) 1 teaspoon vanilla 4 oz. espresso or strong coffee 1/4 cup whole milk

Holiday sprinkles for decoration (optional)

This batter can be made up to two

Once the cookies come out of the oven, remove them from the sheet pan and place them on a cool surface. An extra cookie sheet works well or even a platter. It is important to place



the cookies on a cool sheet pan when reusing the pan or the cookies will spread and come out flat. Once the cookies are cooled completely, mix the frosting as follows. Add the confectioners' sugar and cocoa to a bowl and blend slowly by hand. Once blended, add the vanilla and espresso and stir. The frosting will be dry, so add 1/2 the milk and keep stirring. Once incorporated, it may still be dry, add the rest of the milk and blend thoroughly. It should still be thick, like a brownie mix and definitely wet enough to spread on each cookie.

Dip the round part of the cookie

into the frosting and use a spoon to spread around the whole top of the cookie. Frost liberally. There may be a little left over frosting so no need to worry about running out.

Once frosted, place the cookies on a tray and decorate while the frosting is still wet so the sprinkles adhere. Let them dry completely, about an hour before placing them in an airtight container and store them in a cool dry place. They should last for weeks, that is if you don't eat them by then!

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



Slow Food Boston panel calls for restaurant industry equality

By Shira Laucharoen

Panelists and community members explored the topic of fairness in the restaurant industry at Slow Food Boston's second Slow Food Conversation: Worker Justice = Food Justice on November 19. Hosted at Union Square's Remnant Brewing, the talk featured speakers Yamila Ruiz, director of RAISE at Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United), and Lucas Turner-Owens, fund manager of the Boston Ujima Project. The event was moderated by Irene Li, chef and operating manager of Mei Mei Restaurant.

During the panel, speakers asked attendees to reevaluate the attitudes and perceptions around the restaurant industry shaped by cultural biases. Just as some work gets gendered and then depreciated in its value, so some work gets racialized and then depreciated in its value, said Ruiz.

"Why are folks interested in spending one hundred dollars at some restaurants and then not at others?" asked Ruiz. "Why do we think some food should be cheap?"

Ruiz said that in order to pursue equity in the restaurant industry, the country needs to see "an industry shift, a narrative shift, and a cultural shift." She explained that there is still a need for transparency for consumers and that the most important thing consumers should know is the true cost of labor that goes into preparing their food. Most people care more about "where their chicken comes from than fair labor, how much the worker is getting paid," she said, while many workers continue to get paid below minimum wage.

There is still work to be done to support restaurant wait staff who may be immigrants and are in some cases undocumented workers. Turner-Owens said that the Ujima Project has developed a Sanctuary Business Pledge, a movement to protect immigrant workers from exploitation.

"Some restaurants will hire



Lucas Turner-Owens of the Boston Ujima Project and Yamila Ruiz of Restaurant Opportunities Centers United spoke at Slow Food Boston's panel. — Photos by Shira Laucharoen

people that they know are undocumented and then use that to threaten them, by calling ICE," said Turner-Owens.

Ruiz said that many establishments have become "Sanctuary Restaurants," where individuals can understand that "when you eat at that restaurant, you are safe," she said. These businesses have adopted a stance against racism, homophobia, sexism, and xenophobia, by creating an inclusive environment.

Transparency is a vital element h in running an ethical business, w said Li. Open book management, which gives employees of relevant financial information r about the company, making the management accessible to everyone who works there, can lead to t greater equity. On the other side

of the table, restaurant goers should be as aware as they can be of where they are eating and dine with intention.

"The more educated and informed guests are, the closer we get to having an industry we are proud of," said Li.

Slow Food is an international, volunteer-run organization that aims to build communities and make the food that we eat more sustainable, clean, and accessible. The Boston chapter held its first Slow Food Conversation in March of 2019. nity-controlled economy by organizing workers, investors, and business owners.



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Moderator Irene Li, Turner-Owens, and Ruiz discussed the topic of fairness in the restaurant industry during the talk.

ROC United is a non-profit organization that advocates for restaurant workers and seeks to improve wages. The Boston Ujima Project, led by the Center for Economic Democracy, is working to create a commu-

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1 Bow Market Way (entrance to Bow Market at 345 Somerville Ave.) as follows:

• Sunday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

+ Thursday, December 5, 5:00

– 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children (12 and under) and seniors (60+). Proceeds go toward funding the public programs of the Somerville Arts Council. Tickets sell quickly, please plan accordingly. If there are left-over tickets, they will be sold at City Hall the night of the event. For more information, go to: www.somervilleartscouncil.

org/illuminationstour Finally, on Sunday, December 22, a ceremonial Menorah Lighting will take place on the City Hall Concourse beginning at 5:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to join Mayor Curtatone and city staff for a brief ceremony and photo on the City Hall Concourse. The Menorah will be lit each night of Hanukkah. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on the city's holiday events, please call 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the city).

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Find a little bit of Thanksgiving all year in a shared meal from Nibble Kitchen



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week we celebrate a national holiday where people across the country will be coming together to share a meal. At the heart of this for many will be family, friends, hospitality and gratitude. There is a power in food. Food brings people together. It can also knock down barriers. We may not all speak the same language or share the same customs, but everybody eats. When people gather around a table to taste something new to them but deeply familiar for others, it draws us together.

In Somerville, we're taking that intersection of food, community, and culture to the next

level with the grand opening of Nibble Kitchen at Bow Market, a new restaurant and culinary space for classes and demos. It is the brick-and-mortar realization of a program started by our Somerville Arts Council. We saw how cultural economic development was playing a vital role in our city squares, giving us a robust, diverse, and citywide restaurant scene. Since immigrant-owned eateries have been helping to fuel our city's economy, it made all the sense in the world to foster those local businesses and give even more people a way to become a part of it.

The Nibble program started with international market tours in Union Square. Nibble then kicked off a blog and put out a book. After that, it added cooking classes, and finally a culinary entrepreneurship program, which offers real-life vending opportunities at events and popups. Two members of the entrepreneurship program, Carolina Garcia and Carolina Salinas, have also opened the new Carolicious restaurant inside the Aeronaut Brewery facility.

With the Dec. 3 grand opening of Nibble Kitchen, people will get to taste the food of what we hope will become a whole new generation of eateries in our city. It's located right in the heart of Union Square and it's already had a soft opening that's drawn rave reviews. The Eater Boston website recently named chef Meqdes Mesfin's Ethiopian brunch as a must-have. Nibble has involved chefs from Bangladesh, Brazil, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Greece, Mexico, Somalia, Venezuela, and more.

The grand opening itself is going to be quite an event, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, with samples of Nibble's eclectic menu along with dancing and music. Yet we expect the restaurant to quickly become a local institution, featuring an ever-changing array of crave-worthy food. I've often said that if you want to eat your way around the world, all you have to do is come to Somerville.

And I want to circle back to how this fits into the larger theme of bringing people together. Somerville has always attracted immigrants, waves of people who came here in search of a better life and who then put their stamp on our community. It is at the very core of what makes our city such a unique place to live. Making sure the current wave of immigrants can continue that tradition, and that future waves can follow in their footsteps, is essential to maintaining the diversity on which we thrive.

We're not taking it for granted that newcomers to our city will find it easy to plant their roots here. Nibble Kitchen is an effort to give people an authentic opportunity to find a seat at our communal table. It all starts with a simple meal, but it hopefully ends with a broader appreciation for the amazing diversity of our city. We're a model for how cultures can collide in the best of ways, of how a city can be a place full of friends you haven't met yet.

Our "culture" should be an ever-evolving thing. That's why we have an arts council that decided it should start a restaurant that supports the culinary arts. When we get together, even around the simplest of things, we emerge richer for the experience. I also like to think it breathes some hope into us.

So, when you're feeling hungry and you want a taste of something that's authentic and delicious, Nibble Kitchen will be there for you. The food is amazing, it makes Union Square an even cooler place, and it's the next great place to grab a meal to share in Somerville. It's also another reminder that we're a city with so much to offer, so much to share, so much to be thankful for ... and so much to eat.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Accurate 'health provider directories' Initiative included in final children's health package

Representative Christine Barber's bill to require health plans to regularly update their provider directories was included in an omnibus Children's Health and Wellness bill that was passed in the House and Senate last week.

Both the House and Senate passed versions of a package earlier this year, containing many important provisions to support the health and wellbeing of children across Massachusetts. A Conference Committee, comprised of members of both branches, recently finalized a compromise package, which includes language championed by Representative Barber (Somerville and Medford) on an important initiative to improve access to care. Health plans publish provider directories to help patients find care, but too often these are inaccurate and are not updated regularly. This problem, often called "ghost networks," is true especially for families with children seeking behavioral health care services. Families often face a long list of providers who have moved, closed their practices, no longer accept patients, or do not specialize in the right kind of care. The initiative that Rep. Barber has advocated for will help patients find the right health care providier for families to find care through accurate information is an important way to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes. I am thankful to my colleagues and community advocates who worked with me to ensure that this provision was included in the final bill."

In addition to provider directories, the Children's Health and Wellness bill also includes a provision to allow children in foster care to remain on MassHealth coverage until age 26, and creates childhood



er easily and quickly.

"Even with our strong health care system in Massachusetts, many people still have some problems accessing care," Rep. Barber said on the floor of the House during the bill's passage. "Making it easbehavioral health centers of excellence to help families connect families connect to providers and services.

Having been passed by both chambers, this bill now awaits the Governor's signature.

— Office of Rep. Christine P. Barber

34th Middlesex District State Representative Christine P. Barber.

Broadway bus/bicycle lanes public hearing

The City Council Traffic and Parking Committee of the Whole and the Traffic Commission invite community members to a joint public hearing on Monday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m., to provide feedback on the design and implementation of the new traffic configuration on Broadway in Winter Hill, which features dedicated bus and bicycle lanes. The public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, 93 Highland Ave. The public hearing will open with a short presentation by City staff on project history, objectives, and preliminary evaluation data for key metrics pertaining to safety and mobility for all road users. Following the presentation, members of the public will be invited to speak. The typical two-minute time limit will be strictly enforced.

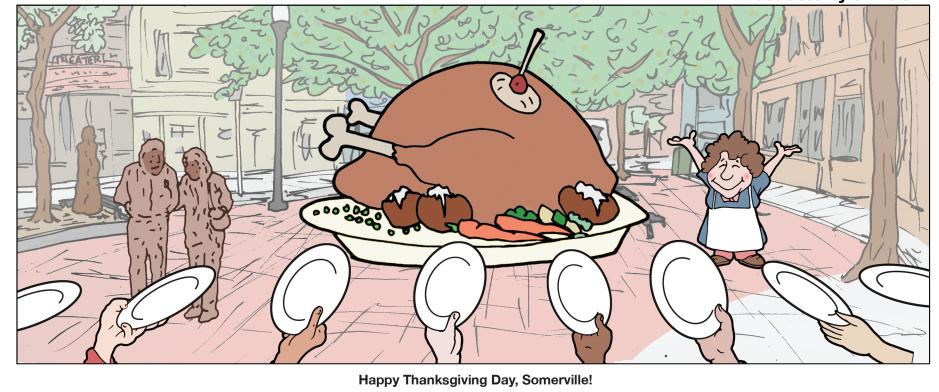
Written Testimony

If you are unable to attend, or wish to submit written testimony, please email to both of the following TWO addresses: citycouncil@somervillema.gov, traffic@somervillema.gov. The official public record for written testimony will close on Friday, December 13, 2019, at 5 p.m. Additional comments sent after the deadline will be reviewed but will not become part of the public record. If you have questions about the Public Hearing, please contact the Chair of the City Council Traffic and Parking Committee and Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang at mniedergang@somervillema.gov or (617) 629-8033.

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Our View Of The Times



Thanksgiving Day gives us that little nudge we sometimes need to take stock in what is most important for us and to share in the sense of appreciation that we feel amongst one another.

Some of us have it better than others, it goes without saying. Conversely, many of us may be struggling to simply make ends meet. One thing that unites us all in common spirit is the heartfelt acknowledgement of what we do have to be grateful for. Whatever our circumstances may be, each and every one of us has blessings to count and thanks to be given for them.

Thanksgiving Day gives Americans an opportunity to express that gratitude to God, as well as extending the spirit of fellowship and goodwill to one another.

This esprit de corps should extend to our sense of charity, too, as we contribute to

our local churches, soup kitchens, and service organizations. The experience of simply volunteering to serve food at a holiday dinner can be a life changing event, as one learns firsthand the value of, and satisfaction achieved by, the selfless act of helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

We wish all of our readers the happiest of holidays, and all the days to come thereafter. We further extend our sincere wishes for the blessings of life's bounty to one and all outside of our readership.

May this holiday provide a meeting ground for all of us. One in which we can share in the goodness of life and fellowship between us all. This is one of the more meaningful aspects of the holiday, that we can truly join together as a family. There's no better way to express our gratitude, is there?

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#GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Consider a donation to SMC this #GivingTuesday season. December 3 is #GivingTuesday and we encourage you to support Somerville Media Center this giving season. SMC's mission is to provide access to electronic media-making through low-cost media education workshops, equipment and facility access, and collaborative distribution on SCATV Cable Ch.3, BostonFreeRadio.com and SMC's web and social media presences. ***** With the winter season at our doorstep, it's that time of the year again! Next Wave/Full Circle is holding its annual Holiday Wreath fundraiser. The purchase of a beautiful 14" balsam wreath with a red velvet bow for \$18 apiece will not only brighten up your décor, but will also help fund student activities, field trips, and incentives for the school's reward system. Wreaths will be delivered to schools the first week in December. To place an order, contact Agnes Gallant at agallant@k12.somerville.ma.us. ******

Saturday, December 14, 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at Nibble Kitchen, 1 Bow Market Way (entrance to Bow Market at 345 Somerville Ave.), Union Sq., Somerville. There will be two opportunities to buy tickets: Sunday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 5, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children (12 and under) and seniors (60+). Cash or when you can, and stay for as long as you'd like. A cash bar will be available and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Please feel free to bring along family members and/or guests. The more the merrier! The suggested contribution for the reunion is \$15. For more info, go to their Faceboook page: https://www.facebook. com/events/451601158816359/.

Toys for Local Children (TLC) is a

process. Through a structured program of family-matching and support, the college-experienced parents/guardians will serve as guides and mentors to the selected juniors and their families as they work through the many phases of the college application process. The program is committed to the idea of empowering the students and families being mentored, and will match them with families who can work in that spirit.

Illuminations Tour 2019 takes place

Check only. Proceeds go toward funding the public programs of the **Somerville Arts Council**. Tickets sell quickly; please plan accordingly. If there are left-over tickets, they will be sold at **City Hall** the night of the event. For more information: go to: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour.

Graduates from St. Clement's High School Class of 1969 will be holding their 50th reunion on Saturday, November 30, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Washington St. As they did last year, they want to invite their friends from the classes of 1968 and 1970 to celebrate with them. The plan is to have a very casual atmosphere to rekindle relationships, recall memories, and have a great time; informal, come charity aimed at supporting families in the local area. Please join the many volunteers and contributors in supporting this endeavor. This charity was formed to assist families that are less fortunate, by providing them with a little bit of happiness during this holiday season. Visit http://www.toysforlocalchildren. org/ to see how you can help and find a drop off location near you.

The Families Together Somerville (FTS) Volunteer Informational Meeting will be taking place on December 4, 6:00 p.m. Families Together Somerville is a family-to-family mentoring program, which pairs first generation college-going juniors' families with another Somerville family that has direct experience with the college application

Throughout November and December, the Clothing Closet of the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC) will be collecting donations of new and gently used winter clothing with its "Share the Warmth" Winter Coat Drive. With the colder weather, there is an urgent need for winter coats, snow pants, gloves, warm socks, and winter boots. Donations of children's garments 5T-16 and boots sizes 5-13, and adult garments S-XXL and boots sizes 6-12 would be most appreciated. Drop-off locations are at all SPS schools during regular school hours and at the SFLC Center located at 42 Prescott Street. Please contact Francia Reyes at (617) 625-6600, x6994 or freyes@k12.somerville.ma.us with any questions.

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SHS Class of '69 50th reunion

Some 120 guests were in attendance at Anthony's of Malden on Saturday, November 23 for the 50th Anniversary reunion of the Somerville High School Class of 1969. DJ Dave Glinner entertained and the Memorabilia Table was filled with treasures classmates brought to show and share.



(L) Theresa Hardy, (R) Annie Donovaro.



(L to R) Patty Dellisola, Donna Diggs, Judy Sousa.



Charles DiPirro, with his custom made "reunion sneakers."



Former Somerville Mayor, and Congressional Rep. Mike Capuano is a 1969 graduate. (L) Jim Donovaro, (R) Michael Capuano).



Reunion Committee members (L to R) Marie (DiRusso) Almas, Tom Arria, Barbara (Doyle) St. Germain. Annie (Abramo) Donovaro, Bob Cunha, John Tedesco.



Marie and Charlie Almas.



Bill and Sheila Fahey.



(L to R) Marianna Cichetti, Donna Fayad, Nancy Hachey, Marsha DeFilippo. Sitting: Loretta Bonasera.



Tina, who now lives in Israel, traveled here for the reunion. (L) Annie (Abramo) Donovaro, (R) Tina (Karalekas) Nager.



(L to R) Kathleen Mullins, Irene Thompson, Loretta Cole.



(L to R) Standing: Ralph Willey, Cosmo Gallinaro, Christine Thompson, John Thompson. (L to R) Sitting: George Vakerlis, Shei-la SIllari, Paula Duva.

(L to R) Joe Metiever, Frank Ferreer, Joe Naser.



Cheryl and Wayne Snow.

2019 NWFC 25th Annual Tree Lot and Wreath Sale

students and staff run an annual holiday Tree Lot and Wreath Sale for the community. The process of preparing and running the event is a learning experience for students. All proceeds go to support exciting learning opportunities for students as well as scholarships for students who enroll in college or career training programs.

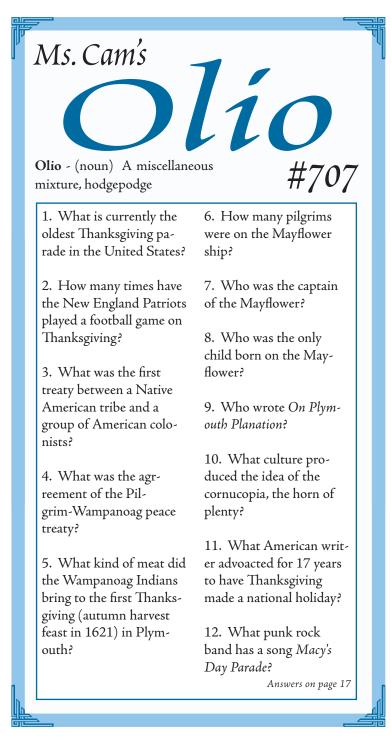
The Holiday Tree Lot dates are November 30 to December 15. The lot is located at the Full Circle Garden, 35 Cross Street

Next Wave and Full Circle (between Otis and Bonair), and is open Saturdays 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Mondays - Fridays 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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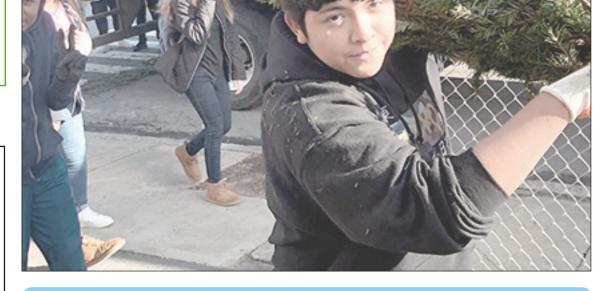
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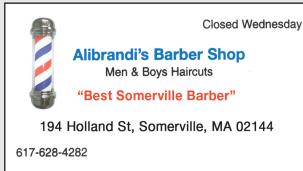




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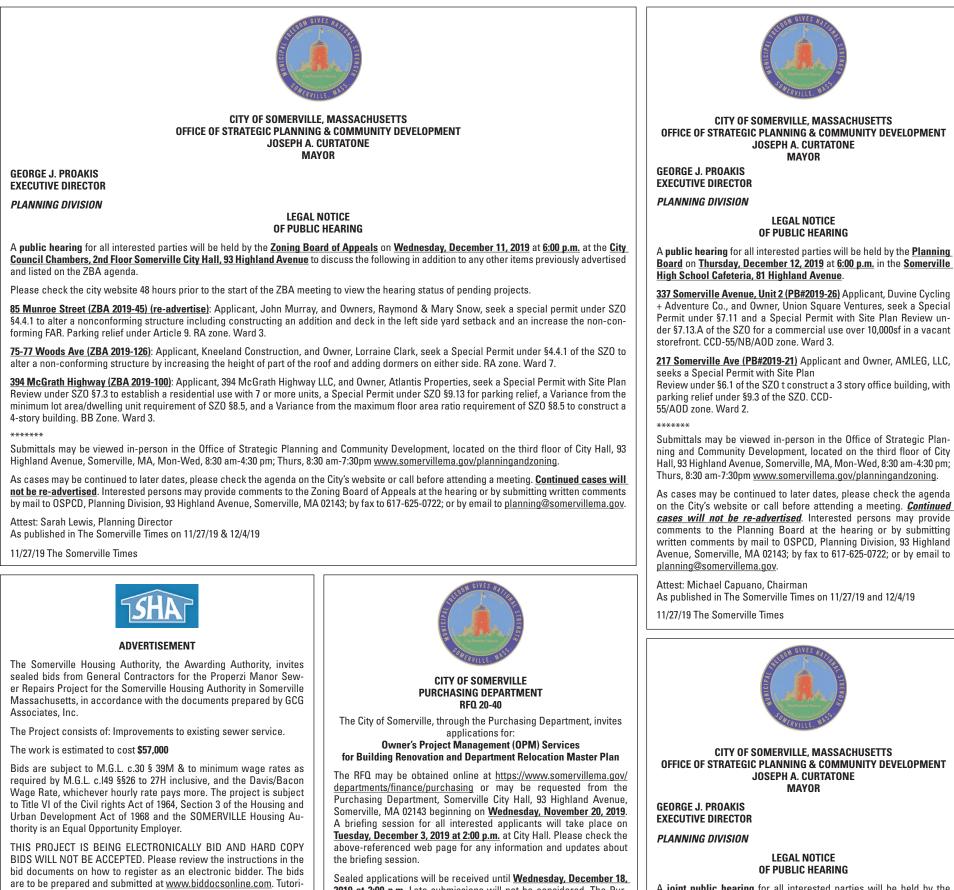
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LEGAL NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com



A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the City Council Land Use Committee on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00pm, in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING

ADOPTION OF A NEW SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AS **ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 23, 1990.**

Items may be continued to later dates. Please check the agendas for

the Planning Board and/or Land Use Committee on the City's website or call before attending. Continued items will not be re-advertised.

Angela M. Allen

Purchasing Director

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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).

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at

als and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents

are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17,

2019 and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted

online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less

than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMER-

There is a plan deposit of \$50 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

and time specified above.

VILLE HOUSING 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 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

A prebid meeting will be held at Properzi Manor, Somerville Housing Authority, 13 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143 on December 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

2019 at 2:00 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered. The Pur-

chasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in

her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be

For more information, please contact Angela Allen at amallen@

Please join Tree Market Somerville LLC for a Community Outreach Meeting as we share our plans for a proposed Marijuana Establishment. The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at 500 Medford Street in Somerville

In this meeting, we will discuss security, diversion prevention, community involvement and planning, and general operating information for the proposed facility. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

WHO: TREE MARKET SOMERVILLE LLC

WHAT: COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED MARIJUANA RETAILER IN SOMERVILLE.

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 @ 6 PM

WHERE: LA POSADA 505 MEDFORD STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02145

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Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board and Land Use Committee at the hearing.

Copies of the ordinance and maps are available on-line at the Zoning Overhaul Website at: www.somervillezoning.com

Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.

Per Section 1.2.2 of the proposed new ordinance, permits issued under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance, will remain valid, subject to the conditions of the permit, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman, Planning Board Attest: Councilor Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee To be published in the Somerville Times on November 27 and December 4 To be published in the Boston Herald on November 26 and December 3

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TO PLACE LEGAL ADVERTISMENTS IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES, CONTACT US BY 12 PM MONDAY PH: 617.666.4010 FAX: 617.628.0422

For winter 2019/20, park ODD during snow season

As snow season approaches, the City of Somerville reminds all residents that because this winter season begins in an odd year, snow emergency parking is allowed is the odd side. The city's snow removal policy for public streets requires that residents park only on one designated side of the street during snow emergencies (unless otherwise posted). One-sided parking is needed to allow plows to push snow to the other side of the street to ensure safe passage for emergency vehicles and others. Any exceptions for designated streets will be posted with official roadside signage. For example, roads that have parking only on the even-numbered side of the street yearround will also park on the even side during snow emergencies.

Reminder: No parking in school lots during snow emergencies

As a reminder, parking is no longer allowed in school parking lots during snow emergencies. Four hours after a snow emergency is called, gates to school parking lots will be closed and locked until the emergency is lifted. The goal of this change, which was introduced during the 2018-2019 winter season, is to reduce the number of snow day school cancellations by allowing the Department of Public Works adequate time to clear the parking lots overnight and in the early morning hours following a snow event so that they will be available for school teachers, staff, and student drop-off. Keeping schools open when conditions allow provides students with equitable access to the best learning environment and the many services that our schools provide.

Additional off-street parking will still be available in other municipal parking lots such as the metered lots in business districts. As always, we also encourage residents with access to driveways to please use them during snow emergencies or, if not needed, make them available to neighbors to help alleviate demand for on-street parking. A map of available municipal lots for snow emergency parking can be found at www.somervillema.gov/ snow, along with general snow emergency policy information.



Sign up for city alerts

As a reminder, the City of Somerville offers a free alert system, available for phone calls, emails, and text messages, to keep you in the loop in advance of snow emergencies as well as other important city information. If you are not already registered, you can sign up by visiting www.somervillema.gov/alerts, or by calling 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the city).

Note: Database glitches resulting in your not receiving messages pertaining to parking restrictions, including snow emergencies, do not automatically qualify you for dismissal or reimbursement of tickets and/or tow fees. Please review signage on your street, pay close attention to temporary signage, and review our parking policies and snow emergency policies.

Please pay attention to information sources when snow is approaching

In addition to direct city alerts, the city announces snow emergencies in a number of ways, including but not limited to announcements to local and regional TV, radio, print, online, and social media news sources; alerts on the city's website www.somervillema.gov; alerts via the 311 Somerville App; postings on the city's social media feeds including www.fb.com/somervillecity and @somervillecity on Twitter; alerts on City Cable TV (Comcast Ch. 22, RCN Ch. 13 & Ch. 613); and flashing blue lights at major intersections.

Prior to and during the winter season, reminders in the city newsletter (sign up at www.somervillema.gov/eNews), on the city website, on banners and signage across town, electronic message boards, and flyers on cars are used to remind residents of snow emergency parking policies.

Snow Emergency Parking Information

- Once a snow emergency has been declared, residents have four hours to move vehicles to the correct side of the street, or into a designated municipal parking lot.
- Vehicles not moved during this window of time may be ticketed (\$100 fine) and towed (\$100 fine assessed by the tow company).
- Vehicles parked within 20 feet of any intersection may be ticketed and towed.
- + For a list of designated municipal parking lots available for snow emergency parking, visit www.somervillema.gov/snow.
- Residents are encouraged to sign up for phone, email, and text alerts by visiting www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

For more information on the city's snow removal and snow emergency policies, visit www.somervillema.gov/snow, or download the City's 311 app in iTunes or Google Play, by searching "311Somerville."

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Thursday November 28

Library Closed Friday November 29

Library Closed

Monday December 2

Central Library Sing Along 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB Kids' Book Club 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 167 Holland St, 2nd floor

Tuesday December 3

Somerville Community Baptist Church **Preschool Storytime** 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave

Central Library Girls Who Code club 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday December 4

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB Read to a Dog with Josie! 5 p.m.- 6 p.m.| 167 Holland St, 2nd floor

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday November 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road Bearly Dead – A Tribute To The Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Friendsgiving Karaoke 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

Thunder Road Closed – Happy Holiday! 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Closed for Thanksgiving Day 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth|7 p.m. Boss Whom is Girl|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Friday November 29

Sally O'Brien's Bama McCall|6 p.m. Speedfossil and friends - \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Irish Session 9:30 p.m. Backroom: Evan Goodrow 7 p.m. Kilroe|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville Homeboy Sandman, Mega Ran, Mickey Factz, Alfred Banks 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Kevin Connolly Mule Var. 7 p.m. The Silks |10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Casey's Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Juniper with special guests AC Weathers, and Honey and the Bees

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Late Night Thoughts 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth

7 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday November 30 Sally O'Brien's

Le Prestige 7 p.m. KONG – Thunderfunk|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casey's Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Space Bacon with special guests Dewpoint in Union Square, Somerville! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Bella's Bartok w/ Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Road Trip Sessions: Hemway feat. Humble Digs 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory **Rick and Friends** 10 a.m.|Café Wintergreen Herbstalk Market! 11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 **Highland** Ave

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Sunday December 1

Sally O'Brien's Bar Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m. Group Muse Presents: Classical Brunch|11 a.m. Odds Bodkin Mid-Winter Miracles|3:30 p.m. Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band: CD Release Party and Residency 7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends 9:30 p.m. Back Room: Stump Trivia 8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Jimmy James Trivia 8:30 p.m. Catch A Dinosaur|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz at **ONCE** Lounge Homesafe, Kayak Jones, Young Culture, Keep Flying 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday December 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Current Swell w/ Carmanah 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road Bearly Dead – A Tribute To The Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Thurston Moore Group 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Open Mic with Mike Morrissey 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday November 27 **Central Library** Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Davis Square Farmers Market 12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

Thursday November 28 Library Closed

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

Friday November 29 Library Closed

Saturday November 23 **Union Square Farmers Market**

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain 18-48 Holland St

Sunday December 1 **Central Library**

Getting Cozy @ the Library 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday December 2

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop with

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Wednesday Residency: Grant Bloom Trio 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Thursday November 28

Sally O'Brien's Happy Thanksgiving 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren 247 Elm St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Krush Faktory(Dub Down) 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tim Gearan Band|6 p.m. Greg Perry & the Strange Berries - \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m. Back Room: The Folk Song Society of Greater Boston (Free event)|1 p.m. The Kennedys 7 p.m. Pop Disaster 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

Thunder Road

Plumes (Album Release Show!) with special guests The Motivated Sequence, and Meaghan Collins 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville The Dirty Nil w/ Single Mothers + Secret Spirit 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Americana Picnic: Evan Murphy & Friends 2 p.m. pindrop sessions 19: holidazed with marimba cabaret|7 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Monday December 2

Sally O'Brien's Bar Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m.

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Wednesday December 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief 9 p.m. Backroom: Annual Benefit For Somerville Homeless Coalition|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

Laurie!

4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Chess Night 7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday December 3

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Wednesday December 4

Central Library Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Gallery @ SPL: Opening Reception something to hold on to Stina Simmarano 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. 79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

 Main Office: 167 Holland Street

 (Between Davis Square and Teele Square.)

 Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

 Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

 Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

 Fax: 617-625-0688
 TTY: 866-808-4851

Holland Street Senior Center: 167 Holland Street (*Between Davis Square and Teele Square*) Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway (*East Somerville*) Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, (*Behind the Holiday Inn*) Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 617- 666-5223

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study - Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you! 24 week study for people 60 to 89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at ckowaleski@Somervillema.gov for questions and additional information.

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. Next Class December 5 For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays, Holland Street from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Upcoming date: December 5. Class is \$3. For additional information or questions call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Line Dancing – The first and third Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center . Class is free. No experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Upcoming dates: December 5.

Bowling – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbread Pizza located in Davis Square. There is a \$3 weekly fee which covers shoe rental, three strings candlepin bowling and dues for a bowling banquet. For more information and to sign up please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321. 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for more information. Upcoming dates: December 9, January 27 and February 24.

Annual Holiday Bazaar – Thursday and Friday, December 12 and 13 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Come and enjoy homemade goodies, raffles and more.

Wellness in Aging – Managing Stress, Pain & Medication. Wednesday, December 18 at our Holland Street Center starting at 10:00 a.m. To sign up please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Resorts Casino Hotel Atlantic City, NJ – Sunday, February 23 to Tuesday, February 25. \$219 per person double and \$299 per person single – trip includes: motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging, \$50 slot dollars, \$50 meal credits and two casino shows. Check in at Ralph and Jenny at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday with an approximate return time of 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

LBT Women Fit-4-Life – at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - Fitness class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available and it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health and Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus until Spring Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Nutrition Class - 3:00 p.m. (H) LBT Fit-4-Life-6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Vilma Sullivan facilitates this group. There is a different topic each month ranging from gardening tips and secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. Group runs for approximately an hour. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Low Vision Support Group - Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318. Memory Café – Meets the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318. Men's Group - Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Cross Street Center is Closed the Week of November 22. Lunch is served every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Breakfast w/Santa catered by Renee's Café & Holiday

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De-cluttering support group – If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group will be meeting in the fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317. **Game Hour** – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a "Game Hour." Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the first and third Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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Celebrating the life-changing work of family caregivers

By Jeanne Leyden

Recognition for a job well done is very important. That is why I like to thank a very special group of people for all that they do, as part of Caregiver Appreciation Month each November.

They typically don't get a lot of attention, but family caregivers are everywhere. A recent study by the Pew Research Center found that 15 percent of Americans provide some level of unpaid care for another adult.

Whether it's running errands, providing transportation, or hands-on assistance, the common thread is giving time to meet the needs of a loved one. It's a very beautiful thing.

My program recently had the pleasure of recognizing an outstanding caregiver named Robert, who stepped up to help his grandmother return home after she had a stroke. When we talked with him about that decision, he said it was an easy one, saying she had taken care of him when he was young, and now he was returning the favor. He also spoke about the importance of finding helpful resources when he was thrust into that role, saying he wished he had connected with us sooner.

With that in mind, I would advise family caregivers seeking guidance to contact their local elder services agency. Elder Service agencies specialize in helping people Age in Place, but they also typically can help people connect with programs that assist family caregivers. Many of these programs are free and can accessed by contacting the agency and asking for information about caregiving resources. Common examples include:

Family Caregiver Support, offers caregivers information about services and provides educational programs and short-term individual or family consultation. This program is available for caregivers of adults 60 and over, caregivers helping people with dementia, and people 60-and-over who are caring for minors or family members with developmental disabilities.

Adult Foster Care, provides training and compensation for family caregivers who are providing daily assistance for eligible adults. This program is available for people who are age 16 and over, who are MassHealth eligible and cannot live alone due to medical diagnosis.

Dementia resources, such as Savvy Caregiver training and memory cafes. Your local elder services agency might not have an exact match for your needs, but it's good to know your options. I've seen countless times where the right program was life changing for a family trying to provide the best care at home. And really, that's what it's all about.

My thanks again to all the family caregivers out there.

Jeanne Leyden is Director of Adult Family Care, an Adult Foster Care program that helps families provide the best care at home across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-440-0987

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City Council Meeting - 11.26.19	8:10am	Talking Business
Fit-4-Life #4	8:30am	Municipal Aggregation Announcement
Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	9:00am	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima	11:00am	Dance for Dignity
Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - November 2019
Dance for Dignity	12:30pm	Conservation Preservation Meeting
SomerViva en Español	2:08pm	Talking Business
Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol	2:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 12.2.19
Senior Circuit - November 2019	6:00pm	Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima
School Committee Meeting - 11.18.19	7:00pm	Senior Circuit - November 2019
Flood & Stormwater PSA	7:30pm	Illuminations Tour - 2018
SPD Ride Along	8:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
Transgender Day of Remembrance	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 12.2.19
Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019	11:30pm	Talking Business

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12:00pm	Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2019	
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1:30pm	Healey Schoolyard Community Meeting	
3:00pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	
6:00pm	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019	
7:25pm	Push Ups for Veterans	
7:30pm	Talking Business	
8:00pm	City Council Meeting - 11.26.19	
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12:00am	Somerville Veterans' Memorial Parade 2018	
1:00am	Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima	
2:00am	Talking Business	
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5:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	
6:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	
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6:45pm	SPD Ride Along	
7:00pm	Senior Circuit - November 2019	

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Wednesday, November 27

Senior Circuit - November 2019 12:00am Transgender Day of Remembrance 1:30am

Faith In a City: Talking About Religion CC-Land Use - Committee

5:30pm Chamber o 6:41pm SPD Ride Along

SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

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Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, November 27

9:00am Our Schools, Our City 9:30am Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School 10:00am SHS Football vs Ipswich SHS Football vs Bedford 12:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School 2:30pm 3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough 4:30pm 5:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School SHS Fall Sports Rally Our Schools, Our City 6:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School 6:30pm SHS Football vs Ipswich 7:00pm SHS Football vs CRLS 2018 9:00pm Thursday, November 28 12:00am SHS Fall Sports Rally Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School 1:00am 1:30am Public Domain Theater 9:00am Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School Student of the Qtr. - Healey School SHS Football vs Ipswich 9:30am 10:00am 12:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Malden SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden 1:30pm SHS Fall Sports Rally 3:00pm 4:00pm SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury 6:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School

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Tuesday, December 3

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believes this poem (among others), has helped her grow a fondness for poetic expression.

3 floors up

echoes slip through the cracks of the thin-walled room i am in wet hair presses into a dirty rug cradles my soft skull, staring up.

i am bared a wide eyed sacrifice, wishing i were high scared of where i might end up.

those winding stairs scream insults at bleary eyes, burning knees, my craving

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Zvi Sesling's 'Simple Game, Baseball Poems'

Simple Game, Baseball Poems By Zvi Sesling Published by Pressa Press

Reviewed by Gregory J. Wolos

Put me in Coach, I'm ready to play today Look at me, I can be Centerfield — John Fogerty, "Centerfield"

What is Baseball? It's a sport, of course, but it's more than just that. It's not a religion, but it's close. It's called America's pastime, but its time is more than simply the "past" – baseball encompasses past, present, future in a way that makes the passing of time irrelevant. Which isn't to say that baseball doesn't live in its moments – in fact, it's the moments that snag in our memory – a hit, a catch, a pitch, a play at the plate, an argument with an umpire, a portrait on a baseball card.

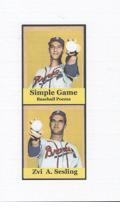
On one level, each of us lives within our own version of what the game means. For some of us, there are on field memories: I, like the singer in John Fogerty's song, played centerfield; after fifty years my mind and body remember chasing down and gloving certain fly balls as if they'd just been struck. But just as firm in my memory are games I've experienced only as a fan: games I've sat through on the edge of my seat, rooting for my team with a combination of superstition and prayer.

And then there's the baseball I know through its lore – anecdotes and personalities I've read or been told about. So, though my idea of "baseball" is mine and mine alone, the scope of baseball is so universal that I and every other true baseball fan can recognize and take pleasure in the individual baseball world of another, especially when that private world is rendered as vividly and joyfully as Zvi A. Sesling renders his in *Simple Games*, his chapbook of baseball poems.

Poetry is perfect for baseball: the form is meant to express the ineffable. Through their poems, writers strive to make their individual experiences available to the reader, and, to fans of the sport, the language of baseball is a perfect conduit for such sharing.

In Sesling's first poem, Sibby Sisti, he describes his "first baseball hero," a player whose name, to Sesling, represented "a poetic sound, an alliteration." Before reading this poem, I'd never heard of this player. But, as a baseball fan, I can identify with the attachment - I have my own cache of favorite players, and Sesling taps into my definition of what "favorite" means. But his descriptions of this and other players, sites, and events do more than just connect me to past pleasures; the beauty of these poems, and of baseball, is that the lore actually expands my own experience. For example, I'd heard of Warren Spahn, but, after reading Sesling's poem, Warren's Arm, I can now picture him, as he "lets the ball go like a prisoner escaping/from jail, fast and low." I learn about Spahn's pitching motion, his uniform, his number, and his statistics because, after all, one of the threads that connects baseball fans as both a private and universal phenomenon is its numbers. Through Sesling's memory, skill, and generous spirit, my own world of baseball now includes Sam the Jet, the first black player in Boston, former MVP Bob Eliot, and Rabbit Maranville. And

while, as a Yankee fan, I'm well acquainted with Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series, Sesling's poem about the feat, *Larsen's No-No*, fills in details with the names of no less than twelve participants in that contest in twenty-one lines.



But more than just contributing to the totality of my baseball world, Sesling's poems vitalize parallel associations. Both *Earl of Snohomish* and *Mr*. *Team* portray their subjects on their baseball cards. Although I never knew these players, Sesling's descriptions, such as of Bob Eliot posed "on one knee in the on-deck circle leaning on his bat/ not in prayer, but studying the pitcher/waiting to hit" evoke memories of my own card collections – of my personal favorites and of the card-flipping games I played as a ten-year old on the school playground.

Some of Sesling's poems lament baseball's darker moments, such as Kenesaw's Revenge, which discusses the commissioner's decision to void a female player's contract and a 1952 decision that "strikes out women by banning/them completely from pro ball." In Black Sox, Sesling describes a gambler in the stands, "looking every bit a rich dandy.../waving like he is drowning" during baseball's most infamous cheating scandal. It is clear that the poet feels that these events intrude on the purity of the game he loves so dearly. But even these poems expand beyond the history they depict, leading me to reflect upon other times the sport has disappointed its fans, such as the decade during which the rise in performance enhancing drugs forced asterisks upon some of baseball's most revered records.

Zvi Sesling in Simple Game often uses baseball as a lens through which to revisit important moments of his life, such as in the poem The First Girl I Kissed, which equates his memory of that event with one of the sports well known tragedies. When pitcher Herb Score's career was ended by a line drive, "just as suddenly as the shot that/takes out Score, I break up with the girl of the first kiss." Eventually, Sesling is "[f]orced to recover in a new town with a new girlfriend/ While the Indians pursue their first World Series win since 1948." The use of baseball history as the palimpsest upon which to transcribe our most enduring memories is a phenomenon shared by all true fans of the game. "A poem," Archibald MacLeish writes in Ars Poetica, "must not mean/But be." Zvi Sesling in Simple Game transforms his life experience with baseball into poetry. His poems not only afford us entry into his world of baseball, they lead us to a fresh assessment of our own memories. John Fogerty in his song Centerfield doesn't write, "Look at me, I can play centerfield" – it's "I can be centerfield." Because when we are part of this game, we become it. Sesling's baseball is my baseball and is the baseball of all fans who have surrendered themselves to this game. The memories we inhabit are conjoined, and though we may seem to live and die for particular teams, it's really one perpetual, timeless game that defines our world.

someone's nearness

cold light shines bleakly onto the ceiling, the water marks darker, i work even harder to avoid you. scribbling like a madman on this overworked desk to pass the time without you

and yet, i remain on the floor still damp, still sober, still. the night seems barely alive

— Megan Hemenway

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72518462	16 Homer Sq	7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	42	\$809,500	\$770,000
72548749	20 Avon St	6 room, 4 bed, 1f 1h bath	6	\$995,000	\$1,200,000
72540878	10 Harrison Rd	10 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath	62	\$999,000	\$930,000
72427391	16 Kingston Street	8 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath	56	\$1,150,000	\$1,595,000
72529802	27 Columbus Ave	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath	34	\$1,595,000	\$1,450,000

Single Family Listings: 5 Avg. Liv. Area SqFt: 2099.8 Avg. List \$: \$1,109,700 Avg. List \$/SqFt: \$525 Avg. DOM: 40 Avg. DTO: 32 Avg. Sale \$: \$1,189,000 Avg. Sale \$/SqFt: \$560

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Condominium Listings: 28 Avg. Liv. Area SqFt: 1335.5 Avg. List \$: \$778,771 Avg. List \$/SqFt: \$615 Avg. DOM: 42.75 Avg. DTO: 34.11 Avg. Sale \$: \$788,746 Avg. Sale \$/SqFt: \$625

5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath

6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath

8 room, 3 bed, 3f bath

6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath

12 room, 4 bed, 3f bath

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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72532388	97 Woods Ave	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	60	\$829,000	\$795,000
72546743	10 Ashland Street	2 unit, 8 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	16	\$935,000	\$875,000
72501642	11 Partridge Ave	3 unit, 15 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	49	\$1,250,000	\$1,155,000
72523087	186 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	57	\$1,339,999	\$1,270,000
72529149	141 Orchard St	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	2	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
72561532	10 Hancock St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,395,000	\$1,370,000
72467664	32 Murdock Street	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	20	\$1,400,000	\$1,250,000
72446504	5 Smith Ave	5 unit, 9 total bedrooms	44	\$1,750,000	\$1,588,000
72522240	755 Somerville Ave	3 unit, 14 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	40	\$1,899,000	\$1,800,000
72474228	6 Rush Street	6 unit, 25 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	84	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000

Multi Family Listings: 10 Avg. Liv. Area SqFt: 3246.8 Avg. List \$: \$1,474,800 Avg. List \$/SqFt: \$469 Avg. DOM: 38.7 Avg. DTO: 32.9 Avg. Sale \$:\$1,405,300 Avg. Sale \$/SqFt: \$447

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