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## MassWorks grant to benefit Clarendon Hill redevelopment project



Governor Charlie Baker addressed those gathered at Somerville City Hall last week to witness the presentation of the \$4.4 million grant by Mass Works in support of the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project.

### By Jim Clark

A \$4.4 million grant was formally presented to the City of Somerville by Governor Charlie Baker at a gathering of state and local officials and other interested parties at City Hall last Wednesday, December 4.

The state grant is intended to fund renovation of streets and other infrastructure elements associated with the Clarendon Hill redevelopment project.

The grant will be specifically used to fund the building of streets in and around Clarendon Hill and redesign of the Alewife Brook Parkway rotary, converting it to a lighted four-way inter-

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone addressed those gathered at the presentation and reflected on the importance of the project, saying in part, "Two of the Continued on page 4

## Nibble Kitchen restaurant celebrates its grand opening

## By Shira Laucharoen

At long last, the much-anticipated Nibble Kitchen finally celebrated its grand opening on December 3 in Union Square's Bow Market. The first restaurant nationally to be opened by an arts council, the Somerville Arts Council, Nibble Kitchen rejoices in the spirit of international eats and features a rotating menu of global cuisines. Mayor Joseph Curtatone was present during the revelries and led a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Nibble Kitchen originally grew out of the ArtsUnion initiative, a project launched in 2005 by the Somerville Arts Council with the intention of spurring economic development in Union Square. From there, the broader Nibble program was introduced, giving rise to tours of Union Square's international markets, cooking classes, a Nibble blog, and a book.

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Visitors sampled food from international cuisines at the opening of Nibble Kitchen in Bow Market, on — Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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Illuminations Tour 2019 takes place Saturday, December 14, 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Any leftover tickets will be sold at City Hall the night of the event. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children (12 and under) and seniors (60+). Cash or check only. Proceeds go toward funding the public programs of the Somerville Arts Council. For more information: go to: www. somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour.

Join the Somerville Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry, Ward 7 City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne, and the Somerville Public Schools tonight, Wednesday evening, December 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community meeting to discuss layout and design options for the new West Somerville Neighborhood School schoolyard. The meeting will be held in the WSNS cafeteria, 177 Powder

House Blvd. For more information, contact Arn Franzen at AFranzen@somervillema.gov.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a great and good old time friend, Billy Murphy, who celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Stacy Hersey Buckley. We're wishing her a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Irene Bremis, the premier real estate broker in West Somerville. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to Kevin McDevitt, a good guy at DPW and friend to many here both in Medford and Somerville. Happy birthday to Ann Cassesso-Ercolini. We wish her the very best of birthdays as well. Our special longtime friend and a great guy, Doug Carriger, celebrates this week. We him the very best always. Happy birthday to a guy who grew up in East Somerville, David Bassett, who celebrates this week. Happy birthday to Anthony Angiulo, another East Somerville guy who works here in the city. A nice guy, we wish him the very best. Happy birthday to Cheryl Callahan, who is a lifelong resident and a nice person. We wish her the very best as well. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every Continued on page 11

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## The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

## Response to: Report on adoption of Tax Levy Percentages presented to city

### LindaS says:

Single-family homes should get the highest residential exemption, since no income is made from the home. Property taxes are bad enough as they are, and if you are struggling, it would help people be able to continue to afford living here.

For other multi-family residential homes, to make it fairer for landlords who may or may not be renting their apartments, perhaps a tax exemption can be made that is adjusted depending on whether or not a homeowner is making any income from their home. That way those who make the most income get the lowest exemption, while those who make little or no income get a higher exemption. It might also encourage landlords to lower their rents, since they would get a greater percentage exemption if they are charging less to tenants.

Encourage larger commercial properties to pay higher taxes that will lower the rate for residents. Small businesses are fine, but they likely do little to lower costs for those living here, much less for themselves. Look at how many long-time smaller businesses have left the city in the past 10 years because they couldn't afford the rates anymore. If they can't make it, residents can't, either.

I think that instead of constantly building more and more living spaces here, we should focus on what is already here and make it better for both homeowners and renters to live here now.

## UnionGuy says:

"...which he said reflects a phenomenal increase in value ,,,"

Translation: Our property taxes are going up again. WAY, WAY UP AGAIN and the residential exemption ain't moving. These stiffs don't understand that no one can realize that "phenomenal increase in value" unless you sell.

#### True says:

UnionGuy, you are correct. Yet when you sell your house because you can know longer live where taxes are too high, bike lanes are too plentiful, and everything is geared to young hipsters you are accused of 'selling out'.

## JK says:

LindaS says: I think that instead of constantly building more and more living spaces here, we should focus on what is already here and make it better for both homeowners and renters to live here now. BRILLIANT!!!!!!!!!!

Thats the way to build an inclusive community. Focus on quality of life and make Somerville a place that more than just people in their 20's wants to live in. But not a priority for current clueless city councilors who are really focused on who is liking their latest facebook post.

## Response to: Boynton Yards groundbreaking ceremony

## Oh Boy! says:

Funny how the Mayor always refers to developers as his 'partners' (and vice versa). They don't even bother to hide the corruption anymore.

## Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Anyone with an above 2nd grade education can actually read and see that the quote refers to the city's partner, not the mayor's. Funny how the kooky curmudgeons around here don't even bother to hide their dishonesty anymore.

## Deja Vu says:

I'm having deja vu over the Boynton Yards Redevelopment. Didn't this take place about 20 years ago?

## Bosco says:

I find it amazing that Casimir is always the smartest commenter. He must have a > 2nd grade education. Happy holiday to you Casimir to the Rest commenter world Merry Christmas!!

## Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Thank you, Barko. Yes, my education is far > 2nd grade. And I find it amazing that you yourself are the Rest with the deep, snappy comebacks. I'm melting!

## Response to: Our View of the Times – December 4

## Ted L says:

How about the pride that stems from clearing your sidewalk of snow and ice?

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## Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

## A Christmas tree story



I got a call from my daughter last night. When I saw her name come up on my phone I immediately said what every parent says when their kid calls,

"Is everything okay?" Thankfully, it was.

The reason she called was to share an old Christmas memory with me. She was in the process of finding the right Christmas tree for her family. Her husband was driving her and their kids around tree shopping.

It was 1992 and my daughter was 9 years old. Her mother had just passed away in April and this would be her first Christmas without her mom. My brother and I borrowed our dad's huge 1982 Oldsmobile and went on a Christmas tree hunt.

We started at Mahoney's in Winchester. My daughter didn't see a tree that she liked. We hit a few other lots but she still didn't find the perfect tree. After two hours into our search we ended up back in Somerville at a Christmas tree lot across from the old Star Market on Broadway. Sure enough, my daughter found a tree that was suitable for decorating. My brother and I tied it to the roof of the car and we took it home.

My daughter remembers this story every Christmas. When she had called, her husband and two kids were on their way to their third place looking for a tree. She especially remembers the patience my brother and I displayed as we schlepped from place to place on that chilly December night in 1992. We were just trying to help make a 9-year-old little

girls' first Christmas without her moth-

er as special and loving as possible.

The next day we took her to Bradlees and she picked out some ornaments. She decorated the tree with the new ornaments along with our traditional family heirloom ones. Some of the old decorations were ones her mom made in grade school. The tree looked great!

The phone call from my daughter sharing this memory every year is especially bittersweet because we lost my brother, her loving uncle, in 1994 only two years after her mom passed. So every Christmas season she recalls that emotional yet fun filled tree hunting memory.

A few years later there was another tree shopping story. My daughter was with two older married cousins who took her to find a Christmas tree. After not finding the right tree, my daughter insisted they take her to another lot.

They finally picked out a suitable tree. The sales guy outside gave them rope to tie it on the car and a receipt that they were supposed to take inside and pay for the tree. My cousin tied the tree on the roof and said, "Okay, let's go!" My daughter said "But we didn't pay for the tree!" My cousin said, "Yes, we did!" My daughter again insisted, "We didn't pay for the tree!" Again he replied, "Yes, we did pay!" At this point my cousin's wife was starting to cry. She thought that their Christmas would be cursed for stealing the tree or it would catch fire and all sorts of stuff. Plus, you can't pull the wool over a little kids eyes. Did they take off or did they go back in and pay? I'll never tell.

Those are a couple of Christmas tree shopping in Somerville stories from almost 30 years ago.

So my daughter called to share the memory of my late brother and I taking



her to pick out a Christmas tree for her first Christmas without her mom. She thinks of that day over 27 years ago and remembers it fondly. So do I.

Though loved ones may be gone, it's

memories like these that make us smile at this time of year. And the best part is that now my "little girl" drives her husband crazy going to several different places looking for that perfect tree.

## Final 'topping off' ceremony at Somerville High School

Please join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Somerville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper for a final "topping off" ceremony at Somerville High School on Thursday, December 19. This celebration marks a major milestone in the construction of the new high school, when the highest steel beam of the new building's eastern wing will be set into place. A separate ceremony was held earlier this year when the highest beam of the new western wing was installed.

The ceremony will be held on the Somerville High School campus on Highland Ave. next to the Central Library. Attendees can arrive as early as 2:30 p.m. to sign the beam; the ceremony will begin at 3:00 p.m., and light refreshments will follow in the high school cafeteria. Guests are encouraged to dress warmly and wear boots, sneakers, or other rugged footwear.

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# By Jim Clark

## Unwelcome patron welcomed to jail

A Somerville Police officer was dispatched to Once Lounge on Highland Ave. last Wednesday on reports of unwanted customer that was refusing to leave.

Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the manager of the establishment, who stated that he had been having a problem with a patron who kept jumping uncontrollably and bumping into people and

also pushing his bouncers and refusing to leave when asked to do so.

The man, later identified as Jeremy Cardarelli, was located outside of the club by the

Cardarelli reportedly told the officer that he did nothing wrong and demanded to go back inside. The officer reported that he could smell a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Cardarelli's breath.

The officer explained to Cardarelli that the club's management had the right to ask anyone to leave if they were causing a disturbance. At that point Cardarelli reportedly began yelling at the officer and the manager and said that he would not leave because he was a paying customer.

The officer asked Cardarelli numerous times to leave or else he would be subject to arrest for trespassing.

Cardarelli reportedly continued to yell and refused to leave. At this point his tumultuous behavior was causing passing motorists to slow down and the club patrons were also alarmed as they were entering and exiting the establishment.

The officer told Cardarelli that he was being placed under arrest and he began to pull away as the officers attempted to place handcuffs on him. A backup officer assisted in finally subduing him.

Cardarelli was taken to the Police station where he was booked on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

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Arrests:

Jeremy Cardarelli, December 4, 9:45 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of disorresisting arrest.

Curt Raposa, of 52 Vernon St., Woburn, December 6,

derly conduct, trespassing, and 7:28 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, alcohol from open container, and way on warrant charges of inresisting arrest.

Luciano Castro, December 7, 9:16 a.m., arrested at Broaddecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older and assault and battery.

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biggest challenges, I think we're all aware that Somerville and the entire Boston Metro Region, I think are housing and transportation. The work being done at Clarendon Hill will help us locally address both. As with much public housing across the country, Clarendon Hill housing has been sorely in need of renovation and modernization."

"Capital investment in public housing has been chronically underfunded at the federal level," Curtatone continued. "They've basically run away from the housing business. And states have struggled to fill the gap. This project represents a new creative approach to taking on a seemingly intractable challenge. It combines state, city, non-profit and private resources in a collaborative effort that will do more than just update the existing units."

The mayor elaborated on the

specific improvements being implemented at Clarendon Hill. "Along with needed improvements to these homes, this project is taking a more modern approach to subsidizing housing. The new Clarendon Hill development will break away from the old model of separating public housing and instead create a mixed income neighborhood, with new modernized and enhanced public housing units, to affordable units and new market rate units."

But to create a neighborhood where people are excited to live and visit, we also need safe transportation that will connect Clarendon Hill to other part of the city," Curtatone said. "Thanks to Governor Baker and his administration, with this \$4.4 million MassWorks grant the City of Somerville will be able to complete important infrastructure work that will allow Clarendon Hill residents to safely get to nearby neighborhoods."

Governor Baker addressed the gathering, saying, "We have managed to find a number of opportunities to do projects like this one in other parts of the Commonwealth, and they are in many respects a very important tool to dealing with. some of the issues that we all face around housing generally, and especially around preserving affordable housing here in the Commanwealth of Massachusetts."

"Through the MassWorks program and through our housing programs generally, some of which are overseen by Undersecretary Chan and some of which are overseen by the folks at MassHousing," said Baker. "This has made it possible for us over the course of the past five years to preserve and develop above fourteen-thousand units of



The Mass Works grant will provide vital funding for infrastructure improvements in and around the renovated Clarendon Hill neighborhood.

housing. We have significant challenges, but when I talk to a lot of governors in many other states, I think they would trade my challenges all day long for theirs. And our greatest issues are making sure that we find the tools and the capacity and the resources and the strategies and the collaborations to actually deal with these issues in a positive way, and make them work for us. Which in many ways projects like this one do."

The current 216-unit Clarendon Hill complex will ultimately be expanded to a total of 591 units, with a mix of both market rate and affordable homes as the end result.

## Foss Park fix-up: Who will foot the bill?

By Jane Regan and Stephanie Wittenbach Somerville Neighborhood News

Residents, city and state officials all say that Foss Park, one of the city's biggest open spaces, needs a facelift. And likely much more. And anyone who has played ball or walked a dog there knows about the dustbowls, lack of drainage and other challenges. Last year the state finally announced a \$1.2-million-dollar project that includes building a new artificial turf field, field lighting, walkway upgrades and drainage improvements.

But what else is in the works? And what else is possible?

The field is only one feature of the nearly 14-acre park, which is owned by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). It also has a pool, a playground, basketball and tennis courts, several baseball diamonds and other open spaces.

Earlier this fall, city officials and state representatives hosted two meetings to hear from residents what additional kinds of improvements or changes they might like to see. The goal of the meetings was to "gather community feedback so that our elected

officials and staff can continue to advocate for improvements to be made that reflect the needs of our entire community," according to Deputy Director of Communications Jacklyn Rossetti, writing in a November 19 email.

But the key word is "advocate." At the moment, the only improvements actually planned for and funded are the state's updates to the playing field.

"We are getting that field which is a really great thing, but that's all we're getting right now," Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, who was at the November 13 meeting, stressed in an interview. "There's no real funding mechanism right now to address all the concerns besides the field."

#### Residents Share Ideas

About 20 people showed up at the November 13 meeting at the East Somerville Community School. The City had translators on hand for Haitian Creole-, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking residents, but as the meeting kicked off, nobody from those communities appeared to be present. Officials promised to do outreach.

Luisa Oliveira, the city's new Director of Public Space and Urban Forestry, launched the meeting by talking about the park's history mentioning a few of the many challenges there. For example, the park is surrounded on three sides by highways. Also, about 16 percent of the park's 113 trees are dead or in poor condition and the ash trees are being menaced by the Emerald ash borer beetle.

For almost 90 minutes, different city staffers then addressed the major issues: the playing fields and other sports installations, the natural environment and traffic, and took notes as people weighed in.

Participants mentioned things like the need for dog-friendly spaces, more trees and even a pathway that reaches Stop & Shop supermarket. Pool users asked for more shade by the pool. A tennis player noted that the city has far too few tennis courts and that those that do exist are underused and poorly maintained. Some asked for locker rooms, water fountains and seating by the fields and bathrooms. A few residents stressed the need for grass, rather than more turf, and for more natural spaces. And some also mentioned problems they've seen, like leftover syringes, homeless



An aerial view of Foss Park, taken from the document "2019 Foss Park Community Meeting Kickoff - 10-30 and 11-13" available on the city's Foss Park webpage.

people and trash.

Pop Warner president President Roger Desrochers was a vocal participant. He oversees five football and cheerleading teams, he said, and made the case for more playing turf fields which can be played on for more hours than grass and which recovers more quickly after rainfall.

"We're building this huge great city here in Somerville that is bringing families from all around," he told the room. "If you build this park to where people will be proud, you're going to bring more and more kids and our youth programs are going to start to build up again."

"We have a lot of youth sports in this city that should be using it," Desrochers later said in an interview. "There's no other big park in the city, rectangular, that our team can use. My kids haven't had a goal post to practice kicks in, in ten years."

### Who will pay for other improvements?

As the meeting wound down, one woman asked: "Is there more money available?"

Senator Pat Jehlan, seated beside Rep. Mike Connolly, admitted that DCR did not have "a lot of money," but added that she might be able to find funding for some Continued on page 20

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators and representatives from recent sessions in November.

### BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL (H 4218)

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill designed to boost participation rates in school breakfast programs in high-poverty schools. The measure would require that breakfast be offered only after the school day begins, through a variety of ways including breakfast in the classroom, grab-and-go and second-chance breakfast. Currently, only 150,000 of the 300,000 students eligible for breakfast actually take part in it.

Supporters said that in most school breakfasts are currently offered in the cafeteria before the bell and the participation rate is less than 40 percent of eligible students because bus schedules and family obligations often result in the student not being able to arrive at school in time for breakfast. Participation is also low because of the stigma attached to the program. They said many students assume that everyone who arrives to school early for the breakfast is from a poor family. The participation rate rises to up to 90 percent of eligible students participating in the lunch program later in the day.

"As Massachusetts works towards closing achievement gaps, student nutrition plays a vital role," said Rep. Andy Vargas (D-Haverhill), co-sponsor of the bill. "Our children should be hungry to learn, not hungry to eat. When we implemented Breakfast after the Bell in one Haverhill school, participation doubled, from 42 percent to 85 percent."

"For the past two legislative sessions, I have been working with advocates in public health, food policy and education to formalize in Massachusetts General Law the commonwealth's commitment to feeding our public school students," said the measure's co-sponsor Rep. Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke). "Breakfast After the Bell brings food into the classroom at the beginning of learning time, allowing students and teachers to settle in, share a communal moment and get nourished.

"In a state that prides itself on providing a first-class education, it is unacceptable that we have not until this point addressed the educational impact of childhood hunger," said Keri Rodrigues, founder of Massachusetts Parents United. "By passing the Breakfast After The Bell Act, adults are finally tearing down a major roadblock to student learning."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

## ROLL CALLS ON TOBACCO AND VAPING

The next three roll calls are on proposed amendments to the bill that bans the sale of flavored vaping and tobacco products in the Bay State —including mint and menthol cigarettes—and imposes a 75 percent excise tax on e-cigarettes. Gov. Charlie Baker has signed the bill.

## DELAY EFFECTIVE DATE (S 2407)

Senate 8-30, rejected an amendment that would change the effective date of the tobacco bill from June 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Amendment supporters said retails stores, law enforcement and tax officials need enough time to promulgate

regulations and put the new law into effect. They argued that the amendment would give all of them an extra period of time to join smoking cessation programs, meet with their doctors or get prescriptions for medications they need to combat their addictions.

Amendment opponents said the 6-month extension would increase the period of time during which the industry could target and lure young people to flavored tobacco and menthol cigarettes and become addicted. They argued that delaying the implementation is unnecessary and said the June 1, 2020 date is reasonable and fair.

(A "Yes" vote is for the 6-month delay. A "No" vote is against the delay.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

## GIVE FUNDS TO SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS (S 2407)

Senate 10-29, rejected an amendment that would annually give 10 percent of the payments received from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program. The 1998 settlement was the result of a lawsuit brought by all 50 states against the tobacco companies to recover the significant costs incurred by the states due to smoking-related diseases. The annual payments would be paid in perpetuity. Massachusetts is expected to receive upwards of \$8 billion through 2025.

Amendment supporters said while nothing can be done to help the millions who suffered health problems or died as a result of smoking, the money should be used to help current smokers stop smoking and save their lives.

"Access and funding to tobacco cessation products and counseling is a fundamental part of this legislation." said the bill's sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy) who is against the amendment. "Built-in to the bill signed by the governor is a provision that will require funding for at least one cessation product without prior authorization for all patients looking to quit, regardless of their insurer. The legislation also directs a portion of fines from penalties to additional cessation funding and part of the 75 percent excise tax on e-cigarette devices will be allocated to community prevention programs. Already, the Department of Public Health has seen an increase in the number of people using their resources to quit tobacco, which is a great step in our overall goal of decreasing the number of people addicted to nicotine in Massachusetts."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

## REPORT FOREGONE REVENUE (S 2407)

Senate 8-31, rejected an amendment that would require the Department of Revenue to submit a biannual report to the Legislature estimating the lost revenue as a result of the ban.

Amendment supporters said menthol products alone account for up to one-third of the state's excise tax revenue and that means tens of millions of dollars will be lost. They argued the amendment would keep the Legislature informed on how much the state is losing and could help determine what corrective actions the Legislature can make to decrease the foregone revenue.

Amendment opponents said it would be very difficult to project the amount of lost revenue and in this early stage, the number would not be reliable. They noted that over the next few years, the state revenue from the new excise tax on tobacco products will help compensate for the loss of revenue on menthol and other products that are banned.

(A "Yes" vote is for requiring a report every six months. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CHANGE HIGHWAY EXITS TO MILE-AGE-BASED EXITS – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced it is taking steps to install federally-mandated mile-based exit signs on the state's highways, including I-90, I-93, I-95, I-495 and Route 3. The Federal Highway Administration's 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices mandated that all states establish this numbering system.

The work will start in Western Massachusetts, move eastward, and is scheduled to be completed in spring 2021. The project's estimated cost is \$2.8 million, with 90 percent paid by the federal government and ten percent by the state

"The conversion to mile-based exit numbers will benefit drivers by providing an obvious and straightforward calculation of driving distances," said MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Massachusetts will complete installing the new signs in Spring 2021 and in the coming weeks and months we will have a comprehensive process to inform the public about the changes. Even when the new exit signs are installed, the existing exit signs will remain in place to allow travelers the time to get accustomed to the changes."

Transportation officials noted that the changes will also help emergency responders determine the exact location of highway incidents more accurately.

MassDOT said it will update all recreational and cultural interest signs to reflect the new system. Businesses that refer to existing exit numbers in their advertising, marketing and promotional materials will need to revise them accordingly.

There are public meetings being held on the changes. For more information and to see when a meeting is coming to your neighborhood, go to: https://www.newmassexits.com/

GIVE VETERANS PREFERENCE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (H 3777) – The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow a city or town to give preference to veterans to rent the affordable low to moderate-income housing units that are built by private developers who devote at least 20 percent to 25 percent of the new units to low and moderate-income families. In exchange, the developers get a streamlined permit process and more flexible zoning rules.

The bill would allow a city or town to offer up to 10 percent of that housing inventory to a qualified veteran before the lottery process of drawing random names of all applicants to rent the units begins.

Supporters said cities and towns should have the option

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a cost-effective way to provide excellent clinical care," continued Santiago. That is why we must continue to support the PA profession."

to provide this preference to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have served and are still serving our nation. They noted that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans. They pointed out that one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress disorder and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries.

"I filed this as another option to give our veterans for housing," said bill sponsor Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown)."We [already] offer veterans preference in public housing and we should also provide it in private development."

**AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT** (PA) NON-COMPETE CLAUSES (H 1686) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit any contract or agreement between an employer and a PA to include a non-compete clause which prohibits the PA from working in a specific geographic area for a period of time after the termination of the contract.

"In Massachusetts, physicians, nurses, psychologists and social workers do not have to sign non-compete clauses," said Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester), the Senate sponsor of the measure. Physician' assistants, on the other hand, are not so lucky. They can be bound by abusive contracts that prevent them from seeking better employment opportunities," continued Chandler. "Many states across the country have passed similar laws protecting healthcare providers from harmful non-competes, and it is time for Massachusetts to join them."

"As a physician, I have worked with many PAs and have come to understand and appreciate the integral role they play in providing quality and accessible healthcare," said House sponsor Rep. Jon Santiago (D-Boston). "As healthcare professionals with extensive training and expertise, they deserve the same level of protection and job opportunity that doctor and nurse practitioners enjoy in the commonwealth."

"As we attempt to control healthcare costs, it is prudent that we continue to utilize physician assistants as

#### TRAINING TO ADMINISTER NALOXONE (S

1463) - The Committee on Public Health will hold a hearing on December 17 in Room A-1 at the Statehouse from 10 a.m. to noon on a bill that would allow police officers and other public safety personnel to dispense the life-saving drug Naloxone to a drug user's family members and friends who have been trained to administer it. Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose and is critical in saving lives during an overdose.

Supporters said that recovery teams have been engaging overdose victims and their families with a high rate of success, and by training and providing those who may be affected by an overdose with Naloxone, there is hope that this will help reduce the number of opioid overdose deaths.

"By training others to use the overdose-reversing drug Naloxone, this life-saving measure allows for a quicker emergency response to an overdose," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Walter Timilty (D-Milton).

"Training friends and family members enables them to provide Naloxone quickly to those who may be affected by an overdose. By training them on how to administer Naloxone, there is the hope that the outreach teams will be even more successful in their life-saving efforts."

RAISE MAXIMUM CHARGE FOR STORAGE OF TOWED VEHICLES (H 2143) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would raise from \$35 per day to \$42 per day the maximum storage charges a towing company can charge for motor vehicles that are involuntarily towed.

Supporters said the hike is a reasonable one. "We don't often think about the towing industry being local businesses but here in Western Massachusetts and throughout the commonwealth they are and they employ many

people," said Rep. Aaron Vega D-Holyoke). "It is a highly regulated industry and faces many challenges doing business here in Massachusetts."

### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"Massachusetts must lead the way to a 100 percent clean and renewable future. Our generation is united in calling for a rapid transition away from fossil fuels." - Kaitlyn Mitchell, 100 Percent Renewable Energy Campaign Coordinator for MASSPIRG Students, on legislation that would transition Massachusetts to 100 percent renewable electricity by 2035.

"The incidents, both this morning and yesterday morning, on the subway were unfortunate, but at the same time need to be fixed, and we'll be spending some time talking to the folks at the T and making sure that when it snows, we got to be there for people." — Gov. Charlie Baker following two straight days of delays and equipment malfunctions on the Orange Line.

"We want to visit clean beaches, smell the ocean breeze, and admire the marine life off our coast — not avoid pipelines, choke on pollution from oil refineries, and contend with oil barges. The onshore infrastructure necessary to drill for dirty fossil fuels creates a pressing threat to the health of both our ecosystems and Massachusetts residents." — Ben Hellerstein, state director for Environment Massachusetts Research & Policy Center, on the center's new report that drilling for oil off the coast of Massachusetts could have significant negative impacts onshore.

"When a worker is killed on the job, it is incredibly rare that an employer is held responsible, despite knowingly putting their workers lives at risk. "This case was even more egregious in that Kevin Otto and Atlantic Drain had already been issued multiple OSHA violations, had been placed in OSHA's Severe Violator Enforcement Program, and even attempted to deceive investigators with falsified safety and health records after the tragic event. We hope the Mattocks and

## The Somerville Times **Best of Somerville 2019** 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.

## **Foods & Restaurants**

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch

Best Italian Food

Best Chinese Food

Best Mexican Food Best Portuguese Food

Best Local Deli

Best Variety and all around Restaurant

Best Seafood

Best Irish Pub

Best Local Bar

Best Thai Food

Best Hamburger

Best Mac & Cheese

Best Hot-Dog

Best Roast Beef Sandwich

Best Pizza Best Bakery

Best Sub Shop

Best Coffee Shop Franchise Best Bar Food

## **Best of Somerville Services**

Best Electrician Best Plumber **Best Attorney** 

**Best Teacher** Best Politician

Best City Worker Best Receptionist

Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor

Best Real Estate Rental Agent Best Bank Teller

Best Bank Employee Best Waitstaff

Best Bartender Best Cook Best Caterer

Best Barber

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Best Nurse

Best Coach Best Police Officer

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Best Somerville Non Profit Agency

Best Bar For Bands Best Newspaper

Best Idea in 2019 Worst Idea in 2019

## **OBITUARIES**

## Assunta M. (Scafiddi) Senesi



Senesi, Assunta M. (Scafiddi) – Of Somerville December 4, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Frank R. Senesi, Sr. Loving mother of Karen M. Toner and her husband Rob-

ert of Somerville. Sister of the late Tony, John Scafiddi and Catherine Suckney. Dear grandmother of Jennifer, Marissa and Kimberly Toner. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

The funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home took place Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Catherine Church, Somerville at 9:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Assunta's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org.

## Darlene M. Pefine



fine of Medford formerly of Somerville December 1, 2019.

Beloved wife of Ronald F. Pefine, Sr. Dear daughter of the late Janet (Mead) and Harold "Chubby" White. Cherished mother of Lisa A. D'Angelo and her husband Ned of Newton, Ronnie F. Pefine, Jr. of

Somerville, Christine M. Pefine and her companion Matt LaCorcia of Saugus, Nicole M. Pefine and her companion Ben Marchand of Medford and the late Michelle A. Pefine.

Cherished grandmother of Joseph, Matthew, Paul, Lyndsey, Gianna, Ava, Ryan and Nazzareno.

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, took place Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Genoa Church, Somerville at 10:00 a.m.

Interment Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

Longtime employee of the City of Somerville, DPW, Water Department.

## All Somerville municipal buildings equipped with Narcan

The City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department have announced that all Som-erville municipal buildings are now equipped with Narcan, a life-saving drug that can reverse the effects of opioids, as part of ongoing efforts to save lives and educate the community on overdose prevention.

Before Narcan was installed, Prevention Services Manager, Matthew Mitchell, in partnership with Public Health Nurse Manager, Sara Harris, completed voluntary trainings for interested city staff to understand, recognize, and respond to a potential overdose. Each Narcan box is lo-cated within the defibrillator boxes and/or first aid kits of buildings along with face masks for rescue breathing.

Locations now equipped with Narcan are City Hall, the City Hall Annex, the Council on Aging, Department of Public Works, Traffic and Parking, all Parks and Recreation facilities, as well as all public libraries and public schools.

"We are prioritizing finding ways to increase access to Narcan for community members across all parts of Somerville to counter the opioid epidemic," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "We will continue to look for ways to reach people who need overdose prevention education to save lives."

Since September 2018, Somerville Prevention has trained approximately 273 Somerville residents, businesses, and organizations while distributing 164 doses of Narcan.

For more information on the city's Prevention services and programs, visit www.somervillema.gov, or contact Prevention Services Manager Matt Mitchell at mmitch-ell@somervillema.gov.

## WSNS schoolyard design community meeting

Please join the Somerville Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry, Ward 7 City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne, and the Somerville Public Schools on Wednesday evening, December 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community meeting to discuss layout and design options for the new West Somerville Neighborhood School schoolyard. The meeting will be held in the WSNS cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd.



For more information, contact Arn Franzen at AFranzen@somervillema.gov.

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## Dorothy's Corner

## BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



## Pizzelle

Over the years this recipe has been adjusted by my mom to produce in my opinion, one of the best pizzelle cookies I ever had. Most others are really thick and have a soft texture. This batter is thinner than most others and the results are a light, thin, crisp cookie. Every Christmas season the family looks forward to these treats. They are just perfect with a cup of coffee or an espresso.

- 1 Dozen Large Eggs
- 3 Cups Sugar
- 2 Cups Canola Oil
- 30z Anise Extract
- 5 Cups AP Flour
- 4 Tablespoons Baking Powder

I use a stand mixer for this recipe. Crack the dozen eggs into the mixing bowl and beat the eggs until they are incorporated. Add the sugar gradually while beating the eggs at slow speed for about a minute. Add the oil and extract to the mixture on low speed and blend well. Measure out the flour and baking powder and mix in a separate bowl until well incorporated. Now, add the flour mixture gradually to the wet mixture on low speed and mix for about 2 minutes. For best results, place the batter in a large bowl, cover and refrigerate overnight.

Follow the instructions of your pizzelle iron for best results. A heaping tablespoon of batter tends to work well for a thin crisp cookie. Once cooled, store in an airtight container and store in a cool, dry place. These will last for weeks, that is, unless everyone eats them all first!

This recipe yields approximately 100 cookies.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddi-marzo2002.wix.



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## Finance Committee: crunching the numbers

By Adam Parise

Last Tuesday, December 3, Somerville residents and City Council Members gathered in the Committee Room of City Hall to discuss the Finance Committee's business in the city of Somerville.

New growth valuation and tax levy growth for the FY20 was among the first things addressed. The new growth valuation for FY20 in Somerville is \$15,055,446 for a single family, \$113,250,341 for Condominium, \$55,451,495 for two and three families, \$133,865,763 for four plus unit families and \$3,045,380 for mixed-use residential and other, which all adds up to a new growth valuation of \$321,027,025 for total residential in Somerville.

The tax levy growth for all of this is \$3,454,251. The new growth valuation for commercial is \$199,741,519 with a tax levy growth of \$3,454,251. The new growth valuation for industrial is \$10,170,300 with a tax levy growth of \$176,251. The new growth valuation for personal property is \$74,068,270 with a tax levy growth of \$1,283,603.

The total tax levy for FY20 is \$167,905,653 with the FY19 levy at \$155,031,240. The change/difference in tax levy between the two fiscal years was \$12,874,413 which resulted in an 8.3% change. The tax levy limit for FY20 is \$168,272,052. The tax levy share for FY20 in Somerville is 75.79% for residential, 3.64% for industrial, 3.18% for personal property and 17.39% for commercial.

Another item discussed was the major contributions to new growth valuation in Somerville

in part due to activity in both Assembly Row and Cambridge Crossing. The major contributors to new growth valuation for Assembly Row were 375A Canal St. Alloy, with a new valuation of \$18.8M and a FY20 tax estimate of \$202,933, 391 Revolution Dr., with a new valuation of \$14M and a FY20 tax estimate of \$242,620, 449 Canal St. Montaje (Block 6 Apartments), with a new valuation of \$18M and FY20 tax estimate of \$193,680 and 375 Canal St. (Block 5 Marriott Hotel), with a new valuation of \$19.8M and a FY20 tax estimate of \$343,626.

The major contributions to new growth valuation for Cambridge Crossing were 250 Dawes St.-Inner Belt (Com-Land), with a new valuation of \$73.4M and a FY20 tax estimate of \$1,272,265, 0 Dawes St.-Inner Belt (Office/Lab), with a new valuation of \$22.2M and a FY20 tax estimate of \$384,530 and the Wayfair LLC-Inner Belt (Personal Property), with a new valuation of \$395,422.

Another key item discussed at the meeting was the impact of residential exemption and tax in Somerville. In FY19, Somerville had a residential tax rate of \$10.76, an average residential value of \$824,397, a residential exemption percentage of 35%, a residential exemption savings of \$3,105 and an average residential tax bill of \$5,766.

There will also be further development that will build commercial tax base and lower residential tax liability in Somerville. The new commercial space projected in the next 10 years includes 2,500,000 SF for Assembly Square, 1,400,000



The Somerville City Council Finance Committee recently examined new growth valuation and tax levy growth as part of its - Photo by Adam Parise regular business.

SF for Union Square, 300,000 SF for Brickbottom, 1,200,000 for Inner Belt, 150,000 SF for Davis Square, 22,200 SF for Gilman Square, 1,000,000 SF for Boynton Yards and 580,000 SF for other parts of Somerville which are TBD.

To also ease the tax impact, the GLX will unlock development potential in stations areas like Union Square, which will spur new commercial development easing tax liability on the residential sector. Another way this will help is that the Zoning Overhaul will require new commercial development with commercial only zoning district that will help ease the tax impact on the residential sector.

Other key discussion topics in-

- The request to appropriate \$12,683 from excess F20 Community Preservation Act Fund revenue to the Community Preservation Act Fund Budgeted Reserve.
- The request to transfer CPA funds totaling \$468,808 from the CPA Undesignated Fund Balance to designated CPA reserves per the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee.

- The request of a supplemental appropriation of \$75,000 to the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund to replace the pool filter.
- · Requesting the appropriation of \$2,300,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY2020 Tax Levy.
- The request of an approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$3,117.96 using available funds in the Building and Grounds Fire Alarm Account for the payment of the Settlement Agreement with Simplex Grinnell.
- The request of an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$4,351,000 in a bond for Central Hill Campus Park and Open Space Improvements.
- · A request of the appropriation of \$25,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to the Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund in order to fund design services for Dilboy Field improvements.
- The request of an appropriation of \$150,000 from Dilboy Field Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for design services for field improvements.
  - Requesting acceptance of

a \$68,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Somerville Police Department for the purchase of a K-9 vehicle.





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## Give local this holiday season



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday. The Giving Tuesday campaign started in 2012 to encourage people to donate to charities and non-profit organizations during the holiday season. While Giving Tuesday is a good reminder to make a donation, nonprofits need support throughout the year to carry out their missions.

Charitable donations are on the rise in the U.S. with more people giving than in previous years. Seventy percent of people across America report taking part in some charitable activity over the past year, up from 62% in 2017, and about 2/3 report having made a monetary donation. In 2018, about \$400 million was donated on Giving Tuesday, up from \$274 million in 2017. But that's just a small part of the picture - last year more than \$427 billion was donated by individuals, foundations, and businesses.

All those donations made throughout the year are what keep charities running. Depending on the type of work they do, nonprofits' busy times can happen throughout the year. Charities work year round and emergencies that need extra resources can happen at any time. While donations during the holiday are always welcome, donations at other times and recurring donations ensure that organizations are getting funding when they need it - that can be especially true for small, local nonprofits that run on smaller budgets.

Small, local charities sometimes get lost in sea of donation requests and don't always reap the benefits of campaigns like Giving Tuesday. They often face some of the same challenges as small businesses they run on leaner margins and have fewer resources to dedicate to fundraising. A steady stream of funding coming in year round can helps staff focus on the organization's mission and allows them to cover expenses year round.

If you're planning to make charitable contributions this holiday season (or any time during the year), please consider giving to local organizations as well as larger, more well-known

charities. Research has found that money given to small charities goes just as far as donations to larger organizations. The difference is in the type of work they do. Larger charities are often better set up to mobilize quickly and can take on bigger projects. Small nonprofits tend to know their community better and provide support throughout the year. During a natural disaster, for example, groups like the Red Cross are able to come in quickly to provide for immediate needs like temporary shelter and meals. But after they're gone, it's the smaller, local groups that continue to work with those affected and help them get back on their feet. It may take a little more work to find a local charity to support, but the extra effort helps your community.

Whether you're giving to a large or small organization, it's always a good idea to do a little research first and make sure your money is going to a cause you want to support. There are charity watchdog groups that provide helpful information and even a quick online search can help you get a sense of whether or not you want to support a particular group. Especially around the holidays, watch out for scams. You shouldn't feel pressured into making a donation and you can always give later after you've had time to do your due diligence.

No matter what causes you support there are organizations in the greater Boston area – possibly even in Somerville - doing important work in those areas. As you're thinking about making donations during the holidays or throughout the year, don't forget these smaller charities in our community.

## Community Choice Electricity Program expanded

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Office of Sustainability and Environment announce an expansion of the city's Community Choice Electricity Program (CCE) which will bring lower rates and increased renewable energy from local clean renewable sources.

In January 2020, the city will begin a new 35-month term with electricity supplier Direct Energy. In July 2017, the city created the municipal aggregation program, which provided Somerville residents with reduced costs and provided more renewable energy than is required by the state. Residents have the option to "opt up" for more renewable enerwell as the option to leave the program altogether.

With the expanded program beginning in 2020, the price of the default rate will decrease, and the amount of extra renewable electricity will double from 5% to 10% above the state requirement. The Somerville CCE rate will be 15% lower than the winter 2020 Eversource residential rate.

"We've set a goal of becoming carbon neutral in Somerville by 2050, but in the short term we need to take bold action to reduce our carbon footprint. With the expanded CCE program, we're bringing more local renewable energy to Somerville, reducing carbon emissions and supporting our region's green jobs sector. The city will also be purchasing renewable energy for our own operations for the gy to their individual units, as very first time," said Mayor Curtatone. "This program is a great example of how taking big steps to reduce carbon emissions has other meaningful benefits, like low, stable electricity costs for our residents, and offering the opportunity to opt up for even more local renewable electricity, up to 100%. I want to thank Mothers Out Front, who have advocated and pushed for us to pursue high-quality, local power as well as affordability for our diverse community. Their work is pushing us even further toward our carbon neutrality goal."

In 2019, Mothers Out Front, a local coalition of caregivers organizing for action on climate change, collected more than 700 postcards from Somerville residents and families asking for the city to pursue renewable electricity options.

"As mothers, we are deeply concerned about our children's health and safety. Mothers Out Front works for a swift, just transition to clean renewable energy to ensure a healthy and livable climate for ALL children. Somerville's Community Choice Electricity (CCE) program is part of the solution to decarbonize our future." said Jessica Garrett, a volunteer with Mothers Out Front.

Since the creation of Somerville CCE, Somerville has purchased approximately 9,200 megawatt hours of extra renewable energy annually, equal to the output of 2 wind turbines. In that same time period, residential customers have saved over \$3 million, or \$130 per household.

The expanded CCE program keeps Somerville's electricity prices stable and protects consumers from seasonal rate increases, but also allows customers to opt up to 100% clean renewable energy by paying a slightly higher rate. Some 400 households have already opted up to 100% in the last couple years.

Municipal aggregation harnesses the bulk buying power of ratepayers to secure a low, fixed rate for electricity. Communities have been aggregating electricity since 1997, and more than 60 cities and towns in Massachusetts - including Cambridge, Melrose, New Bedford, and Salem - already have active electricity aggregation programs. These communities, and Somerville, developed their aggregation plans in accordance with Mass. General Law c.164, sec. 134, which authorizes any municipality to aggregate the electrical load of interested consumers within its boundaries.

For more information, visit cce. somervillema.gov, or contact the city's Office of Sustainability and Environment at 617-625-6600 ext. 2106.

## Winter Hill community meeting on vacant Star Market site

Join the City's Economic Development team and Ward 4 City Councilor Jesse Clingan for a community meeting on Tuesday, December 17, to discuss the vacant site of the former Star Market on Broadway.

The meeting, which will be an open house-style event, will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Healey School cafeteria, 5 Meacham St. Community members can drop in at any time to chat with city staff, talk to neighbors, and learn more about what an urban renewal plan could mean for the site.

The Star Market site on Broadway has been vacant since 2007. In June 2019, the city held a community meeting to explore whether residents would be interested in the city taking aggressive action on the site, including the use of eminent domain. Notes and feedback from that meeting are available at somervoice.somervillema.gov. As a result, the city is seeking additional feedback on two key questions: 1. Is an urban renewal plan the right path forward for this site? 2. If so, what should the plan look like?

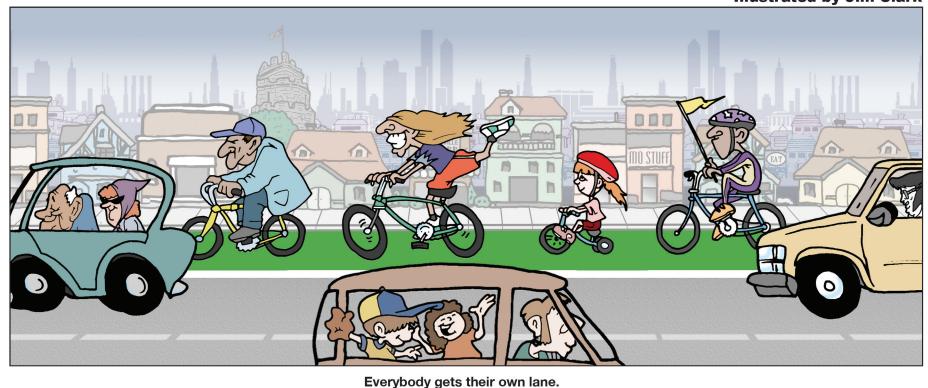
Feedback will be accepted during the open house, but can also be submitted on the Somer Voice website at somervoice.somervillema.gov.

For more information, visit the SomerVoice website or contact Lauren Drago at ldrago@somervillema.gov.

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

## **Illustrated by Jim Clark**



## **Our View Of The Times**



Compromise is often a hard thing to achieve. Especially when those with opposing points of view assume an intractable stance on an issue. Still, sometimes there is simply no other way to function and move forward unless some common ground is established.

One thing that all of us should be able

to agree on is that everyone who travels on our city streets should feel that they can do so in safety and without undue restriction or impediment in their movements from place to place.

Cycling has grown in popularity and practice in recent years, and the numbers of those who commute to and from work or school, go shopping, or simply take leisurely rides on their bikes has grown considerably. It is a trend that has taken hold nationwide.

City planners are working hard to design practical solutions to the needs of both. Certain streets will be easier to modify for more cycling than others. In

many cases, it will be up to the operators of each mode of transport to make way for the other.

Both motor vehicles and bikes are here to stay. There has to be a concerted effort made to accommodate each mode of transportation on our roadways. Let's do our best to make it work out well.

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one of them a very happy birthday.

Back by popular demand, **Thy's 3D Snowflake Workshop**. Hosted by **Somerville Public Library**, 79 Highland Ave., takes place on **Saturday**, **December 14**, 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. All crafting supplies are included. For ages 7 and up.

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Shop Small MA has teamed up with Tiny Turns Paperie and Courtney O'Keefe to present holiday markets spread across Somerville this season. Vendors will be setting up shop in Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, La Brasa, 124 Broadway, and the main hall of the historic Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, with crafted goods perfect to conquer anyone's shopping list. The Union Square Holiday Market, presented by Tiny Turns Paperie and Shop Small MA, will be held at Warehouse XI on Friday, December 13 from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The E-Som Market will be held on Tuesday, December 17 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at La Brasa. The Wrap It Up! Winter Market at the Armory on Sunday, December 22 from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. is your last call to shop small. You can also sip while you shop at the Armory, with the Armory bar offering a selection of wine, as well as

beers from event sponsors Narragansett Beer and Notch Brewing. Go to their Facebook pages for more info.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Nearly 45 local businesses and Union Square Main Streets will merrily present the Union Square Holiday Stroll for a fifth year on Saturday, December 14 from noon to 6:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly event invites all to join in an afternoon of Union Square discovery filled with festive happenings and holiday delight. Bundle up and come on down to unwrap Union Square in all its wintry wonderment. The 5th Annual Holiday Stroll is presented by Union Square Main Streets, Inc. and made possible by generous support from, East Boston Savings Bank, Leggat McCall Properties and DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, Master Printing, 9000things, Naveo Credit Union, Somernova, and USQ. Throughout Union Square in Somerville from NU Kitchen at 195 Washington Street to 4GoodVibes at 483 Somerville, including side streets such as Bow, Hawkins, Windsor, and Tyler Streets. Cost: Free, Full details: www.unionsquaremain.org

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The Bill Rodgers "Somerville Jingle Bell Run" on December 15 is pleased to be supporting the Somerville Toys for Local Tots Program in 2019. The program donates toys to hundreds of local

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children in Somerville and surrounding communities during the holiday season. All are encouraged to donate a small toy. This year's toys can be dropped off at the Marathon Sports, Olde Magoun Saloon and Somerville Senior Center pick-ups. Please see www.baevents.com/jinglebell for more info and to register.

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Toys for Local Children (TLC) is a 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 Somerville Times staff is taking a small holiday break the week of December 25. There will not be a print edition that week, the next issue coming out on January 1, 2020. Anything that comes in and is Somerville related through our vacation period will be posted online to our website. We want to thank all our readers and fans for your support this past year. Don't forget, you can go online to our website and register online for a free subscription of the entire paper.

## Ice Sculpture Stroll on The Row

Assembly Row hosted for the third year an Ice Sculpture Stroll sponsored by Capital One. on Thursday, December 5. Participants followed a map to discover all ten sculptures and treats throughout the property.

Attendees also enjoyed music, giveaways and earned an Assembly memento when they completed the map.

The American Cancer Society accepted donations for the Hope Lodge, which offers cancer patients a free place to stay during their treatment. Participants were also encouraged to bring \$5 gift cards to put in guest welcome packets from coffee, convenience or grocery retailers along with paper products including paper plates, napkins and toilet paper.





















































## Union Square's 5th Annual Holiday Stroll gets elfie

Nearly 45 local businesses and Union Square Main Streets will merrily present the Union Square Holiday Stroll for a fifth year on Saturday, December 14 from noon to 6:00 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event invites all to join in an afternoon of Union Square discovery filled with festive happenings and holiday delight. Event-goers will find:

- Rad retail
- Unique eats
- + An incredible inflatable selfie station and Festivus Trail – including a life-size hugging bear
- An outdoor warming station by CultureHouse featuring marshmallow toasting
- + Strolling musicians from Union Lesson Studios, Whole-Tone Music Academy, and Mass Whole Notes
- Visits with Santa

- Ornament making among other grownup and kids crafts
- Multiple Holiday Popup Markets
- Storefront decoration contest
- Robots, dancing, treats and more

Each participating business cranks up the jolly with special, festive offerings that make spirits merry and celebrate cultures from around the globe

Attendees who stroll the Square and feel particularly elfie can take a selfie, share it on Instagram, tag @unionsquarems and #loveunionsquare, to be entered to win a Union Square prize package.

"Union Square is bursting with award-winning eateries, increasingly diverse retail, and a sense of community that makes preparing for the holidays here memorable." said Jessica Es-



hleman, executive director of Union Square Main Streets. "Stroll revelers will be treated to festive happenings inside shops and along sidewalks, and can feel great knowing shopping at local businesses is way more fun than Amazon and keeps squares like ours funky and unique."

Bundle up and come on down Saturday, December 14 to unwrap Union Square in all its wintry wonderment.

The 5th Annual Holiday Stroll is presented by Union Square

Main Streets, Inc. and made possible by generous support from, East Boston Savings Bank, Leggat McCall Properties and DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, Master Printing, 9000things, Naveo Credit Union, Somernova, and USQ.

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019 from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Throughout Union Square in Somerville from NU Kitchen at 195 Washington Street to 4GoodVibes at 483 Somerville, including side streets such as Bow, Hawkins, Windsor, and Tyler Streets

Cost: Free

Full details: www.unionsquare-main.org

Union Square Main Streets Union Square Main Streets works collaboratively to actively support a vibrant neighborhood by preserving the character and advancing the economic strength of the Union Square business district and community. More information is available at www. unionsquaremain.org.



- 1. Which fruit has a variety called Winter Banana?
- 2. Chionophobia is the extreme dislike or fear of what?
- 3. How many ghosts are there in A Christmas Carol?
- 4. In which direction should you stir mince-meat for good luck?
- 5. What is a Bûche de Noël?
- 6. Who created Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer?

- 7. Who invented electric Christmas lights?
- 8. What song has the most streams on Spotify?
- 9. Who coined the word meme?
- 10. Who won the 2016 Best Actor Oscar?
- 11. In which movie did Linda Hamilton play the role of Sarah Connor?
- 12. In what year was the first Orange Bowl played?

Answers on page 23



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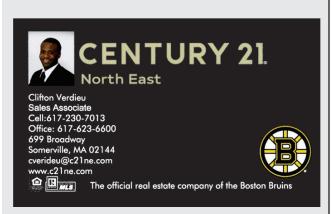
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT** 

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**ORDER OF NOTICE** 

The Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Mary W. Mansfield a/k/a Mary Mansfield

**Edward Mansfield Katherine Mansfield** John K. Mansfield a/k/a John W. Mansfield **Brian Mansfield Paul Mansfield** 

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq)

#### **Specialized Loan Servicing LLC**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Somerville, numbered 65 Grove Street, given by John K. Mansfield a/k/a John W. Mansfield and Mary W. Mansfield a/k/a Mary Mansfield to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns, dated August 1, 2003, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40461, Page 608, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants'

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 6, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 19, 2019

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI19D3747DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** 

Maria Luisa Eugenio (aka) Maria Luisa Scodino Eugenio Joel Porto Eugenio

#### To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Maria L. Eugenio

Aka Maria L. Scodino Eugenio 167 Pearl St. #2 Somerville, MA 02145

your answer, if any on or before 12/26/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: November 14, 2019

Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate** 

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## Family-friendly field trips

The Somerville Parks and Recreation Department is launching a new program: family-friendly field trips to fun locations in and around the Boston area. Beginning in December 2019, Parks and Recreation will sponsor trips to places like the Stone Zoo, the Blue Man Group, Museum of Fine Arts, and more.

Activities are appropriate for all ages, but children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A full list of dates, activities and pricing is below and is also available at www.somervillerec.com.

Register online for activities, memberships, facility reservations, and more: www.somervillerec.com Participants must register at least two weeks prior to the field trip. Prices for each activity are per person, and include transportation.

December 18: Somerville City Lights Tour and Ornament Decorating at Veteran's Memorial Rink, \$10.

January 3: Museum of Science - Body Works Exhibit, \$29.

January 17: Blue Man Group, \$75.

February 2: Sunday Fun Day Free Skate at Veteran's Memorial Rink.

February 7: Institute of Contemporary Art, \$15. February 14: Nashoba Valley Tubing, \$50.

March 6: Nashoba Valley Tubing, \$50.

March 14: Museum of Fine Arts, \$25.

March 22: Sunday Fun Day Free Skate at Veteran's Memorial Rink.

April 10: Bowling at Boston Bowl in Dorchester,

May 8: Bowling at Boston Bowl in Dorchester, \$15.

Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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#### Nibble Kitchen restaurant celebrates its grand opening CONT. FROM PG 1

the intention of promoting diversity through culinary-cultural exchange, supporting chefs from Somerville's immigrant communities and developing an authentic food experience. While Nibble gave entrepreneurs a chance to sell their wares in markets and festivals, there was still the difficulty of not having a permanent home.

"The challenge was that it was tough being nomadic, and the audience doesn't know exactly where you're going to pop up, said Rachel Strutt, cultural director of the Somerville Arts Council. "We started dreaming, dreaming and then scheming, how to open up a real brick and mortar restaurant. We started looking for spaces and writing mission statements, and we met the guys at Bow Market, and they liked the concept."

During the opening, guests had the opportunity to try bite-sized samples from the chefs' menus. Carolina Garcia and Carolina Salinas, both from Venezuela, offered their arepas in two varieties, the Reina Pepeada, with chicken and avocado, and the Best Buddies, with plantain and mozzarella. Rob Lemos served acarajé, a black-eyed pea fritter filled with salsa and peanut sauce, from his native city of Salvador, in Brazil. Meqdes Mesfin prepared an Ethiopian beef stew, fir fir. Afruza Akther presented a ghugni salad from her homeland of Bangladesh, combining chickpeas, tomatoes, and cucumbers. Visitors were also brought a hot Bolivian peanut drink, chicha de maní, brewed by Sandra Suarez.

For many of the chefs, cooking gives them a way of connecting to their cultures and heritages, using food as a way of telling stories, said Strutt. Mesfin learned to cook from her grandmother, whose life was impacted by the aftermath of the Italian invasion of Ethiopia during World War II. Facing scarcity, her grandmother had to "be creative and start from scratch," but "always had a solution," an approach that Mesfin learned from. Lemos said that in his native country of Brazil, the kitchen was always a special place for his family to gather.

"Because food is an expression of culture, there is a lot of history. My focus as a chef is to focus on food identity," said Lemos. "Acarajés have an identity and a



Mayor Joseph Curtatone led a ribbon cutting ceremony outside of the restaurant.

— Photo by Shira Laucharoen

background. I feel the power to express myself, as the food and ingredients evolve into music and performance."

In Somerville, it can be harder for immigrants to enter the economic landscape and launch their own business, said Strutt. Individuals may encounter language barriers, financial barriers, or just find challenges in navigating the system. Nibble assists

new entrepreneurs in understanding the scene, giving them an opportunity to cook in a professional setting, before they may open their own storefronts. Garcia and Salinas were able to proudly open their own restaurant, Carolicious, which serves arepas, this past August.

Curtatone affirmed the sentiment that Nibble will play an important role in promoting

diversity within Union Square, as food continues to draw people together and unite cultures. The restaurant represents a way of preserving multiculturalism and Somerville's commitment to honor immigrant communities, he said.

"It's an opportunity to break down each other's barriers," said Curtatone. "Food is a common

## Advocates and ambassadors wanted for elder services board

### By Leslie Hergert

Want to help a great organization make a difference in the lives of local older adults? Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is currently taking applications for several vacancies on our board of directors.

SCES's mission is to support elders and people with disabilities to live with dignity in the setting of their choice. Here are a few common examples of how we help older adults overcome challenges to independence and well-being:

- · Delivering hot meals and homemaker services for an older adult who was depressed about quality of life after a hip replacement surgery.
- Providing personal care and a lifeline alert for a cancer survivor who otherwise could not have returned home safely after a bad fall.
- + Coordinating money management assistance for a local

renter who was struggling to manage her finances and facing eviction.

SCES board members are volunteers who work with the executive director to set policy for the agency. They also perform the vital role of serving as advocates and ambassadors for the agency's mission - helping SCES develop and maintain the community partnerships that are essential to the success of our mission.

Our ideal candidate recognizes the importance of supporting our older neighbors and is comfortable helping SCES spread the word about the impact our programs have.

Our board of directors includes people with diverse viewpoints, experience, and skills, who represent the communities we serve. We especially hope to add more Latino, Haitian, and Southeast Asian members. Legal, financial, or organizational knowledge a plus. Board members must



The Somerville Cambridge Elder Services Board of Directors recently bid a fond farewell to three long-serving members (from left) Neil Winston, Liz Aguilo, and Kathryn Erat. The Board is currently taking applications for new members. SCES Executive Director Paul Hollings is also in the photo.

in a collegial spirit.

Interested in joining the SCES Board? Contact Leslie Hergert,

commit to active participation SCES Clerk and Chair of its Governance Committee, at Ifhergert@gmail.com for more information.

Leslie Hergert is Clerk for the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services Board of Directors.

## Somerville first responders enjoy breakfast with Santa

Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill was delighted to welcome Cobble Hill residents and Somerville first responders and their families over the weekend to enjoy a breakfast with Santa. The morning was full of holiday cheer as guests dined, laughed, and took photos with Santa Claus. The Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill is located at 30 Washington St., Somerville, MA 02143. For more information, call (617) 628-1000.









## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday December 11

**East Branch Library** 

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Somerville Positive Forces

1 p.m.- 2 p.m.

Magic the Gathering 2 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Thursday December 12

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

### Friday December 13

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Teen Empowerment Library Leaders

3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Saturday December 14

**Central Library** 

Thy's Annual 3-D Snowflake Making

2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Monday December 16

**Central Library** 

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

West at TAB

Kids' Book Club

6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|167 Holland St, 2nd floor

### **Tuesday | December 17**

**Somerville Community Baptist** Church

Music with Emily 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave

## Wednesday December 18

**East Branch Library Rockabve Beats!** 

11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

## **MUSIC** | ARTS

## Wednesday | December 11

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 Thiefl9 p.m.

Backroom: Lunasa - with special guest Ashley Davis: Two Shows 7:30 p.m./10 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

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** Plaid w/Kia Mazzi

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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Jobi Riccio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Been Out Here: Teen Open Mic 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday December 12

Sally O'Brien's

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Christmas with NEIHO!|7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Flm St

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Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

A Band of Killers live in Union Square, Somerville!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 14th or 15th Boston Christmas Cavalcade for the Homeless

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Macuco Quintet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

**Pub Sing** 

7 p.m.lCafé WHOREible Decisions: Live Podcast 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

## Friday December 13

Sally O'Brien's

Jim Coyle & The Sneaky Pint|6 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present Blue Hyenas EP release, Wyn Doran, more |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom: Will Dailey 7 p.m. Rip Cord|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Once Somerville** 

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Le Prestige|7 p.m.

ColliderScope: Experimental Music from Experimental Physics 10 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Do You Hear Yourself 8 p.m.|Café

Sold out-- Mount Eerie with Julie Doiron

8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave Somerville Theatre

The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday December 14 Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m. Jen d'Angora birthday fest! - \$10 cover|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.

Back Room: Real School of Music

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Cindy Latin 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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Irish Session 2 p.m.|Café Banboche 2019

6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Laughing Liberally 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

**Sunday December 15** 

Sally O'Brien's Bar Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and

quests|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. A Very Fuzzy Christmas! A Benefit for Girls Rock Campaign Boston|3:30

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

She Past Away House of Harm 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Americana Picnic: Possum

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Somerville Flea Market

10 a.m.|Performance Hall

Jammin' with the Elderberries

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Somerville Theatre** 

The Slutcracker 2 p.m./8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday December 16 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming

Open Mic|7 p.m. 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

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 17**

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. Back Room: Erin Harpe & the Delta Swingers Holiday Vinyl Release Party 7:30 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band** 

440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

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**Once Somerville** Butterscott Smell, Bush Scrutiny

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia Holiday brasstastic benefit

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|December 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren

see you next week for poker! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom: Carissa Johnson, Acoustic Record Release with Special Guest Dutch Boy Blues | 7 p.m.

Comedy Night with Janet Mc-

Front Room: Americana Session with:

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Namara|10 p.m.

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Molly MaGill's Big 5-0 Birthday Bash with The Handymen

**Highland Kitchen** 

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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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## Thursday December 12

Learn English with the Library! 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB Books to Movies Club 6:30 p.m.-7:30p.m.|167 Holland St,

program for people with problems

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

Saturday November 13 **Central Library** 

Carceral State Reading Group 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers Market

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

Cozy Corner Parent Session

**Sunday December 14** 

2:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

## 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God

**Central Library** Creative Drama Workshop with

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

## 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|115 Broadway

Somerville Media Center Digital Literacy 101: Navigating Your

**Aeronaut Brewing Company** Books & Brews Book Club

**Central Library** 

12 p.m.-2 p.m. Mystery Book Group

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Dean Harlem

## Wednesday December 11

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

## Ciampa Manor

**Central Library** 

**CPR Class** 

1 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Climate Forward Ambassadors Celebration and Open House

2nd floor First Church Somerville

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

9:30 p.m.- 2 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

## Holland St

**Central Library** 

**Family Groups** 

## Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday December 16

4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Yoga at the Library

**Tuesday December 17** 

Smartphone 12 p.m.- 2p.m.|90 Union Square

6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St Wednesday December 18

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

7 p.m.- 8:45 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

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(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.

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#### **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.

Music & Movement with Steve Gintz – at our Holland Street Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come create magical movements through music. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for more information. Upcoming dates: 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

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(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)

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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

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**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.

**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.

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

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.

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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## Foss Park fix-up: Who will foot the bill?

of the less expensive suggestions, although not "next year."

Connolly agreed, noting that the state budget is "in a state of austerity," but that the meeting was important because hearing peoples' ideas and concerns will "help us understand how we can advocate."

The lack of funding for the improvements listed during the meeting was "the elephant

19 Ash trees at Foss Park

in the room," McLaughlin then pointed out. Foss Park is part of his ward.

"Who's paying for this and who's owning the property after it's paid for?" he asked the room. "If we're going to put millions of dollars into this property we have to have some say in what goes on with it."

While the city could not afford to buy the park, McLaugh-

Legend

Ash trees

All other trees

lin noted, perhaps it could be given control.

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The city is currently has an MOU with DCR that allows it to maintain and control Dilboy, which is also owned by the state, according to the Rossetti.

"The city would like to make improvements to Foss park in partnership with DCR to better serve residents," Rossetti wrote in a December 4 email. "Dilboy and Foss are our largest parks and as a densely populated community we have a significant interest in improvements made to both facilities. This is why we continue to work closely with our state partners and advocate for improvements that will best meet the needs of our community."

After the meeting, McLaughlin reiterated his position. He was willing to entertain the idea that the City fund some improvements, but only if it that comes with control.

"I don't want us to spend \$10 million for trees or something and then the trees die and we



A map showing the 113 trees in Foss Park, with details about their health, taken from the document "2019 Foss Park Community Meeting Kickoff - 10-30 and 11-13" available on the city's Foss Park webpage.

need DCR to take care of it," he said in an interview. "Everything we put in financially, we need to be able to have control over.

The Public Space and Urban Forestry Division will be drafting a report based on feedback from the two meetings.

Councilors At-Large Stephanie Hirsch, Mary Jo Rosetti and Bill White were also all at the November 13 meeting. To watch a video of the entire evening, to check out summary videos in Portuguese and Spanish and/or to comment, please visit the city's Foss Park webpage (https:// somervoice.somervillema.gov/ fosspark?tool=map#tool\_tab).

Go to https://www.somervillemedia.org/snn/ for more news in and around our community on Somerville Neighborhood News.

## Beacon Hill Roll Call

available on the city's Foss Park webpage.

A map showing the ash trees in Foss Park, with details about their health, taken from

the document "2019 Foss Park Community Meeting Kickoff - 10-30 and 11-13"

continued from page 7

Higgins families get some peace from justice served." Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health Executive Director Jodi Sugerman-Brozan on sentencing Kevin Otto, owner of Atlantic Drain Services to two years in jail after being found guilty of two counts of manslaughter for the deaths of employees Robert Higgins and Kelvin "Chuck" Mattocks.

## HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 2-6, the House met for a total of eight hours and 14 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 23 hours and 47 minutes.

Mon. December 2

Senate 11:15 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.

Tues. December 3 No House session Senate 1:05 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wed. December 4 No House session Senate 11:03 a.m. to 5:08 p.m.

Thurs. December 5 House 11:03 a.m. to 5:39 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 5:16 p.m.

House 1:00 p.m. to 2:18 p.m. Fri. December 6 Senate 1:16 p.m. to 3:14 p.m.

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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Foss Park Community Meeting - 11.13.19

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Saturday, December 14 12:00am 12:30am 2:00am

Upcoming Meeting Agenda City Council Meeting - LIVE

Friday, December 13 Senior Circuit - November 2019 Infrastructure Grant Announcement **Talking Business** SomerViva em Português SPD Ride Along Land Use Joint Meeting w/Planning Board Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout Talking Business SomerViva em Portugues - Dec. 2019 Infrastructure Grant Announcement City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting Faith In a City: Talking About Religion 12:34pmChamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019 Letters of World War II at Council on Aging SPD Ride Along Infrastructure Grant Announcement Talking Business Transgender Day of Remembrance SPD Ride Along Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019 Flood & Stormwater PSA SomerVision 2040: Values & Equity 2019 SomerViva en Éspañol Foss Park Community Meeting - 11.13.19

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SomerViva em Portugues - Dec. 2019

SHS Boys Basketball vs Gloucester

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8:25pm 8:30pm School Committee Meeting - 12.16.19 11:30pm SomerViva en Español Wednesday, December 18

School Committee Meeting - 12.16.19

Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019

## **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

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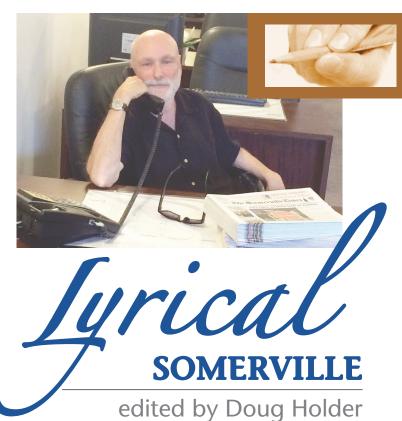
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#### misguided

I want you to feel like a hoof to a horse. under this weight, I exist.

breath short, justly cut by hoof to ground travel with you, I will.

no choice of mine to live crushed by you, you have destroyed me.

but thankful I should be I'm so sorry, my thoughts readjust:

you carry me.

thank you. the hoof lifts me, I am guided by you.

you are the swaddle to my baby I am the lamb to your herder. the dirt under your hoof and I, one and the same.

— Shay Murphy

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## 'Softly Glowing Exit Signs' by Georgia Park

Softly Glowing Exit Signs By Georgia Park

Review by Off The Shelf correspondent Timothy Gager

Softly Glowing Exit Signs is a book of poetry with three longer pieces included: one of non-fiction, one of fiction, and an excerpt taken from Georgia Park's writing catalog. The takeaway from reading Softly Glowing Exit Signs is that the writing is real life, and that overall poetry is real life, and that real life can be measured and unmasked within writing itself. When reading Softly Glowing Exit Signs I felt I was left in a room with Georgia Park, and she is telling me everything with a vulnerability she has not shown many people. It left me needing to read more, or sit and listen because anything else would be unjust.

Ms. Park, a professor at North Shore Community College takes the reader through her life, from the beginning to the end, the years running through the pages. The first poetry section, FIRE!, is not about the recent fire which ran through her apartment and left her homeless, but rather some snippets of her early life totally exposed. There is a Grease Fire where her brother causes the kitchen to ignite and the narrator is left frozen and doesn't flee until the firefighters arrive, which rings true to some of the other poems where she is left counting daisies in the outfield when a fly ball is coming, or in emotional pain when a piece of glass is imbedded in one's heal which causes pain and discomfort in every step. These are all metaphors used deftly by Ms. Park. I was stricken by the how real objects or things are personified into visceral feelings ... old broken down Volvos that are named, dead fish in a tank, and even a morning cough, are all wounds that are open inside the vision of this work.

As in the opening essay, What Happens in the Maloka, an attempted expulsion and exercising of demons via Ayahuaska, the book also travels down the battleground of spiritual growth and the feeling of being whole. As there is growth, there are mistakes, and lessons - and sometimes outright defiance of the world we all live in. We see choices made in the poem The Last Reunion, where the poet who felt small, bookish, and invisible in high school is made to feel that way again, by a "now known/famous classmate," who is her date for the evening. The poet then hooks up with two of her past bullies at the event to take back some power.

The next section, EVERYBODY RUN!, starts out in Costa Rica where there seems to be an awakening. The poems which take place during times of travel, in general, show new strength and acceptance with the ability to look back at the past. How Stupid I Was and Lost looks at past behaviors and the growth into new ones. Other poems in EVERYBODY RUN!, explore Koi Fish as an unexpected solution to decrease angst, and anxiety, and the spiritual serenity written about in the poem Buddha's Lap:

I am so warm in the Buddha's lap the Buddha and there is buzzing in my ears moths and dragonflies

are settling here and there my cheek warms on his stomach and like a statue I think of nothing

The section then morphs into some dangerous adventures featuring alcohol and lust-making followed by



a repeated theme of therapy, and therapists. The jury is not out on if it is actually helpful or not, but the most hope of all is found in thinking about the possibility of running into a daffodil,

and there's a little daffodil I can't see it, but I know it's there its strong, wild and vibrantly yellow and someday, I'll pluck it from somewhere

This section is followed by what is called an excerpt, but what I would call a strong, stand-alone, twelve-page story called Hot Pink Iron Lung. It is pure magic, where the metaphors can be believed, and the truth be told in metaphor, much like the underlying technique of the entire book. Poetry books can often be books people read in dribs and drabs, rather than cover-to-cover, but during any time a reader's brain might need refreshing, I would strongly recommend jumping to Hot Pink Iron Lung immediately.

The book ends with the final titular section, Softly Glowing Exit Signs, where we do get to the poet's recent fire. This time, instead of being frozen, the poet continues to live and work wearing smoky clothes, and the bare minimums - the message being, she is stronger, functional, and getting through this. This is reflected upon in the poem Spiraling Questions, where the most treacherous act is what if I recklessly wrote three or four poems a day? Near the end of the poem there again is growth, and it is shown with such beautiful self-discovery:

Could I possibly

forget what happened to me (was it me, really, even back then?)

or at least stop talking about it and just go quiet could mine pass for a brain that's not short circuiting?

Perhaps the most tender piece of Park's occurs in the poem Bits of a Butterfly, where vulnerability isn't hidden or camouflaged, it just is.

I kiss you because I see softly glowing exit signs in your eyes

Conclusively, Softly Glowing Exit Signs feels exactly like spending hours, being up all night, with a person bearing their soul, to which all you can be is silent, and listen, and all you can say is, "Thanks for sharing all of this with me."

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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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72557659 45 Endicott Avenue U:8 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 21 \$875,00	0 \$877,000
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72508004 90 Line St U:90 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 17 \$1,099,00	\$1,170,000
72509762 21 Hall Ave U:21 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 58 \$1,199,00	\$1,250,000
72520255	\$1,215,000
72538355 50 Bow St U:11 8 room, 3 bed, 3f bath 14 \$1,199,00	\$1,180,000
72420017 260 Beacon Street U:201 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 199 \$1,225,00	

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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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