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COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund created, **funded by city**

From the Publisher and Staff of The Somerville Times



The Somerville City Council, in collaboration with Mayor Curtatone, has established and funded a COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund with the aim of rendering aid in this challenging time.

By Jim Clark

In response to a number of Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone's requests, the Somerville City Council last week voted on and approved a number of agenda items aimed at repurposing funds to create and fund a COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund and subsequently disburse those funds accordingly in order to support small businesses, artists and arts non-profits, and residents who have been financially distressed due to the restrictions imposed as a response to the coronavirus pandemic.

A summary provided to the City Council by the mayor outlined the steps Continued on page 4

Local resident creates Somerville Theatre gingerbread house

The annual Boston Society for Architecture's (BSA) Gingerbread Exhibition and Competition welcomed entries from local architecture firms as well as families and individuals. The theme of this year's virtual exhibition and competition was Escape from 2020: Fantasyland.

Somerville resident Aoife Troxel, a designer at Helicon Design in Boston, was inspired by something she missed in 2020: attending live shows. So, she rendered a model of the Somerville Theatre, built to scale with more than two pounds of brown sugar.

The competition features entries from everyone from local architecture firms to 5-year-olds. Individuals voted for their favorites in the form





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of monetary contributions, all in support of the BSA Foundation's community design programs and resources, which inspire vibrant neighborhoods and a more equitable Greater Boston. Other gingerbread houses entered in the competition can be viewed at: https://gingerbread. architects.org.

Aoife Troxel took her frustration with a lack of live entertainment due to coronavirus restrictions to heart as she created her fabulous gingerbread model of the Somerville Theatre. — *Photos by Aoife Troxel*

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The publishers, staff and everyone associated with **The Somerville Times** wish everyone a very **Happy Holiday**, **Merry Christmas** and **Happy Hanukkah**, as well as a prosperous and healthy New Year in 2021. We are happy to see 2020 go and welcome a healthier 2021!

The Somerville Times staff is taking a small holiday vacation beginning this week, with the next issue coming out on January 6, 2021. Anything that comes in and is Somerville related through that period will be posted online to our website. We want to thank all our readers and fans for your support this past year. Thank you for sticking with us! Don't forget, you can go online to our website and register online for a free subscription of the entire paper.

Word has it that nearly half of the city's **Department of Public Works staff** were out sick during the recent snow storm. That, combined with a few employees also being off duty on vacation, made for a difficult situation in clearing city streets. Many were reportedly not cleared at all for quite some time. Let's hope that these essential city workers get well soon, both for their own sakes and for ours.

With the recent snowstorm, the **City of Somerville** has ended **street sweeping** for the season. Street sweeping will resume **April 1, 2021**. Make sure you are up to date on City of Somerville snow policies at somervillema.gov/snow.

The **Best of Somerville 2020 winners** will be announced in the **January 6, 2021**, edition of our paper. There's still time to cast your vote for the best. Email, mail or call in your vote for who and what you think is the best. We're also looking for the **Best Idea of 2020** here in the city. If you have anyone or anything you'd like to suggest, let us know. What a year 2020 has been.



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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of December 23 – December 29 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
¥	Wednesday December 23	Sunny	37°/29°	4%	7%	W 10 mph
•••	Thursday December 24	Rain	51°/49°	44%	33%	S 13 mph
•••	Friday December 25	Rain	50°/26°	66%	35%	SSW 16 mph
Č	Saturday December 26	Partly Cloudy	32°/19°	9%	12%	W 10 mph
¥	Sunday December 27	Sunny	29°/20°	10%	15%	WNW 8 mph
•••	Monday December 28	Rain	36°/23°	29%	19%	NW 10 mph
•	Tuesday December 29	Rain	32°/25°	41%	27%	NW 11 mph

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Roll up your sleeve

Bill Shelton says:

Thank you for this, Jimmy. I remember getting the polio vaccine, twice—first the Salk injection, and then the next year or so, the Sabin sugar cube. What I don't remember is any adult in the neighborhood questioning whether this was the right thing to do. Most of the men were veterans. The adults had persevered, first through the Great Depression, and then the War.

I may be sentimentalizing, but I think that Americans of that generation had a greater sense of obligation to each other. I know that they had greater faith in or institutions.

This year a Texas politician who opposed the common-sense precautions to prevent spreading the virus said that those of us in high-risk groups should be willing to risk our lives to preserve "freedom," preserve the economy, and promote herd immunity. Let's, instead, risk being vaccinated for the good of all.

Response to: Somerville middle schools to participate in discovering Justice Mock Trials

Kathy Silva says:

What a great event. Thank you, Discovering Justice, for the opportunity to participate as a court reporter. For info about the career of court reporting visit projectsteno.org and discoversteno.org. Both offer free introductory classes for machine shorthand.

Response to: *Illuminations Tour lights up Somerville neighborhoods*

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Jay says:

Who needs a bus when you can casually stroll by these beautiful homes and take it in at your liesure. Thank you SAC for providing the map.

Response to: Holiday Dishes

Margaret Powell says:

I love the Tzimmes, Dorothy. I make them all the time now.

Response to: 'Humanity and hope' at Somerville Arts Council town hall meeting

Gail Thornton says:

I hope that this and other funding goes through. The arts in Somerville should be fully supported as they help define who we are.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

A Somerville Christmas, 2020

- was the night before Christmas 🛛 From Teele Square, To Davis Square, up and all through the Ville
- The restaurants and barrooms were hauntingly still
- We thought it was rough with the detours last year
- Then a Grinch named of Covid kicked us right in the rear
- We're all getting weary and from Santa we ask
- Please bring back the old days when we didn't need masks
- And they ripped down old places to build the new T
- memories
- And soon Union Square will show off its new face
- But I'll always miss seeing the radiator place
- As they razed my old high school and tore it apart
- They also ripped out a piece of my heart Somerville's changing more day after day Santa may not recognize it from his sleigh On Prospect, on Winter on Clarendon Hill,

See the spirit of Christmas alive in The Ville

to Magoun

The businesses will all be back very soon. Though 2020 was a bummer in so many ways

The vaccine is here and there'll be better days

We hope that our family and friends remain safe

When the masks are all gone, we'll have smiles on our face

- Though Christmas in Somerville this year will be,
- A lot more laid back with just family
- Ball Square Bowling Alley, such fond Like the infant whose birth at this time we recall
 - That first celebration was joyous yet small They brought gold, frankincense and myrrh, and I'll say
 - Just as precious as Lysol, and wipes are today
 - A virtual visit may be the best bet
 - On this Christmas that none of us soon will forget
 - Stay healthy, because Somerville's future is bright!

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight.







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Somerville PK-12 public school **COVID** testing with Tufts

As part of ongoing efforts to support Tufts University's local communities, Tufts and the City of Somerville have begun a COVID-19 testing program for

Somerville PK-12 public school teachers and staff members. When PK-12 resumes, students will be tested as well. Tufts is also partnering with the City of

Medford on a similar program and has been testing students, teachers and staff this month.

The testing took place in the gymnasium

of the Argenziano School in Somerville's Union Square on Friday, December 11. — Photos by Alonso Nichols, Tufts University Photography



COVID-19 test.

Somerville teacher Jessica Couture gets ready to self-swab for her omerville Public Schools staff member Matthew Dursin checks in for Somerville Special Education Chair Victoria Vendola performs a COVID-19 testing.

COVID-19 test on herself.

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deemed necessary at this time:

"The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have serious impacts on our local economy and the long-term well-being of our city. Except for federal funding provided at the start of the pandemic in the Spring, local governments have otherwise been on their own to address the financial needs created by the pandemic. At this point, the federal government continues to debate but not provide further assistance, and the state government has no plans to provide additional financial support beyond the local aid in the FY21 state budget. With vaccines on the way, the pandemic will reach an end - likely in 2021. Right now, we need to protect our community from COVID-19 and provide financial support so our local economy will still be here as the pandemic comes to an end. We have moved to close businesses and programs where public health needs require it. But, we need a bridge of financing that can ensure that Somerville remains the city that we know and love. This will impact our community, our residents, and our future local revenues including property and meals taxes. Without financial assistance, we are likely to have more bankruptcies, more evictions, and we risk reopening our economy without the small businesses, the arts community and the diverse neighborhoods that makes Somerville a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. We need to provide support in three areas:

from federal grants and \$700,000 in fee waivers. With the need to close businesses to protect public health, we need additional support. The COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund will specifically assist businesses that have remained closed, been recently closed, or had operations significantly reduced due to COVID-19 restrictions. This program will be funded at \$5,000,000 by transferring money from the following sources:

- Rainy Day Stabilization \$1,843,117
- Capital Stabilization \$1,000,000
- + Street Reconstruction Stabilization \$1,500,000
- Wynn Casino FY21 Payments \$ 300,000
- Water Transportation Stabilization \$ 150,306
- Algonquin Mitigation Stabilization \$ 132,359
- + Small Business Assistance Stabilization \$74,218
- Note: We intend to replenish the stabilization accounts once

For residents in need:

To date \$2.56 million has been allocated for rental assistance, and just over \$400,000 for childcare programs, food programs, and workforce development. These funds have been provided to our non-profit community. In addition, we have increased capacity at the Office of Housing Stability and local non-profits to assist Somerville residents with applying for state rental assistance. We estimate that the local funds provided will sustain our need through the next few months but will likely need additional funds soon. At that time, additional federal and state funds may be available. But, if they are not made available for these needs, we may need to return to the City Council for additional support."

After creating the fund, the City Council subsequently approved the following repurposing and appropriation measures in response to the request:

• Appropriation of \$1,843,117 from the Rainy Day Stabiliza-

the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

• Repurposing and transfer of \$150,306 from the Water Transportation Public Safety Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

• Repurposing and transfer of \$132,359 from the Algonquin Mitigation Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

• Repurposing and transfer of \$74,218 from the Small Business Assistance Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

• Appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund to provide temporary support to businesses experiencing substantial decline as a result of the pandemic.

• Acceptance of a payment of \$200,000 from the Wynn Casino Surrounding Community Agreement to the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund to provide

from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for 311 Call Center resources.

 Appropriation of \$291,000 from the COVID-19 Stabilization Fund for Testing and Contract Tracing.

+ Appropriation of \$170,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Personal Protective Equipment and supplies.

 Appropriation of \$120,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Out of School Time programming.

 Appropriation of \$45,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for health and safety compliance activities.

 Appropriation of \$180,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for school resources.

+ Appropriation of \$37,760 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for school wellness staffing.

 Appropriation of \$142,500 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Public Safety Overtime.

+ Appropriation of \$170,477

For small business

To date we have provided \$1,750,000 in forgivable loans free cash is certified in February 2021.

For artists and arts non-profits: We will supplement the recently announced \$500,000 Artist Community Support program with an additional \$600,000, bringing the total program to \$1.1 million, by transferring money from the following sources:

+ Wynn Casino - FY20 and FY21 payments \$ 200,000 Park Stabilization \$ 400,000 Note: A \$400,000 state grant for parks, recently accepted, reimburses the City and frees up funds for this proposed use.

tion Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

 Repurposing and transfer of \$1 million from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

+ Repurposing and transfer of \$1,500,000 from the Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing Stabilization Fund to the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

• Acceptance and repurposing of a payment of \$300,000 from the Wynn Casino Surrounding Community Agreement to

Covid Relief grants to the artist and cultural community.

+ Repurposing and transfer of \$400,000 from the Parks Stabilization Fund to the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund to provide COVID relief grants to the artist and cultural community.

+ Appropriation of \$600,000 from the Covid 19 Stabilization Fund to provide Covid relief grants to the arts and cultural community.

+ Appropriation of \$121,090 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for Resident Outreach & Communications.

+ Appropriation of \$39,493

from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for DPW Overtime for school re-opening purposes. Appropriation of \$100,000 from the COVID 19 Stabilization Fund for the purpose of the 25% FEMA Cost Share Match. Acceptance of a \$42,335 grant with no new match required, from the MA Department of Public Health to the Health & Human Services Department for COVID 19 expenses.

+ acceptance of a \$16,150 grant that requires a match, from FEMA to the Fire Department for updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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Advesa MA reaches out to Somerville

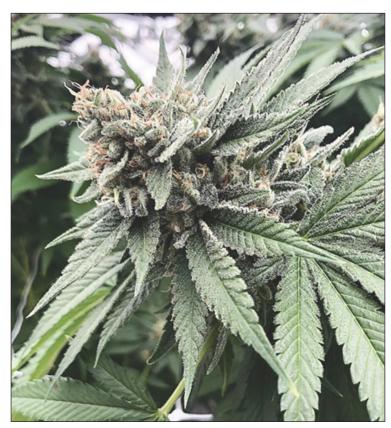
By Emmanuel Vincent

Advesa MA, Inc. group held a community outreach meeting last week, introducing to Somerville residents the plan that is in the works to bring a cannabis retailer to the city.

Advesa is an Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant that is looking to provide the community with modern cannabis, as well as education surrounding the medical benefits of using it. This is an effort to help break to stigma centered on the drug that has been around for decades.

Throughout the years, individuals have been negatively impacted by laws; hit with charges related to cannabis, whether it be distribution and/or possession. Many have even faced incarceration. As a result, it is difficult for those to progress in the working world with these visible blemishes on their record.

Advesa will serve as a solid foundation for people who are looking gain stability in their life. "Advesa's mission as a job incubator in Somerville goes beyond hiring these individuals," explains Jessica Pelletier, a principle of the company. She says, "Advesa will pay living wages and aid individuals in gaining job skills that they can use as a springboard to enter into other sectors of the cannabis Industry." Advesa's presence



in the community will certainly help change the narrative for many people's stories, by providing them with a chance to grow within the industry.

Location in an essential element of any business, and this holds true for the forthcoming cannabis retailer. With its location in Ball Square, there is anticipation for steady traffic. "We have high hopes that our location to the Ball Square Green Line Extension will help us fulfill our plan to be an environmentally conscious company that plays a key role in the economic development of the Ball Square district following it completion," says Pelletier. "Being next to the train station will deeply migrate local vehicle traffic concerns, and encourage walking, biking, and the use of public transportation." Bike racks will be available for visitors as well. Also, deliveries will be available by the retailer. The drop-offs will not take place during times of heavy traffic.

The target date for the opening of the dispensary is based on its progress with the state, as they must wait to get approved for a license. The community meeting regarding permit in the city will take place next month. There is not set date for this at this time.

Opioid Misuse and Abuse – family and friends support group

A Support Group for Individuals who love someone involved with opioids. The group is designed to provide not only an understanding of Opioid Misuse and Abuse, but also the impact of substance abuse/addiction on families as well as prevention strategies. This program is free.

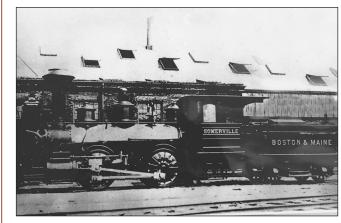
The group will be facilitated by Donna M McNally, MSW, LICSW, LADC1, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, a clinician at Mount Auburn Hospital's Department of Outpatient Psychiatry, trained in family therapy with extensive

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

Eagle feathers #220

The Yule Train By Bob (Monty) Doherty

One day in the winter of 1842, a train rolled through this city. Among its passengers was a young English author who, shortly after his four-month visit to America, would change Christmas forever. The coach or omnibus, as they were often called, was the first American train he ever boarded. It was the Boston and Lowell, the first major railroad built in New England.



After his country tour, the young Charles Dickens reflected back and said his most enjoyable time was his slow train excursion to and from Lowell. It was the year Somerville broke away from Charlestown. While on the ride, he took copious notes on everything he saw. His first stop in Somerville was at Washington Street and Tufts Street where he saw Mclean Hospital atop Cobble Hill and a factory that manufactured railroad spikes, doornails and knockers. These and other observations on and off the train would be published in his novel, American Notes.



clinical experience in diagnosing and treating substance abuse, as well as family members impacted.

The group will meet (virtually) for 8 consecutive weeks Tuesday evenings 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Starting date is Tuesday, January 5, ending Tuesday February 23, 2021.

There will be 15 minutes of psychoeducation followed by 45 minutes of discussion/support. Pre-Registration is required. A Zoom link will be sent to those who are registered. Resources will be discussed and training on administering Narcan will be provided.

- + Jan. 5: Session One Welcome and Overview/Expectations
- + Jan. 12: Session Two Understanding Opioid Misuse/Abuse
- + Jan. 19: Session Three Families Are Affected by a Loved One's Misuse/Abuse of Opioids
- + Jan. 26: Session Four Understanding Dependence and Withdrawal
- + Feb. 2: Session Five Understanding Opioid Overdose
- Feb. 9: Session Six Minutes That Could Save a Life
- + Feb. 16: Session Seven Prevention/Treatment/Resources
- \star Feb. 23: Session Eight What We Have Learned and Wrap Up

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This program is made possible through a grant from the City of Cambridge.

The train brought the author past the snow-covered pastures of what is now the base of Prospect Hill where General George Washington and his infant army spent their first Christmas. It also passed Central Hill where hero Captain Nathan Hale spent his last Christmas. Next was Winter Hill where Hessian/German prisoners first celebrated Christmas bringing the tradition of Christmas trees to America. Dickens saw a land that under the puritanical law of Governor Bellingham, the successor of John Winthrop,

Governor Bellingham, the successor of John Winthrop, banned the Christmas holiday citing "superstitious festivals held to the dishonor of god." This ban was in place for 22 years from 1659 to 1681. *Continued on page 12*

Tackling food insecurity on a long-term basis

By Max Eidelman

Lisa Brukilacchio, a member of the Cambridge Health Alliance and Director of the Somerville Community Health Agenda, recently spoke at length about local efforts being made to provide food to those in need during the pandemic.

As Brukilacchio made clear, the Commonwealth and local agencies have been working diligently to help those in the food-insecure population, but the battle remains uphill and, unfortunately, will only be more difficult through the upcoming winter months.

One of the first topics Brukilacchio spoke about was how the need to support the food-insecure population has changed concurrently with the pandemic. She mentioned various metrics that highlight how the need for support has increased, two of which in particular reflect the change: there has been a 59% increase in food-insecurity in Massachusetts since 2018, and the total number of SNAP recipients has increased by 19.5% between October 2019 and October 2020.

Brukilacchio also mentioned that the Greater Boston Food Bank has been distributing over two million pounds of food per week, which is an astonishing quantity to contemplate. However, she said that even this amount of food is not meeting the need.

Brukilacchio explained that the most effective method of safely getting food to people has been delivery services. Here in Somerville, Project Soup has been leading the charge in the delivery services, working together with Cambridge's Food For Free Committee.

"... old unknowns persist and new ones appear each day that complicate the pandemic"

The city and schools have collaborated as well to provide delivery services to families and children. Brukilacchio also spoke about the success of the Off Their Plate program that has helped feed health-care workers, the people who have truly been on the front line throughout this whole ordeal. She said in Somerville alone this initiative has delivered over 5,000 meals.

Brukilacchio also praised Somerville restaurants, Daddy Jones and Dark Horse, for helping deliver food to those in need and working with the schools to get food out to families. Given how difficult the pandemic has been on restaurants, they along with any others that have been helping get food out there certainly deserve the community's gratitude.

Brukilacchio also spoke about alternatives to delivery services. Unfortunately, sit-down meals that tend to occur around this time of year have not been an option, but there have been grab-and-go events such as Come to the Table. Hardy Meals and Project Soup have also hosted similar grab-and-go events.

When talking about the outlook for the future, Brukilacchio said that the recovery time will be lengthy, and that it is difficult to truly give specifics. Even as we approach the end of this year, old unknowns persist and new ones appear each day that complicate the pandemic. For those among the food-insecure population, who even without a pandemic have tremendous challenges to contend with, the current situation will inevitably increase the need for support. However, Brukilacchio did say that real movement has been made among local and broader government to



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support this community. She cited the City Council's recently passed resolution to call on Governor Baker to streamline the process for SNAP beneficiaries, and she lauded Jim McGovern for being a longtime advocate for food-access activism as well. Examples like these of governmental support and volunteerism do brighten the outlook, but it requires persistence.

For information on how you can help this holiday season and into the new year, please visit somervillefoodsecurity. org, or contact local food pantries to see how you may best donate and volunteer.

The Somerville Times Best of Somerville 2020 Cast your vote!

You have until December 28 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 6, 2021. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Foods & Restaurants

Best Breakfast Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch Best Italian Food Best Chinese Food Best Mexican Food Best Coffee Shop Franchise Best Coffee Shop local Best Bar Food

Best of Somerville Services

Best Electrician

Best Barber Best Hair Salon Best Doctor Best Nurse Best Coach Best Police Officer

Best of Somerville Businesses Best Somerville Bank Best Real Estate Company Best Insurance Agency Best Creative Business in 2020 Best Florist

Best Portuguese Food Best Local Deli Best Variety and all around Restaurant Best Seafood Best Irish Pub Best Local Bar Best Thai Food Best Thai Food Best Hamburger Best Mac & Cheese Best Hot-Dog Best Roast Beef Sandwich Best Pizza Best Bakery Best Sub Shop

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

The holidays can be a pain for a lot of people. It is especially difficult this year as we all contend with the challenges that we have dealt with lately.

But when it comes to this time of year, the headaches should really serve as a reminder of the importance of why the daily routine should come to a grinding halt sometimes for a greater spiritual good.

Many of us are rushing around trying

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy birthday for the next two weeks while we are on break: Happy birthday to our good friend Zachary Atwell, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday also to Jim Henry, a well-known man in Somerville. A great guy as well. Happy birthday to former East Somerville guy Jack Basset. We wish him a great day as well. Happy birthday to another East Somerville guy who grew up here, Paul Peddle. Happy birthday to Kristen Marie Butler as well. We hope she has a great day. Big time happy birthday to Maria Curtatone, who is the Register of Deeds for Middlesex County. We hope she has a great day on her birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Debbie Hurley, Erica Voolich, Natalia Caliman, Fallon Leigh O'Brien, Caddy Villen, Kathreen Jackson, Caroline C Carafotes, Liz-Mary Jelinek, Richard Murphy, Bob Cammarata, Win Win, Bobby Martini, Christopher Kenney, Thomas Ross, John Brady, Martha Rheaume, Jimmy Deoliveira, Matthew Martino and Marie Miele a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

to get everything done in time for Christmas. We scramble around day in and day out, though, with every detail of our lives so seemingly critical. What this time of year should remind us of, however, is that sometimes it's OK, if not absolutely essential, to just put the routine on hold, take a step back and reassess what truly matters in our lives.

Whether your family is made up of

blood relatives or the friends who are there to celebrate your achievements with you and comfort you in your defeats, this is the time to simply pause, if just for a moment, and be thankful for them. Not everyone has money for the latest gadget, but almost all of us at least have one thing that matters more to us than being at work at nine on the dot.

Whatever gifts you may receive this

Christmas, and whatever gifts you may give, at least give yourself the gift of taking a second to breathe deeply and enjoy whatever it is in your life that brings you true happiness.

Carry these thoughts into the new year and the winter months will go by much more easily for you. Better times are coming, so let's celebrate that along with our many other blessings.

Somerville Public Schools' winter break starts 'Thursday. Normally, food service stops but this year there will be two times to pick up free Grab and Go meals, thanks to their dedicated staff. Feel free to pick up extra meals this Wednesday and then stop by the following sites and times during Winter Break: Monday, December 28, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 30, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the rative volunteers distribute free diapers to Somerville families every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., outside of the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., (Glen St. side) and West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd. Home deliveries provided for emergency and quarantined families. You can help raise awareness and resources to address diaper need by contributing here to The Beautiful Stuff residents of Somerville, you may now report Hate Incidents using the SPD's online form. Visit the **Somerville Police Website** under the Home tab and submit your Hate Incident report: www. somervillepd.com/home/

CHA Somerville Hospital offers free testing at Assembly Row. To make an appointment, call 617-665-2928, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The mobile COVID-19 testing unit also offers testing in our neighborhoods. Mobile testing schedules and more information on both can be found under the "Symptoms, Testing, & Medical Info" tab on somervillema.gov/covid19. The state also operates several Stop the Spread testing sites, including in the nearby communities of Chelsea and Everett. For more information, visit the state's website: https://www.mass.gov/ info-details/stop-the-spread.

East Somerville Community, Healey School, Winter Hill Community School and West Somerville Neighborhood School. Find more information about free food resources for families in Somerville at the website Food Resources for Students and Families | Somerville Public Schools: https:// somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/food-nutrition-services/ food-resources-students-and-families?fbclid=IwAR06ynrXGI-2rPEnTitdecMBrLWJ6s1bT01pDu6T9DKTjmXK6moszUMyGDs.

In collaboration with **The Beautiful Stuff Project, the City of Somerville,** and with generous support from **Cradles to Crayons and individual donors, Somerville Family Learning Collabo**- **Project's** diaper wish list, or contacting the **SPS/SFLC Volunteer Coordinator** at JCapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us to volunteer or donate diapers.

If you need assistance accessing food, there are several resources available to you locally. Visit the COVID-19 Help page at https://www.somervillema.gov/ departments/covid-19-help-food-housing-and-financial-assistance to learn more. There you will find a chart that includes local food pantry schedules, contact information, languages spoken at the food pantry, and whether or not you need to bring ID.

Hate incidents impact victims as well as the community. In an effort to make reporting Hate incidents easier for the

There's still time for you to help by donating to the **Somerville Homeless Coalition**. Your support helps reach even more people in need. This year, they have distributed over **33,000 bags of groceries**, and expect to prevent over **200 evictions** by the end of the *Continued on page* 10 Ms. Cam's

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1. Sherlock Holmes never said "Elementary, my dear Watson." 2. Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

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- 1. Dealer's hand, in cribbage
- 5. Wade's opponent
- 8. Galsworthy's "The Forsyte _
- 12. Nevada city
- 13. Prima donna
- 14. Weasel's cousin
- 15. Makes collar for RBG
- 16. Between the id and super-ego, pl.
- 17. Can be hot or cold, meteorologically
- speaking
- 18. Real estate-related board game
- 20. Elvis Presley's "_____ and Fortune"
- 21. Preface, e.g.
- 22. A top one is a game piece in #18 Across
- 23. Open carriage
- 26. Having a malignant influence
- 30. "Wheel of Fortune" request
- 31. Stay clear of
- 34. Knife wound
- 35. Touch of color
- 37. Computer network acronym
- 38. Awaken
- 39. Wet nurse
- 40. Castrated man
- 42. Yale-___ __ College, Singapore
- 43. Aircraft's additional equipment holder
- 45. They're denoted in red
- 47. Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Fam-
- ily" 48. Allergic reaction to bee sting
- 50. Amusing
- 52. Word game
- 55. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to
- the _____"
- 56. Joie de vivre
- 57. Charlie Parker's nickname
- 59. Bake an egg
- 60. Knocks on the door, e.g.
- 61. 1970s hairdo
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3. "He's Just Not That _____ You" 4. Herzegovina's partner 5. Excessive sternness 6. Convex molding 7. Candy Land difficulty level 8. Napoleon-themed game of strategy 9. Niels Bohr's study object 10. Autry or Wilder 11. Simon's former partner 13. Performed comprehensively or in-*,* pl. 14. Butcher's refuse 19. Beginning of sickness 22. TV classic "Hee ____" 23. Board game island ready for settlers

24. True inner self

25. Line

29. Game with rooks 32. Game involving Mr. Boddy's murderer 33. Chewbacca's sidekick 36. a.k.a. draughts 38. Type of parallelogram 40. Liberty Tree, e.g. 41. Vacuums, e.g. 44. Extra shirt, e.g. 46. Sabbath, alt. sp. 48. Audienceís approval 49. Window treatment 50. Bloody king of Israel 51. "Metamorphoses" poet 52. Serum, pl. 53. The Game of _

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1. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees?

2. The North Pole, said to be Santa's home, is located in which ocean?

3. How many ghosts are there in A Christmas Carol?

4. Which Christmas song's second line begins with "They looked up and saw a star"?

5. How many reindeer are in the story Twas the Night Before Christmas?

6. What is the surname of the family in the 1989 film National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation?

7. What made Frosty

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6	8	4	9	1	7	2	3	5
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25. Linear particle accelerator, for short	54. Makes mistakes
26. Take-out handout	55. Acid drug
27. Half human-half goat, pl.	58. Part of URL
28. February "People," e.g.	Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Baker-Polito administration announces further measures to stop the spread of COVID-19

On Tuesday of this week the Baker-Polito Administration announced further restrictions to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth, including new capacity and gathering limits. These measures will go into effect on Saturday, December 26 and will remain in effect until noon on January 10, 2021.

Read a summary of the restrictions at: https://www.mass.gov/ info-details/temporary-capacity-and-gathering-limits

Read the emergency order at: https://www.mass.gov/doc/ covid-19-order-59/download <u>Capacity Limits</u> Effective Saturday, December 26, most industries in Massachusetts will be subject to a 25% capacity limit including:

- Restaurants (based on permitted seating capacity)
- + Close Contact Personal Services
- Theatres and Performance Venues
- + Casinos
- Office Spaces
- Places of Worship
- Retail Businesses
- Driving and Flight Schools
- Golf Facilities (for indoor
- spaces)
- Libraries
- Lodging (for common areas)

• Arcades and Indoor Recreation Businesses

- Fitness Centers and Health Clubs
- Museums, Cultural Facilities and Guided Tours

Workers and staff will not count towards the occupancy count for restaurants, places of worship, close contact personal services, and retail businesses.

All other rules and restrictions in each sector-specific guidance will remain in effect.

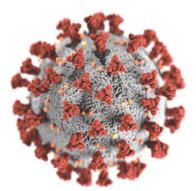
Gatherings Limit

Effective Saturday, December 26, the gatherings limits will be updated. Indoor gatherings will be limited to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings will be limited to 25 people outside.

The gatherings limit applies to private homes, event venues and public spaces.

Elective Surgeries

The Department of Public Health released updated guidance to hospitals around nonessential, elective invasive procedures. To preserve health care personnel resources, effective 12:01am on December 26, all hospitals are directed to postpone or cancel all nonessential inpatient elective invasive procedures in order to maintain and increase inpa-



tient capacity. Hospitals shall make every effort to preserve their inpatient capacity by cancelling nonessential electives and redeploying staff.

Patients are reminded to still seek necessary care at their hospital or from their health care provider.

Davis Square exhibit focuses on Somerville trees

"Noticing the trees around us – on our commutes, in our yards, parks, or neighborhoods – is the first step to valuing them," and the rationale behind a Somerville tree-themed photo exhibit entitled *R.O.O.T. (Recognizing Our Oldest Trees)*, now on display in the Inside-Out Gallery, the outdoor gallery beside the Davis Square CVS, where it can be viewed safely from the sidewalk.

The exhibit was organized by a group of Somerville residents hoping to encourage viewers to look more closely at the trees around them, to help protect and conserve these trees, and to learn more about trees living in an urban environment. The photographs were selected not only for their aesthetic qualities, but also to draw attention to the beauty and environmental benefits of Somerville trees and to acknowledge the places where human activity often comes into conflict with these trees.

The organizers – Somerville residents Kerrie Kemperman, Deb Pacini, Renee Scott and Melissa McWhinney – have been concerned about tree losses across the city.

"The exhibit is motivated by our understanding that trees are a valuable natural resource often thought of as expendable," they noted. "Trees tend to be cut or removed whenever they interfere with human goals: power lines, roads and train lines, sidewalks, housing construction... which are not inherently bad reasons to cut down a tree, but it is worth considering these as opportunities to work around trees that are already well established in a particular spot."



The Somerville R.O.O.T. exhibit was produced with the assistance and support of the Somerville Arts Council and is on display until January 15, 2021.

"If we are good stewards, trees will live hundreds of years, cleaning the air, decreasing flooding, and cooling city air temperatures on hot summer days," the ROOT collective noted. "Trees provide shelter and food for many types of wildlife, and grace our lives with their beauty."

The participating artists are all Somerville residents. Their names and brief bios are below. For more information, contact somervilleroot@gmail.com or visit ROOT's Facebook page: @SomervilleROOT.

The organizers and photographers are:

Kerrie L. Kemperman (*R.O.O.T.* co-organizer), Somerville resident since 2000, is a photographer at Washington Street Art Center. She was awarded an Artist Fellow-ship from the Somerville Arts Council.

Deb Pacini (R.O.O.T. co-organizer), a Somerville resident since 1995, created a photo essay about the city's largest trees at www.debpacini.net/sylvan-seniors.

Renée Scott (R.O.O.T. co-organizer) is co-founder of Green & Open Somerville and has been a Somerville resident since 1999.

Melissa McWhinney (R.O.O.T. co-organizer) has been a resident for 30 years and planted 13 trees in her small Somerville yard.



Lesley Bannatyne: As a freelance journalist who has lived in Somerville since 1998, Lesley Bannatyne has covered topics ranging from tree ring science to relief workers in Bolivia. This is her first photography show.

Sam Engelstad has been a resident of Prospect Hill in Somerville for 22 years. He wonders what bureaucratic hiccup enabled the unique decision to allow the sidewalk to be built around this tree, thus protecting it, instead of cutting the poor thing down.

Jeanine Farley is an educational writer living in Somerville. She is a hobbyist photographer, who enjoys capturing Somerville's many species of creatures. Last summer in Somerville, she photographed some Golden Northern bumblebees, which might become extinct in a generation or two. Plant native, folks! Save our native bees.

Janine Fay, who has lived in Somerville for 40 years, loves trees, people, and photography.

Stephen Krasner: 1970s Somerville resident. Photographing since Jr. High newspaper and a few years studying with Minor White at MIT. Capturing Somerville since moving back here a few years ago. Often focused on more abstract images than what I've done for this exhibit. More at www.bigtoeimages.com

Betsy Lenora is a writer and photographer living in Somerville. Trees are her favorite people. Moved to Somerville in 1976, moved back to Somerville 2016 after a 20-year hiatus to Cambridge.

Special thanks to Heather Balchunas (Somerville Arts Council) for installing the exhibit.

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Community Outreach Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Virtual Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Adult Use Marijuana Retail Establishment is scheduled for Thursday, January 7th, 2021. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and will include discussion about the proposed use in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 94G and the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's regulations at 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000 et seq.

The Virtual Community Outreach Meeting will be available at the following link and phone number:

Date: January 7, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Link: https://www.gotomeet.me/LanceDavis/adultusecannabisapplicants

Phone: +1 (872) 240-3412

Access Code: 452-339-301

The proposed Adult Use Marijuana Retail Establishment for Sira Naturals is anticipated to be located at 240 Elm Street, Somerville, MA 01244. Interested members of the community are encouraged to ask questions and receive answers from company representatives about the proposed facility and operations. Questions can be submitted in advance of the January 7th meeting to community@siranaturals.org. Responses to these questions will be provided at the meeting.

A copy of this notice has been published in the Somerville Times at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the meeting as well as filed with the appropriate municipal entities, including the Town Clerk. This notice was also certified mailed at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting to all abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the petitioner. You can view background information from the Mayor's Marijuana Advisory Committee (MAC) by visiting: https://www. somervillema.gov/departments/programs/adult-use-marijuana-establishments. You can view project information and meeting materials by visiting: http://Siracommunity.com/somerville.

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Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for January 7, 2021 at 6:00pm via GoToMeeting.

You can join the meeting by going to https://www.gotomeet.me/ LanceDavis/adultusecannabisapplicants or dial (872) 240-3412 and enter Meeting Access Code: 452-339-301.

The proposed Cannabis Retail Facility is anticipated to be located at 255 Elm St. Somerville, MA 02144.

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Questions may also be sent in advance to info@theharvestclubs.com.

Applicant information can be obtained prior to the meeting by visiting: https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/ adult-use-marijuana-establishments

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A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On December 17, 2020, Gaseus Maximus, LLC filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Geseus Maximus, LLC, c/o Mr. Michael O'Donovan, 3741 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144; 617-594-1452. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0036047 at



NOTICE FOR (OPM) SERVICES

The Somerville Housing Authority is seeking proposals for Owner's Project Manager (OPM) as defined in Massachusetts General Laws c. 149. section 44A I /2 and as further defined in the provisions of the Request for Proposal (RFP), to provide Project Management Services for design and construction of the Water Works II at Capen Court. The successful OPM will demonstrate prior exemplary experience with similar Construction Management at Rick (CM at Risk) projects.

The Water Works II building is located on 1.405-acre portion of a larger campus site in Somerville, at the intersection of Mystic Valley Park way, Alewife Brook Parkway and Capen Court. The proposed development is a rehabilitation of the existing Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) garage. The rehabilitation will create 21 one-bedroom units for seniors and persons with disabilities. All 21 units will be within a single three-story building and will include common areas and facilities.

Request for Proposals (RFP) Applications will be available by e-mailing Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org after 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 17th, 2020.

Interested professionals should submit sealed applications at the above office no later than 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 7th, 2021. The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all applications if, in the best interest of the Somerville Housing Authority would be served by doing so.

Prior to the deadline, a pre-application meeting will be held at the Water Works II building at 2 Capen Court, Somerville, MA on Tuesday December 29th, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. Questions must be presented in writing to Kevin Bumpus, Director of Operations, at (617) 625-1 1 52 ext.321

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Quote packages will be available after 9:00AM on December 17th, 2020. Please email Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org or Brian Langton at brianl@sha-web.org to request a quote package.

Quotes must be received no later than 2:00PM on January 4th, 2021 by preferred method of email to travisp@sha-web.org.

Questions should be directed to Travis Panzini at 617-625-1152 x 330

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Boynton Gateway

LOCATION: 495 Columbia Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

PROPONENT: Boynton Gateway Owner, LLC (a joint venture between an affiliate of CV Properties LLC., and a fund indirectly owned by Columbia Property Trust)

The undersigned has submitted an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) on behalf of the Proponent. The Boynton Gateway project (the "Project") is subject to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

This will initiate review of the ENF for the Project pursuant MEPA implementing regulations (301 CMR 11.05(7)). Electronic copies of the ENF may be obtained upon request from:

Kvle Greaves VHB/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. 99 High Street Boston, MA 02110-2354 617-607-2988 kareaves@vhb.com

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties.

The Secretary of the EOEEA will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and within approximately seven days will issue a MEPA Certificate. All persons wishing to comment on the Project should write to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the Project.

By: Kyle Greaves, AICP - VHB (agent for the Proponent)

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 21-39

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

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Bid packages for may be obtained online at https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or via www.bidexpress.com on or after <u>Wednesday, December 23rd, 2020</u>.

Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday January 13th, at 1:00pm. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> **Thupten Chukhatsang Procurement Analyst** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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***** Vaccines are coming, but keep up

COVID safety. The state recently released a timeline for when COVID-19 vaccines will be available. While this news provides some much-needed hope, now is not the time to relax COVID safety measures. Although health workers and persons at long-term care facilities may start getting vaccines as early as this month, the vaccine is not expected to be available widely until April-June 2021. In the meantime, it is important that we all continue wearing face coverings (over your nose and mouth), socially distancing, and keeping up other COVID safety measures. As more information about the vaccine becomes available, including information on how to get it locally, we'll be sharing it in these updates and at somervillema. gov/covid19.

***** Reminder: city buildings are still closed to the public. Although city buildings remain closed to the public, a number of city services are still available online or by calling 311. Check the "City Service Status" tab on the city's COVID-19 page for more information.

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Free at-home kids activities for the holidays

The holiday break sounds like a magical time with fewer commitments, lazy days cozying up with hot cocoa, and quality, quiet time with family. But in reality, cabin fever sets in and kids complain there's nothing to do.

Even worse, they are glued to their screens all day long and never get off the couch. Most parents agree that kids are happier when they are active, but with so many indoor activity centers closed it can be challenging to find engaging activities that are fun, safe, and don't require expensive equipment.

To help parents, youth sports and learning experts at Skyhawks Sports Academy and STEM recommend five fun activities to get children active during the holiday break. They're easy to learn and use objects found in most households. Bonus: there may or may not be a STEM-learning hidden in these activities, so it's a win-win.

Farthest Football Throw:

We all know a key skill for a quarterback is to throw the football accurately and for distance, but even the pros fall short or overthrow the ball. So, grab a football and a measuring tape and start a fun competition to see which family member can throw the ball the farthest. Have each person try it 3 times and record the results. This activity will also teach your children math skills as they calculate the distance between the farthest and the shortest throws.

Glove Grip Test:

Notice how many football players wear gloves during the game? It's not because they're cold, it's because the gloves give them a better grip while catching and passing the ball. To test it out, gather different types of gloves you may find around the house: sports gloves, boxing dish cleaning gloves, or even disposable gloves. Try passing the football and catching it from different distances and with different gloves to notice the difference in grip and accuracy when throwing and catching.

Basketball Tower Challenge:

Make your child an engineer for the day by making basketball towers. All you need are a few easy-to-find materials: newspaper, masking tape, and a basketball. The goal is to roll up several sections of newspaper tightly to create poles for a scaffolding that will be strong enough to hold the basketball without tipping over. This will teach children problem-solving skills and critical thinking. In addition, it emphasizes the use of soft skills such as teamwork and how to deal with and recover from failure.

Playing Card Fitness:

This is a fun activity with simple exercises that is enjoyable for the whole family and can be played indoors in any size room. All you need are a deck of cards. To play, each participant picks a card, and depending on the suit and value on the card, everyone completes the exercise. Every suit represents a different exercise like hearts = pushups, diamonds = jumping jacks, clubs = sit-ups, and spades = squats; and the value on the card represents the rep count like number 2, 9 =2 to 9 reps, face card = 11 reps and ace = 12 reps. To make it more fun and a little competitive, see who can complete all the rounds first to decide a winner or add up all the reps to see who did the most.

Fireworks in a Jar:

This is a great project for younger children. Take a clear glass and fill it with equal parts of oil and water. The oil floats to the top because it is less dense than water. Then add a drop of food coloring and watch as the



bursts once it hits the water. This demonstrates that food coloring is denser than oil because it sinks. Experiment with different amounts of water, oil, and food coloring, and encourage questions: you can always Google the answers.

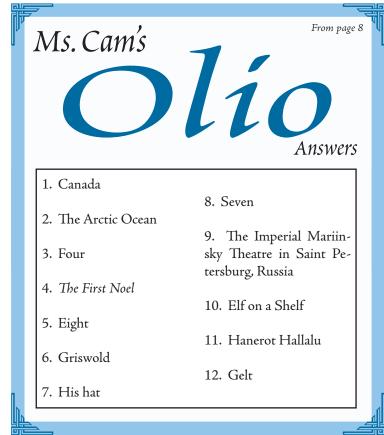
"While the holidays this year are different than children may be used to, we encourage families to use it as an opportunity to get creative and discover new activities and traditions that promote good health," says Ryan Cutter, Massachusetts Area Manager for Skyhawks Sports Academy. "Before you know it, the holiday break will be over, and your family will be back to the daily grind of work and school. We hope these simple, yet creative activities are an opportunity to bond and enjoy family-time during this atypical holiday season."

For children interested in taking STEM learning to the next level, Skyhawks and STEM Sports offer in-person and virtual programs using sports as the real-life application to teach science, technology, engineering, and math skills. About Skyhawks Sports Academy Skyhawks Sports Academy is a youth sports camp organization based in Spokane, Washington. Skyhawks was founded in Spokane in 1979 as a soccer program for children to learn sports in a fun, safe, and non-competitive environment. Skyhawks currently offers programs in more than 11 different sports including Soccer, Basketball, Flag Football, Baseball, Multi-Sport, Tennis, Mini-Hawk, Lacrosse, Golf, Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Track & Field for children ages 4-14 across North America. The format of our programs includes traditional week-long summer day camps, year-round after-school programs, sports leagues, and clinics. For more information, go to https://www. skyhawks.com.

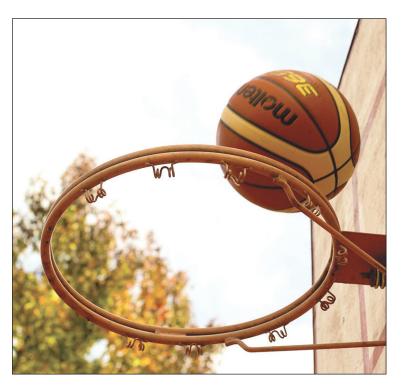
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STEM Sports provides standards-aligned, turnkey K-8 supplemental curricula that use various sports as the real-life application to teach science, technology, engineering, and math skills in classrooms, after-school programs, and camps. Our double-play combination of physical activity and cognitive thinking provides a comprehensive, inquiry-based educational experience and a solution for crucial STEM literacy for students. As a result, students develop critical thinking, collaboration, creative problem-solving, and leadership skills that can be applied throughout their education and future careers.

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Q&A: Can turning 65 impact MassHealth eligibility?

By Corinne Lofchie

A: Yes, the eligibility rules for MassHealth change in a couple of important ways when people turn 65.

The income limit goes down when you turn 65. There are some people who have had MassHealth their whole life, due to a disability, and then they turn 65 and they are no long eligible, because their income is a little too high.

The exact number often changes from year to year. The Aging Information Center at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services provides free guidance on Mass-Health eligibility, and I would advise residents who are turning 65 and have questions to get in touch.

The other big change is that when you are under 65 there is no asset limit. MassHealth does not look at your savings – you can have a large bank account or trust or things like that. But once you turn 65, they look at your assets. You can only have up to \$2,000 in savings, although there are certain types of assets that are not counted towards this limit. That number has not changed in a long time, and there have been efforts to increase it, but it hasn't gone anywhere.

It can be very helpful to call the Aging Information Center before turning 65, as there may be some simple steps that can allow you maintain MassHealth coverage. Depending on the types of assets a person has, we may also refer them to an elder law attorney for further guidance.

If someone has already lost their MassHealth after turning 65, we may also be able to help them to get back onto Mass-Health, depending on their financial situation. We get calls from people about this, and unfortunately, it is usually after the fact. They'll lose their MassHealth coverage and not know why, so they'll call us. As with many things in life, planning ahead and speaking to someone before the loss of insurance coverage can help things go smoother.

Corinne Lofchie, LICSW is an Elder Care Advisor at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, check out the Things to Know When Turning 65 episode of Aging Well at the SCES Youtube Channel, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 or info@eldercare.org for free advice and guidance.



SCES Elder Care Advisor Corinne Lofchie.

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He chronicled passengers and their stories while huddled around potbelly stoves for warmth. The thick, grey smoke generated by the heaters created what he described as eerie, ghost-like images throughout the train.

In Lowell, he saw the arduous plight of many mill workers. He had no trouble relating to them because he had been forced to work in a London blacking mill from the age of nine to eleven to help free his parents from debtor's prison. Between the thought of ghosts, working children, door spikes and knockers, and the banning of Christmas, his train ride through Somerville may have given Dickens food for thought.

The next year he published A Christmas Carol, which was wildly successful and critically acclaimed. It incorporated the themes of winter ghosts, door spikes and the social injustices of industry. Many motion pictures and countless other adaptations have been based on his treasured tale which created the phrase ... Merry Christmas!



Somerville Police ask for public's help to identify vehicle involved in Dec. 22 crash

The Somerville Police Department is seeking any information about a vehicle involved in a Tuesday, December 22, crash. At around 7:52 a.m. a 9-yearold boy was struck at Broadway and Walnut Street while walking his dog. He sustained minor injuries. The driver did not remain on the scene and police are looking for information that will help identify them. The vehicle allegedly involved in the crash is described as a gold-colored passenger car and it was seen heading east on Broadway.



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1933 – Pope Pius XI condemns the Nazi sterilization program.

1940 – Chiang Kai-shek dissolves all Communist associations in China.

1944 – General Dwight D. Eisenhower confirms the death sentence of Private Eddie Slovik, the only American shot for desertion since the Civil War.

1947 – President Harry S Truman grants a pardon to 1,523 who had evaded the World War II draft.

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What are the Symptoms of COVID-19	9:15am	City of Somerville Christmas 2020
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Raising Families	8:00pm	City of Somerville Christmas 2020	11:00am	Fit 4 Life 202
School Committee Update: Emily Ackman	8:15pm	SPD Ride Along	11:27am	What are the Symptoms of COVI
	8:30pm	In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto	11:30am	City Council Meeting 12.1
Legislative Matters 12.17.20	9:00pm	Arts Community Town Hall 12.8.20	4:00pm	Fit 4 Life 202
Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three	10:34pm	SPL Cooking 10 - Caprese Salad	4:30pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingu
City of Somerville Christmas 2020	10:40pm	City of Somerville Christmas 2020	6:00pm	City of Somerville Christmas
City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang	11:00pm	Illuminations Tour 2019	6:15pm	Illuminations Tour
Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three				SPD Ride A
Yoga w/Janine #3	Friday, D	ecember 25	6:45pm	
What are the Symptoms of COVID-19	12:00am	Finance Committee Meeting 12.14.20	7:00pm	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice
Fit 4 Life 2020 #5	1:30am	City of Somerville Christmas 2020	7:35pm	City of Somerville Christmas
School Committee Meeting 12.21.20	1:41am	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting	8:00pm	SPL Gardening w/Green City Gro
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City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting2019	9:11am	SPL Cooking 06		
Finance Committee Meeting 12.14.20	9:30am	SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers	12:00am	Legislative Matters 12.1
COVID 19 PSA	10:00am	Mable & Jerry - Senior Story	12:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mark Nieder
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Mable & Jerry - Senior Story	10:50am	Veterans' Day 2020	6:00am	Structural Racism Panel 6.2
City of Somerville Christmas 2020	11:00am	Fit 4 Life 2020 #5	7:30am	Mable & Jerry - Senior S
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City of Somerville Christmas 2020	10:35pm	In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto	3:13pm	Veterans' Day 2
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Senior Circuit: Nutrition	6:34am	SPL Cooking 02	8:10pm	In the Principal's Office - Glenda
Mable & Jerry - Senior Story	6:45am	SPD Ride Along		
City of Somerville Christmas 2020	7:00am	Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four		December 28
School Committee Meeting 12.21.20	7:45am	In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto	1:00am	Arts Community Town Hall 12.
Fit 4 Life 2020 #4	8:00am	Saude Mental e Cuidados	3:00am	SPL Gardening w/Green City Gro
Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing	9:00am	In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto	6:30am	Doenças Crônicas e Cuid
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, December 23

7:00am El Sistema Winter Bash 2019 City of Somerville Christmas 2020 Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert 2019 7:30am 8:00am Healey School gr. 3-8 Winter Concert 2019 WSNS Winter Concert 2019 9:00am 10:00am All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 2018 Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 2019 Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 2019 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm SHS Winter Concert 2018 Argenziano School Winter Concert 2018 1:00pm 2:30pm 4:00pm Brown School Winter Concert 2018 5:00pmWinter Hill Community School Winter Concert 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm El Sistema Winter Bash 2019 City of Somerville Christmas 2019 Kennedy School Gr. K-3 Winter Concert School Committee Meeting 12.21.20 Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 2019 8:00pm 10:30pm Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 2019 11:00pm

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Monday, December 28 12:00am

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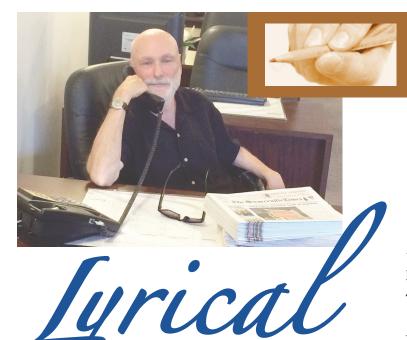
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3:00pm	SHS Alumni Tour 3.24.18
9:00pm	School Committee Meeting 12.21.20

Tuesday, December 29

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OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

'The Girl in the Boston Box' by Chuck Latovich

The Girl in the Boston Box By Chuck Latovich 435 pp. available on Amazon

Review by Off the Shelf correspondent Lee Varon

During the ongoing pandemic, many of us have rediscovered the joy of getting lost in a good book. Especially, for me, this means a mystery. *The Girl in the Boston Box* by Cambridge writer Chuck Latovich is a perfect present for yourself or someone you know.

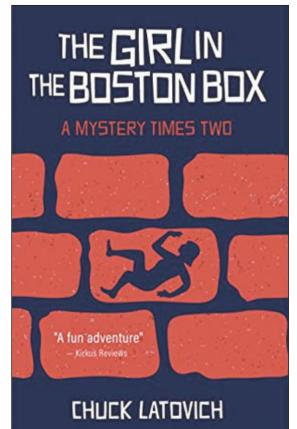
Steeped in Boston lore and landmarks, the book follows two apparently unrelated characters, Mark, a 40-something gay man who works as a tour guide driving Duck Boats for a living, and Caitlyn, a graduate student in architectural history at Harvard.

When the book opens, Mark's brother, from whom he's been estranged for decades, has been murdered, leaving few clues other than the mysterious words "Boston Box" on a scrap of paper in his apartment. The police have contacted Mark to identify his brother's body, and because it seems Mark stands to inherit a hefty sum of money his brother left behind.

From the start, things don't go quite as planned. Mark soon learns that other shadowy figures are laying claim to his brother's money. Meanwhile, in a totally separate storyline, across the river in Cambridge, Caitlyn is studying 19 buildings with hidden rooms called Boston Boxes. Though some of these rooms seem to have been used by the Underground Railroad to hide runaway slaves in pre-Civil War days, as Caitlyn delves further, she uncovers dark secrets and shocking crimes involving Boston's past.

The story of how these two strangers – Mark and Caitlyn – eventually connect is what makes up some of the excitement of *The Girl in the Boston Box*. The book alternates with galloping suspense between Mark and Caitlyn until their stories finally converge.

As an exciting mystery, this book rates five stars, but it's more than just a thriller. I can always tell I



love a book when the characters stay with me long after I've finished reading. I found this with both characters, but especially with Mark. At the beginning he's somewhat down and out. His long-term boyfriend has dumped him. He has no family and seemingly few friends. He lives in a shabby Brighton apartment and is clinging to his job as a Duck Boat driver.

Yet despite this, Mark still has the ability to laugh at himself and to hope for better times. All in all, he's a totally endearing character who bumbles through Boston trying to piece together the clues to his brother's murder. Far from a one-dimensional character, Mark can be at times self-pitying, fearful, and petty, and at other times brave, noble, and selfless. I laughed out loud many times at his spot-on, sometimes ironic, observations of modern-day Bostonians and Cantabrigians. If you want to lose yourself in a truly absorbing book, pick up *The Girl in the Boston Box*. You won't regret it!

This week's contributor writes: "My name is Debbie Sue Toner and I am a Poet. I have won 3 separate poetry contests wherein my poems were officially published. I have been writing poems since grade school. I truly love writing poems for any reason. Besides writing poetry, I enjoy spending time with my husband, my 5 children, and



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my granddaughter. I sincerely hope you enjoy reading one of my many poems!"

A glimpse of my day

The nonstop childhood trauma lives deep within my veins It travels everywhere inside with no decisive lanes As it goes, it carries all my pain my agony and fears It circles round and round again; there is no shifting gears Some days it quiets down a bit, much to my relief But then it rears its ugly head so that relief is brief It only takes a little stress to activate this beast The torture's unbelievable; this cycle can't be ceased To look at me you'd never know this turmoil's going on I have learned to mask my panic because it's never gone So, every day I get dressed up do my makeup and my hair Accordingly, it seems as though I haven't got a care Then I look into the mirror... and question... do I dare

To do what normal people do; my confidence is rare

This takes a lot of energy, but then I start to smile

I look ok, my mask is on, to fight this day in style

I push myself to go about a normal day's routine

I beg, I plead and pray to God, that on Him, I can lean

Contemplating what I must do brings utter fear and pain

It takes the innermost of me til it devours my brain

So, now I must begin my day before it's passed me by

I've accepted that I'll be this way until the day I die

— Debbie Sue Toner

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu The Somerville Turkey – a beloved and hated bird – was put to sleep due to his aggressive behavior...

Somerville Turkey

I spotted you in the middle of Somerville Ave. staring down a Mack truck that shudders in its sedentary place your fleshy, red mottled neck ripples in defiance. Your eyes show no fear just a narrowing focus on this goliath that you must tame with your small head and bird brain. And don't turn away from this townie turkey as he trots to peck your ass but you know the bird has absolutely no class. Mayor Turkatone has left us and finally found a home. — Doug Holder



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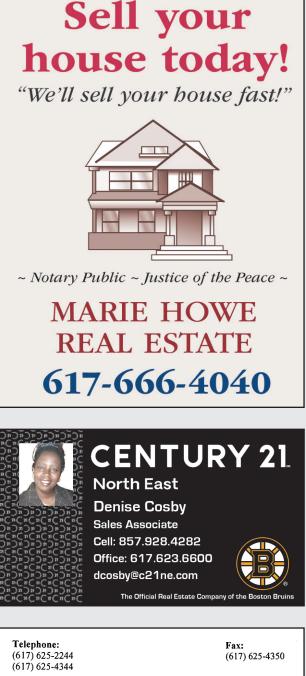
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