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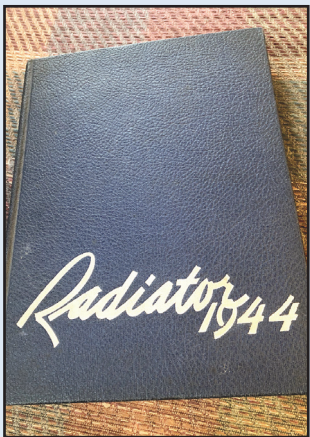


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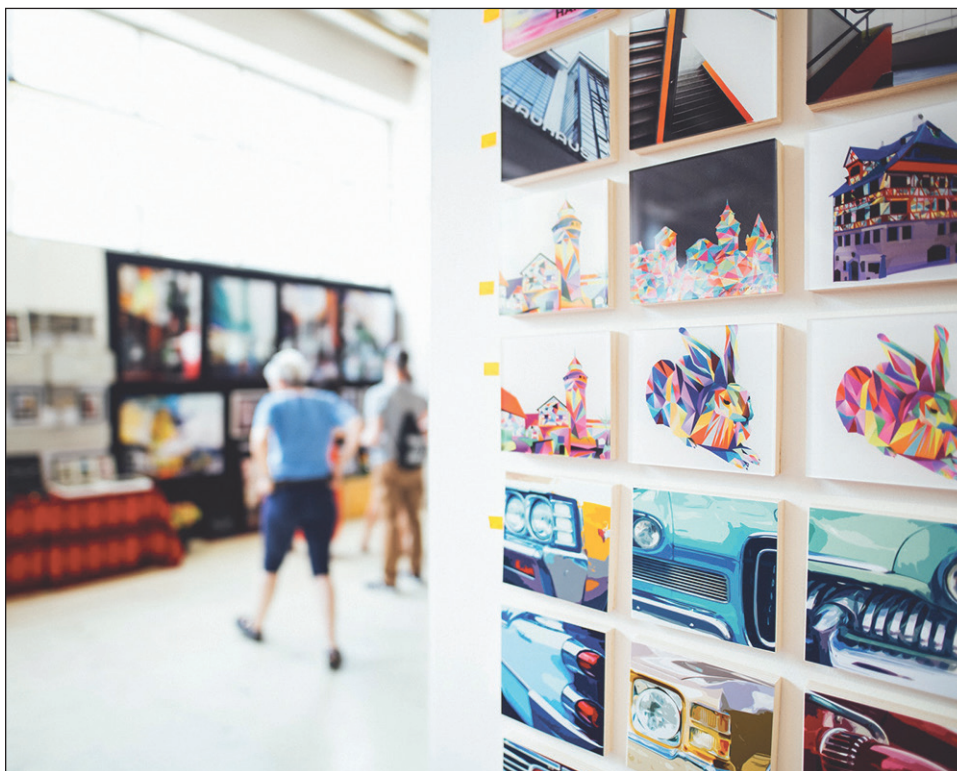
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City Council approves funds for the arts



Among other issues addressed by the Somerville City Council at their latest meeting, a disbursement \$500,000 from the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund to support local arts was approved.

By Max Eidelman

The Somerville City Council met for a remote meeting last Tuesday to address matters ranging from the appointment of the city's next Chief of Police to the financial support of Somerville's arts community.

Chief David Fallon, who has been with the department since 1998, is soon to retire from the position. There is a plan in place to have an interim Chief of Police for one year while the hiring process is conducted. Former Acting Chief of Police Charles Femino has been named to step into that position.

Councilors at the meeting discussed the possibility of the process taking less than a whole year, in which case the interim Chief would simply be replaced when a new one is chosen. Notably, the upcoming hiring process will include the participation of a new position, Director of Racial and Social Justice. This new aspect of the hiring process reflects the city's committed effort to promote a safe *Continued on page 4*

Somerville Winter Farmers Market opens Saturday, December 5

The Center for Arts at the Armory (CAA) has announced that it will host and manage the Somerville Winter Farmers Market (SWFM) every Saturday beginning December 5 through April 10, with online pre-ordering having begun November 29.

This weekly market offers the best locally grown and regionally produced agricultural items, including vegetable produce, cheese, eggs, meats, fish, pastries, and sweets. Each market will feature more than 40 weekly vendors, with 10-14 outside in our parking lot.

The mission of the Somerville Winter Farmers Market is to bring healthy, local food and products to all customers regardless of economic status. In addition to cash, credit and debit, SNAP/EBT is also accepted at the Somerville Winter Farmers Market, and the market provides a free \$15 match for every SNAP / EBT customer. The market is also participating in the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), which allows qualifying customers *Continued on page 4*



The Somerville Winter Farmers Market is establishing alternative methods for keeping itself operating through the 2020-2021 season.

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As the **holiday gift shopping season** intensifies, it’s important to remember that our local merchants are depending on us all to do our best to **shop local**. With the challenges they have dealt with over the course of the year, many are struggling to stay in business. Let’s help them to get through this trying time and be here for us in days, months and years to come.

Sad news is hitting us again as **Cuisine en Locale** has announced that it is going out of business, and **ONCE Lounge and Ballroom** will not reopen. We wish the proprietors well and thank them for their contributions to the city’s culinary and entertainment scenes. Read the announcement on their website: <https://www.oncesomerville.com/support/#letter>.

Residential parking enforcement resumed on December 1. If you don’t have a residential parking permit or need to renew yours, now is the time to do it. You can apply for or renew your permit online or via the mail or drop box at the **Parking Department** office. visit [somervillema.gov/parking](https://www.somervillema.gov/parking) or call 311.








Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to the one and only **Nancy Fucile**. We wish Nancy the very best of birthdays and many more. Happy Birthday to **Peter Forcellese**, we wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Lisa Hastings**, celebrating her birthday this week. Happy birthday to **Peter Blaikie**, who is also celebrating this week. We hope he enjoys his birthday. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Linda Nixon, Lee Grassia, Peter Blaikie, Karen Fay, Gordon Crook, Jason Castle, Steve Prescod, James V Avila, Nicholas Cubides** and **Rita Van Steensburg**, 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.

Help plan for the future of the Assembly Square neighborhood by participating in one or more virtual

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of November 25 – December 1 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>November 25</i>	Partly Cloudy	46°/32°	0%	12%	SW 14 mph
 Thursday <i>November 26</i>	Sunny	50°/36°	0%	3%	WSW 11 mph
 Friday <i>November 27</i>	Cloudy	49°/41°	19%	11%	SW 13 mph
 Saturday <i>November 28</i>	Rain	50°/37°	61%	41%	SSW 11 mph
 Sunday <i>November 29</i>	Rain	43°/29°	30%	38%	W 13 mph
 Monday <i>November 30</i>	Partly Cloudy	39°/25°	11%	17%	W 12 mph
 Tuesday <i>December 1</i>	Partly Cloudy	40°/30°	1%	17%	W 11 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Letter to the Editor – November 25

Arthur Moore says:

He was a gem. Only when I got screwed over by a contractor did I get to know this. I went and told him why I had no money for my bill and he just said not to worry. I did pay it when I got back on my feet but he was so nice about it. Great guy.

Bill Shelton says:

Thank you for this remembrance, Ken. The Cohens epitomized “stakeholder capitalism.” They felt and faithfully fulfilled obligations to all stakeholders—employees, suppliers, the broader community, and of course, their own families. Tragically, such commitments are no match for “shareholder capitalism.” It’s only obligation is to ruthlessly maximize profit for only one stakeholder group—owners. For me, it feels a lot better to go to a store where employees know my name, know my community, feel a connection, and are invested in maintaining a relationship. That seems to be a thing of the past. Thirty years ago my neighborhood had two hardware stores. Now, no hardware store, no Somerville Lumber. Just...Home Depot. Even after the Cohens sold Somerville Lumber, Harold continued to have concern for his former employees, inquiring from time to time about how individual employees were doing. How the new owners were treating them. A true mensch.

Response to: Serving Seniors 2020 recognizes pandemic difference-makers

Eleanor Gaccetta says:

Hi Nathan, Thank you for putting this out there. I agree with your opinion and I hope more people would come to agree with this as well. Please see my blog, Pandemic Caregiving for Elder Family Members
Hope this will also help. Thank you!

Response to: 'All Small' exhibit aims to connect people and artists

Val Pullman says:

Very proud of my sister’s incredible work. I have a series of flowers and landscapes on my walls at home. They are beautifully done and are reasonably priced as a gift.

Response to: Poem from the Covid battlefield: ‘The Empty Covid Octopus’ by Julia Kanno

Bridget Galway says:

Amazing!!!

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Life in the

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by Jimmy Del Ponte

Mom's yearbook



I found a piece of family treasure recently that knocked me for a loop.

I got up on the Sunday morning after Thanksgiving, had coffee and a piece of pumpkin pie, right out of the plate, no fork. I'm watching TV, typing with one hand and patting my emotionally needy cat with the other.

After a family holiday like Thanksgiving, I got to thinking about my mom who used to cook up a storm and loved having the family together. She passed in 1986, then we spent holidays with great hosts and chefs like Auntie Olga, Cousin Steve

and Ann, and cousin Mary.

My immediate family all graduated from Somerville High, except for my little brother Joe who jumped ship and went to Boston College High. Dad, mom, Christine and me ... classes of 1938, 1944, 1970, and 1971. This story is about my mom, Geraldine Artone DelPonte's 1944 SHS yearbook.

After an emotional Thanksgiving Day, I started looking through my photo albums and came across my mom's 1944 Somerville High School yearbook. I learned some new things about my mom who's been gone for quite a while.

I have trouble looking at family photos sometimes because emotions and nostalgia often bring me tears. Seeing the yearbook was especially emotional since I still have some unresolved issues with my mom. I never got to say I was sorry for driving her crazy as a kid (and adult), growing up in the '60's,'70's and '80's. I was much more than a handful.

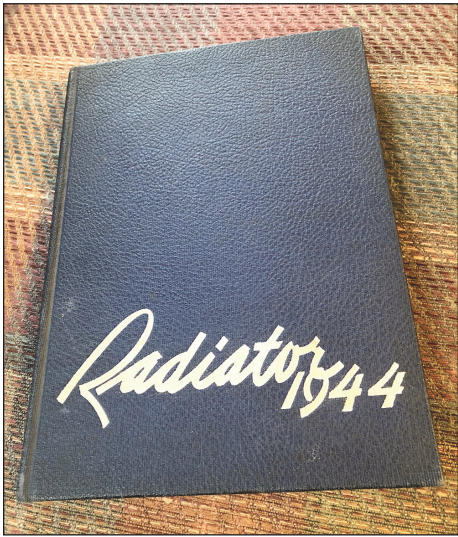
I opened the old book and found my mom's photo quickly since her maiden name was Artone. Right in the front. Her info read like this: Geraldine Artone, 7 Knapp St, Gerry, College, Portia, Debating, Radiator Reporter, favorite hobby, singing, Pet Peeve History, Future, Leland Powers School of Radio.

I was so surprised to see that my mom wanted to attend the Leland Powers

School of Radio. It was located in Boston and produced some very famous and talented broadcasters. She had aspirations of being in the radio business where I enjoyed 23 fun filled years. I never knew it. Another unknown coincidence. Mom has been gone for almost 35 years and I'm just finding this out now.

She loved listening to music and was always singing around the house. She always supported my music and theater projects. She loved for me to play the piano for her friends. *Angel of the Morning* was her favorite song.

I also realized how much my mother looked like my sister Christine at that age. They are together in heaven now. So, you can imagine the feelings that con-

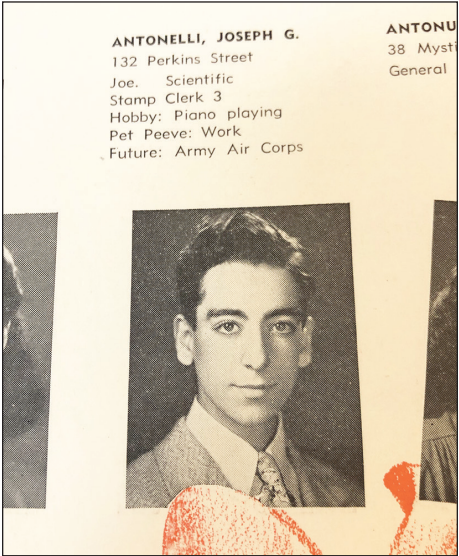


sumed me. Tears and a little blubbering.

Not only did I discover things I never knew about my mom but I also found a lot of other interesting things about Somerville High School's class of 1944. My mom graduated with an extremely talented fellow named Joe Antonelli. Joe was the first person I ever saw sit down and play the piano and hysterically entertain an audience of all ages. Joe was a natural comedian, pianist and entertainer. He was doing what I do ... sit down at piano and let the silliness flow.

Joe's son Jerry, is one of my oldest friends. He was my assistant music director for an original musical called *Here's Somerville* back in 1977. We became pals as kids when our parents were in the Italian American veteran's

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Middlesex District Attorney reminds public of resources amid uptick in overdose deaths

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan is reminding those struggling with addiction, those who care about someone struggling and members of the public about the availability of Narcan and how to access virtual support amid an uptick in overdose deaths. In Middlesex County, between October 14, 2020 and November 16, 2020, there were 17 overdose deaths, six of which occurred over last weekend.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a nationwide increase in feelings of isolation and stress. Today, more than ever, community assistance is critical for individuals struggling with substance use disorders. In Middlesex County we continue to work virtually to build a network of support and resources for those working on the frontlines and for friends and

families. The news this week of a statewide uptick in overdose deaths is deeply concerning.

Although the decline in fatal overdose numbers which we have seen for the past few years continues, any cluster of overdoses signals a need to take preventive action. As we head into another weekend and the Thanksgiving holiday, we want to remind people to remain vigilant. Help is available and many organizations have found ways to continue to offer critical services virtually or while using appropriate public health protocols,” said District Attorney Ryan.

Today we are urging the community and loved ones of individuals struggling with substance use to increase their contact with people who are known to be using heroin or other controlled substances.

While we know it may be difficult to make in-person visits, it is still important to stay connected through phone calls and by making virtual connections. Also, check that Narcan is readily available.

- The statewide Helpline offers free and confidential services at 800.327.5050, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Helpline is also open on all holidays.

- Narcan is available at any pharmacy without a prescription. Learn more at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/how-to-get-naloxone#:~:text=The%20Department%20of%20Public%20Health,supply%20of%20naloxone%20rescue%20kits..>

Over the last month, fatal overdoses have occurred in the Middlesex County communities of Bedford, Burlington, Everett,



Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Maynard, Medford, Somerville, Watertown, Wayland, Westford and Woburn.

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has organized and hosted virtually Opioid Task Force Meetings with health professionals, emergency department personnel and law

enforcement to share resources accessible for everyone and address an increase in anxiety disorder symptoms during the COVID-19 crisis. To see a full list of partners and resources or view past Opioid Task Force meetings, go to <https://www.middlesexda.com/opioid-initiatives/pages/covid-19-opioid-task-force-resources>.

Somerville Winter Farmers Market opens Saturday, December 5

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to be credited for farm-fresh fruits and vegetables at participating HIP vendors.

Rising to the challenges of safely conducting a market during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, this year the market will have online pre-order, possibilities for curbside pickup, and an outdoor market component. ROOTED Armory Cafe & Farmstand will also be open to the public on Saturdays and carry many products from SWFM vendors.

Additionally, Covid-19 mitigation measures such as mandatory mask-wearing, hand sanitization and social distancing will be in effect, and the space will be operating at reduced capacity with specific timeframes set for customers to shop and pick up their groceries.

“The mission of Center for Arts at the Armory is focused on arts, culture and community. The Winter Farmers Market

is most closely related to the health and well-being of our community, and also provides a vital platform for dozens of small businesses and farms. Due to Covid-19, we have faced numerous financial and logistical challenges in launching this year's market season but we are committed to finding a way to make it happen for our community and our vendors,” says Stephanie Scherpf, CAA Executive Director.

“SWFM is a key part of our community—both for our vendors and for our customers. We have adapted the market this year to provide a safe shopping experience for everyone. We want to continue to provide local, healthy food in a me when food insecurity is rising,” says Emily-Reckard Mota, CAA's Market Manager. “Please join us in fostering a sustainable food system by supporting local businesses and farmers during this

challenging me.”

The market will welcome back much-loved vendors, including Red Fire Farm, Heron Pond Farm, Winter Moon Roots, and Freedom Food Farm, each with a wide array of produce and winter greenhouse greens. Angry Honey will have honey to delight in, and Mycoterra will provide mushrooms again this year. Cheeses will be available from Brookford Farm and Oake Knoll Farm, while savory meats will be available from specialty vendors like Stillman Quality Meats and Lilac Hedge (both of which are also returning).

Fresh artisanal pastries will return from Mariposa Bakery as well as newcomer Clark's Cakes and Cookies, while hot or frozen tamales will again be available from market favorite, Tex Mex Eats. Many delectable desserts and confections will be offered from Bliss Bites,



Bart's Handcrafted Ice Cream, and Sweet Lydia's, with chocolate specialties from Tick Tock Chocolates and Sueños Chocolates. Deano's Pasta will offer fresh, homemade pastas, and Soluna Garden Farms will again offer a variety of herbs, spices, and tea blends.

The Center for Arts at the Armory is located at 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. To learn more, and for

a complete listing of vendors, weekly specials and live entertainment, please visit www.somwintermarket.org. You can find the market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SomervilleWinterFarmersMarket, and on Twitter and Instagram @SomWinterMarket.

Please note that the Somerville Winter Farmers Market will not be held on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

City Council approves funds for the arts

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community for all residents and take heed of recent calls for active social reform.

The Council also discussed a process for collecting resident responses to potential neighborhood planning and development. The Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development has been approved to commission independent "Community Impact Studies."

Part of the goal of these studies is to “quantify possible impacts on displacement, rent increases, and other negative outcomes” that may follow from land developments. Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo said these studies are an important measure to “slow down displacement and check all of our possibilities for sustaining all of our residents who want to stay here in Somerville.”

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ew-

en-Campen similarly described the goal of these studies as a way to gather a “truthful, independent, transparent account of some of the negative consequences that can accompany large scale developments.” This process will allow residents to voice concerns in advance of developments that might otherwise alter their living situation.

A variety of other city matters were discussed at the meeting,

including a discussion about support for the local arts community. The pandemic has, of course, dealt a serious blow to artists and performers, people whose success inherently relies on a public audience.

In an effort to help this community, the Council unanimously approved Mayor Curtatone's request to disburse \$500,000 from the Covid-19 Stabilization Fund. This money will be used

by the Somerville Arts Council to distribute relief grants to folks in the city's arts community. This act is testament to the city's care for the sustainability of the community in all its facets.

The City Council is scheduled to meet again remotely on Tuesday, December 10. Details for how participate or live-stream the meeting remotely will become available on the city's website as the date approaches.

Volunteers power Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels deliveries

By Nathan Lamb

Nearly 70 volunteers braved a rainy November morning to help Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) make Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels deliveries on November 24. SCES delivers a Thanksgiving meal – with turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables and pumpkin pie – to local older adults who want one each year. The program usually gets around 320 requests, but this year there were almost 550, said SCES Nutrition Director Meghan Ostrander. “I think there’s a real need right now, and it probably has a lot to do with people staying home this Thanksgiving, instead of visiting family,” said Ostrander.

Thanksgiving is a day off for SCES Meals on Wheels drivers, who have been active as essential workers throughout the pandemic. SCES Volunteer Coordinator Lindsey Smilack said the volunteers make it possible to give the regular drivers the day off. “It means a lot to us that volunteers want to help in a hands-on way and support older adults in their community, especially in this uncommonly challenging year,” said Smilack. “I am well aware that many of our volunteers are experiencing hardships of their own, so it is touching that people are motivated to help others.” Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels is the agency’s most popular volunteer event. There were some changes this year due



Socially distanced volunteers lined up in the rain to help Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services with Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels deliveries on November 24. The 69 volunteers delivered roughly 550 meals.



Longtime SCES volunteers Brett Graham and Jennifer Helfer were among the 69 volunteers who helped Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services deliver thanksgiving Meals on Wheels. Most drivers made about 10 deliveries, but Brett and Jennifer picked up the slack for a couple of drivers who couldn’t make it, and made 33 deliveries that morning.

to COVID, most notably adopting contactless delivery and requiring volunteers to fill out a COVID screening form. SCES staffers reached out to older adults in recent weeks, to ask if they wanted a Thanksgiving meal. SCES Director of Quality Improvement and Compliance Rachel Berry said the uptick in interest was noticeable. “I was surprised how many people wanted the meals, and seemed relieved and delighted that they would be getting a turkey dinner after all,” said Berry. “Folks were very grateful.” Home Care Administrative Assistant Ellen Provencher made 113 calls in that effort,

and said it led to a lot of nice conversations. “Many of the people I called were very thankful for the offer,” said Provencher. “Many told me about their plans for the holiday, and that was nice.” Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a not-for-profit that supports independence and well-being of older adults in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information about nutrition programs or volunteering, or for free and advice and guidance on questions of aging, caregiving, or disability, contact our Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 or email info@eldercare.org.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Sourdough Eggnog French Toast

Leftovers, it’s what’s for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. But in this case, breakfast! When I went to fetch the eggs and milk for the French toast, I stumbled upon the eggnog and decided to use it instead. Let’s just say the final result did not disappoint. The combination with the sliced almonds and syrup are a match made in heaven. Give it a try.

3 large sourdough rolls, sliced into 3 pieces from side to side or 6 pieces of sourdough bread slices
2 large eggs
3/4 - 1 cup eggnog
1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
1 tablespoon butter, divided

Pure maple syrup – and not the fake stuff!

In a shallow, wide bottomed bowl, scramble two eggs, then add the eggnog and blend well. Dip the bread into the mixture and coat all sides. Preheat a griddle or non-stick pan and add a 1/2 tablespoon butter if the pan or griddle isn’t big enough to cook all the French toast at the same time. Use the full tablespoon if your griddle can accommodate all 6 slices of bread. Cook over medium heat for about 3 minutes per side until golden brown. Serve with the sliced almonds and maple syrup. Serves 2.

Visit Dorothy’s website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.



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Assembly Square wish list



By William C. Shelton

The poet Federico Garcia Lorca wrote that La Rambla was the only street in the world that he wished would never end. It is a linear plaza running three-quarters of a mile, from Barcelona's center to the Mediterranean.

Overarching deciduous trees provide summer shade and conduct winter sunshine while buffering the plaza from what we in Somerville now call "calmed" auto traffic on either side.

Visual artists sell their work in the plaza. Street-food stalls feed passersby. Musicians and dancers perform. Lovers promenade together, while geezers like me take the air, encountering old friends and making new acquaintances.

What resurrects my memories of La Rambla – and its twin, Havana's Paseo del Prado – is the city planning staff's effort to update the Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan. Although live public participation is scheduled throughout this week, you can continue to submit your ideas in writing and online, as well as in the "charrette" sessions.

My fondest wish for Assembly Square is for La Rambla to run its north-south length. More on that later.

It's difficult to overstate the importance of getting Assembly Square right. Not doing so would squander the \$10-billion road, rail, highway, bike trail and water transport nexus that surrounds it like no other critical mass of developable land remaining in Greater Boston.

Such squandering almost happened twenty years ago. But an eight-year conflict prevented development of a collection of suburban-style big-box stores and eventually yielded peace, and development of Assembly Row as we now enjoy it.

The fact is that Somerville cannot achieve live-work balance and meet its goals for jobs, fiscal health, open space, affordable housing, and sustainability without developing the right mix of uses in Assembly Square. And those uses won't attract and retain users without effective and appealing design of their built environment. In hopes of contributing to that effort, I offer the following wish list.

Plan for a use mix that can pay for what Somerville needs and moderate residential taxes.

The Plan must serve the whole city since we have no other asset like Assembly Square. A mix of commercial and great open-space uses should dominate all future development in Assembly Square, with supporting hotels, services, entertainment, and retail.

Build just enough residential uses to ensure the eighteen-hour street activity that increases security.

Commercial uses can gener-



Viewed from the Mediterranean's edge, La Rambla continues out of sight to the city's center.

ate tax revenues that support affordable housing elsewhere in the city. But few other Somerville locations can host similar commercial uses that generate equivalent tax revenue.

Ensure that a substantial portion of residential units can accommodate families, particularly in meeting the 20% affordability requirement.

If we want a real neighborhood, we need kids and the relationships that adults form around them. Explore the feasibility of market-rate workforce housing, i.e., housing affordable to households earning 80-to-120% of Area Median Income.

Build high to maximize (and pay for) green space.

Moderately tall commercial

buildings along I-93 can also help reduce deadly ultrafine particle pollution for the rest of the Square.

Maintain continuous street walls with lots of windows and doors.

Humans feel more secure when buildings come up to the sidewalk and do not have blank walls. They are more engaged and linger when building surfaces are interesting. Good design can make small pocket parks part of the street wall and a much-appreciated amenity. But...

Concentrate usable green space to achieve scale.

Require underground parking and, wherever possible, activated and/or green roofs.

This adds to development costs, but tall buildings can amortize those costs over more leasable square feet.

Strengthen pedestrian, auto, transit and bicycle connections with the rest of Somerville and the region.

Do not allow construction that would preclude the eventual possibility of a McGrath Highway extension under I-93, connecting to Foley Street.

Don't be concerned about keeping the courthouse as it is if its demolition and its replacement – there or elsewhere – can produce a better plan. It is not an historical or noteworthy

building. Its green space is now not usable while it could host something that buffers Assembly Square from McGrath traffic. And finally,

Build a paseo like La Rambla running the north-south length of Assembly Square.

Site it along Grand Union Boulevard's present location or (less desirably) along the driveway that now fronts the Assembly Marketplace and Home Depot buildings and bisects the Xmbly site.

I challenge anyone to show me how this is frivolous or unfeasible. It would serve as a community center and gathering place for the neighborhood. It would be an enormous draw of customers for the Square's retail vendors and service providers. It would be a compelling amenity for office workers and hotel guests. It would attract visitors from across the region.

And it would leverage the social capital represented by Somerville's highest-in-New-England proportion of visual and performing artists. It would create a marketplace for them, with minimal costs to them.

Think about it. Meanwhile, I hope that my wish list has stimulated your own wishful thinking. Please share your thoughts as part of the planning process. It takes a village of diverse citizens to evolve great places.



Perspective foreshortens the view and compresses the crowd under spring leaves.

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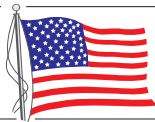
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Be sure to remember to shop local – and safe – this holiday season.

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Here comes the holiday shopping season, and we are ready to embrace the opportunity to celebrate with the spirit enthusiasm and optimism, in spite of the trials and tribulations we have all faced in the past several months.

We know how to lift ourselves, to rise to the occasion and make the most of what we have, in spite of whatever challenges may confront us.

The upcoming holidays provide us with the opportunity to share our bounty and to take stock in all the good things that life here has to offer.

We know that prosperity of spirit is far more important than the material wealth that may elude us from time to time. It may sound trite, but when you really think about it seriously the truth of it becomes clear.

"Local First" applies to our friends, families, and the occasional stranger as much as it does to our local economy. It's a time to be a little kinder, and a little gentler with one another, as well as help local business to both survive and thrive.

We are certain that the rewards to be gained from this will soften the effects of whatever excesses we may experience along the way.

After all the difficulties that local businesses have faced lately, we owe it to them to give as much trade to them as we can, to help them weather the storm and pull through as we head into the new year.

Better times are coming as we begin to see the end of the pandemic, and we all want our favorite business establishments carry on and be here for us for years to come. And for that you know what to do.

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sessions of the city's **Assembly Square Neighborhood Plan Update Public Design Charrettes**. Sessions are planned for **Monday, November 30**, through **Friday, December 4**, and will allow residents to share their ideas, talk with their neighbors, and learn more about Assembly Square planning. Meetings left this week are **Open Design Studio, Wednesday, December 2**, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., and **Thursday, December 3**, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Join these virtual meetings to talk with the design team and provide feedback and ask questions as the plan ideas evolve. The **Work-in-Progress Presentation** will take place on **Friday, December 4** at 6:30 p.m. See all of the work completed during the charrette week at the "wrap-up" presentation. These sessions will shape the future of the Assembly Square neighborhood, so public input is critical. The results of these public meetings and presentations will be captured in a document that, once adopted, will provide the basis for decision making, development, and planning as Somerville and the Assembly Square neighborhood move into the future. Learn more, including how to join each session, at <https://somervoice.somervillema.gov/assemblynp>, and help us prepare by filling out the **Assembly Square Community Survey** found at the bottom of that page. You can also sign up for the **Assembly Square mailing list** at shorturl.at/dpvT9.

This holiday season, they are lining **Assembly Row** with six **12-foot Christmas trees**, each decorated by a local nonprofit. Throughout the month of December, visit each tree and vote for your favorite to help determine who will receive a \$2,500 grand prize donation. Read about each nonprofit and find their tree using the map provided at <https://assemblyrow.com/deckthecause>.

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Carole Norton**, who passed away on **November 22** with her loving family by her side. She was the sister-in-law of **Donald and Patty Norton**. Carole was a great person and very much loved by her family and friends. She will be missed.

Join local businesses **December 4 – December 12** for **The Holiday Stroll**, a week-long celebration of **Union Square** sparkle, discovery, and holiday delight and enter to win cash prizes up

to \$1000. Get **Merry with a Mask** and enter to win cash prizes up to \$1000 by helping to judge the **Storefront Decoration Contest**, conquering the **Keep Small Strong Challenge** when enjoying unique eats and rad retail, following the **Festivus Trail**, and taking **Elfie Selfies**. Dozens of locally-owned businesses await with all you need to stuff your stockings, deck your halls with local art, make your tastebuds celebrate, and more. For more info, visit: <https://www.unionsquaremain.org/holiday-stroll>.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, **Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis**, and **Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne** invite you to attend the third virtual community meeting about the **Holland Street and College Avenue Mobility Improvements project** on **Wednesday, December 9**, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place on the GoToMeeting webinar platform. Register to attend at bit.ly/HollandCollegeMeeting3. At the meeting, staff will review the community process to date and present the proposed final design for changes to improve roadway safety for all users and support sustainable, multimodal transportation. The proposed design includes

new crosswalks, protected bike lanes, bus priority lanes, traffic-calming bump-outs, and other changes. Staff will take questions and additional input from community members. The proposed final design is available for review at somervoice.somervillema.gov/hollandandcollege. For more information or to provide feedback, please contact the **Mobility Division** at transportation@somervillema.gov.

Please join the **GLX project team** for a general project update. This presentation will feature a visual tour of the project showing the latest progress on construction activities. The meeting will be held via a Zoom webinar on **December 9**, 6:30 p.m. Register in advance for this webinar: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EOA6uxlbRzKUYEVWoSHouQ. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. For more information on GLX visit www.mass.gov/glx.

The city is making \$500,000 in **Covid-19 relief funds** available to cover rental and certain mortgage arrears for income-eligible Somerville residents regardless of

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What was the name of the second Indiana Jones movie?

2. What is the official state fruit of New Hampshire?

3. Which actress plays Katniss Everdeen in the *Hunger Games* movies?

4. What is sodium bicarbonate better known as?

5. In the acronym AKA, what does the K stand for?

6. The winner of which award receives the Maurice Podoloff Trophy?

7. In the *Star Wars*

movies, which moon is home to the Ewoks?

8. In what year was the 3 point field goal introduced to the NBA?

9. The TV series *Breaking Bad* was set in which U.S. city?

10. *Call Me Maybe* was a global hit for which Canadian singer?

11. Who was the first country artist to sell over 10 million copies of an album?

12. Which acid is present in table vinegar?

Answers on page 15

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

2. A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

DISNEY

ACROSS

1. Bambi and others like him

6. Nail a criminal

9. Use a paring knife

13. Cornucopia's shape

14. Lawyers' org.

15. Interior designer's focus

16. Gibson Girl Ice Cream Parlor's draw

17. 1/100 of afghani

18. Tapestry

19. Minnie Mouse's full first name

21. "Be Our Guest" performer

23. Kukui nut necklace

24. #22 Down competitor

25. Dojo pad

28. Pillow filler

30. Detected

35. Burden of proof

37. Ness' domain

39. Vernacular

40. Poker amount

41. Divvy up

43. U.S. freshwater invader

44. Relating to nose

46. Golfer's warning

47. "The Three Musketeers" dueling sword

48. Isaac of science fiction fame

50. "The Princess Diaries" leading actress

52. Pigpen

53. Candle burner

55. Greek letters on campus

57. Remy's idol Auguste ____

61. Pongo's mate

65. Radio sign

66. J. Edgar Hoover's org.

68. Was dishonest with, two words

69. Iago and Kevin

70. Scar to Simba, e.g.

71. At the point of death, archaic

72. Command to Fido

73. Seed alternative, to a landscaper

74. Loses color

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1. Fraud

2. Famous Amos

3. Before long, to Shakespeare

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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.

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Winter 2020/21, park **EVEN** during snow season in Somerville

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

Sign up for city alerts

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

or by calling 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the city). Please sign up for alerts in all ways you are able to receive them.

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

Please pay attention to information sources when snow is approaching

In addition to direct city alerts, the city announces snow emergencies in a number of ways, including but not limited to announcements to local and regional TV, radio, print, online, and social media news sources; alerts on the city's website, www.somervillema.gov; alerts via the 311 Somerville App; postings on the city's social media feeds including www.facebook.com/somervillecity and [@somervillecity](https://twitter.com/somervillecity) on Twitter; alerts on City Cable TV (Comcast Ch. 22, RCN Ch.

13 & Ch. 613); and flashing blue lights at major intersections.

Snow emergency parking information

Once a snow emergency has been declared, residents have four hours to move vehicles to the correct side of the street, or into a designated municipal parking lot.

Vehicles not moved during this window of time may be ticketed (\$100 fine) and towed (\$100 fine assessed by the tow company for the tow).

Vehicles parked within 20 feet of any intersection may be ticketed and towed.

For a list of designated municipal parking lots available for snow emergency parking, visit www.somervillema.gov/snow.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for phone, email, and text alerts by visiting www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

Reminder: No parking in school lots during snow emergencies

As a reminder, parking is no longer allowed in school parking lots during snow emergencies. Four hours after a snow emergency is called, gates to school parking lots will be



closed and locked until the emergency is lifted.

Additional off-street parking will still be available in other municipal parking lots, such as the metered lots in business districts. As always, we also encourage residents with access to driveways to please use them during snow emergencies or, if not needed, make them available to neighbors to help alleviate demand for on-street parking. A

map of available municipal lots for snow emergency parking can be found at www.somervillema.gov/snow, along with general snow emergency policy information.

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

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Scope of work: The Contractor shall provide all labor and tools to provide the necessary work as directed for the completion of the electrical service for the SHA state elderly facility, Bryant Manor, in Somerville, MA. The Contractor shall apply for and obtain permits and regulatory approvals as may be required. The SHA shall reimburse the contractor the amount paid. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

The Contractor shall be required on site within one week as scheduled by SHA.


Stock and Materials: The Contractor shall use SHA furnished fixtures and finishes unless otherwise authorized. Items purchased by the Contractor at the SHA's request shall be billed at no more than cost plus 15%. The Contractor will be required to present the original itemized invoice to the SHA. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

Payment Invoicing: Contractor's invoicing must be itemized to reflect contract pricing for each item.

Proposal information will be available on **Thursday, December 3rd at 11:00AM** and can be obtained by emailing Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org.

Proposals must be received by **2:00PM on Thursday, December 17th**. Proposals can be emailed to travisp@sha-web.org. Please contact Travis Panzini at travisp@sha-web.org with any questions.

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SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
Mayor

Community Preservation Act Funds are available for Affordable Housing Development/Housing Support Programs in the City of Somerville.

The Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (SAHTF) is reopening its annual process of local distribution of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds that are designated for Somerville community housing projects and programs. Approximately \$767,982 in FY21 CPA Housing funds will be made available through one competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) processes to provide funding for:

- The support of affordable housing in Somerville by housing program providers (rental assistance programs, etc.).

The RFP will be posted and available starting on **November 30, 2020**. The proposal submission deadline for the RFP is **3:00pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2020**.

Full instructions for proposal submission are included in the RFP. The RFP will be available for download at the City of Somerville's website at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/affordable-housing-trust-fund> by clicking on "Funding and Opportunities".

More information about eligible uses and funding priorities is available in pages 1-2 of the RFP.

For questions please contact City of Somerville, (617) 625-6600 x2560 or by email at kdonato@somervillema.gov.

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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 I pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On November 23, 2020, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) filed a TIER I Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact William Betters, LSP of CDW Consultants, Inc. at 6 Huron Drive, Natick, MA 01701 508-875-2657. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-35997 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP, 205B Lowell Street Wilmington, MA 01887, 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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Mom's yearbook CONT. FROM PG 3

club called ITAMS. He's a multi-talented musician and much more. Also, my mom was Gerry and he was Jerry! The Antonelli connection was a highlight of things I discovered in the 1944 SHS yearbook.



Another gem was finding out that Somerville High School's vice headmaster was Albert H. Giroux in 1944. He was still there as the principal (or headmaster) when my sister and I went there between 1967 and 1971. He had quite a career. We actually used to refer to him as "Mr. Ji-Rocks." He was a good guy who never bothered anyone. When I was at SHS Mr. Joyce was his Vice Principal and strongarm man. We called him "Junior Ji-Rocks," but never to his face, of course. I hold these two educators in the highest esteem.

I saw many familiar names in mom's 1944 yearbook that were probably parents of kids my age. Maybe classmates and friends of mine just like Joe Antonelli's kids. It was a very interesting and emotional look back at the time when my mother was a young schoolgirl in Somerville.

It's amazing what you can find out about your parents by reading their high school yearbook. You realize that they were young once with hopes and dreams. Look around for your parent's high school yearbook. It's a very heart warming and interesting look back at mom and dad.



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and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/somerville.times.1

Somerville house left leaning after storm

An Oak Street house in Somerville was blown to one side, threatening damage to a neighboring home, as a powerful storm hit the region Monday evening. The house, which has been undergoing renovation, leaned precariously to one side as the weather system blasted through the area.

Residents of the home next door were alarmed as they watched the structure gradually tilt towards them, but catastrophe was averted when emergency crews put support beams in place to prop the building up until the storm passed.

The house is scheduled to be demolished after the incident rendered its structural integrity unsafe. Demolition is set to begin on Wednesday, with the building being taken apart from the top down, starting with the roof.

According to reports, Monday's storm knocked out power to nearly 50,000 homes in the region.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner



The Illuminations Tour is very much...ON!



Yet, in a safe, deconstructed way. Time to light things up Somerville —and take self-guided tours, while supporting local businesses.

Even though, they will not be conducting traditional trolley tours this winter, the bright spirit of Somerville will shine on. So whether you're a business or a resident, time to deck the halls and plug things in. Somerville Arts Council is hoping that each neighborhood and square gets involved. They'll then create a digital map so folks can take a "deconstructed tour" on their own time, supporting local businesses as they go. So, as a participant or tour goer, let's celebrate the folk artistry and creativity of residents and businesses that transform their spaces and yards with lights, ornaments, and shrines of devotion and fantasy.

Illuminations 2020 map will be available starting on December 12
Illuminations (lights and business specials) will continue through January 1, 2021. The map will include different emojis and map layers to indicate different high-lights you can visit, for example:

- Our traditional Illuminations "winners" houses— with history and descriptions you can read about:
- ♦ New additions— Crowd-sourced suggestions of snazzy displays not to be misses
 - ♦ Art Installations around the city including the Lantern Community Project
 - ♦ Participating businesses that will be offering Illuminations specials

Do you want to be part of this year's Illuminations? Are you illuminating your home or is your business offering something special? Tell us more here, submit by December 6th. <https://forms.gle/K1x53vimTadT1k1d6>

Community Lantern Project: The Neighborhood Edition
Create your own Community Lantern installation in your neighborhood! Building off the creative energy of the recent Ignite installation, we will be encouraging residents to recreate their own lantern displays in their neighborhoods and Squares. If you are interested in leading the charge in your neighborhood, contact us by December 6 and we will put you on the official Illuminations Deconstructed Map. Submit the information here via the Google Forms <https://forms.gle/Kea4haTn2Ws2PmrF8>

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



A Vicks VapoRub truck tipped over on the highway today.
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On This Day in History December 2

- 1804** – Napoleon Bonaparte crowns himself Emperor of France in Notre Dame Cathedral.
- 1823** – President James Monroe proclaims the principles known as the Monroe Doctrine.
- 1867** – People wait in mile-long lines to hear Charles Dickens give his first reading in New York City.
- 1927** – The new Ford Model A is introduced to the American public.
- 1944** – General George S. Patton's troops enter the Saar Valley and break through the Siegfried line.
- 1982** – Dentist Barney Clark receives the first permanent artificial heart, developed by Dr. Robert K. Jarvik.
- 1993** – NASA launches Space Shuttle Endeavor on a mission to repair the Hubble Space Telescope.

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Wednesday, December 2

12:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Community Bulletin Board

7:30am DW In Good Shape

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Global 3000

9:30am Both Sides of the Bars

10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update

11:30am From My Heart to Yours

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

2:00pm Colores Latinos

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm DW Conflict Zone

4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

5:00pm Hello Neighbor

5:30pm From My Heart to Yours

6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP

7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment

8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits

8:30pm DW Euromaxx

9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, December 3

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash

1:00am Free Speech TV

1:30am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am DW Conflict Zone

7:30am DW Euromaxx

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Tomorrow Today

9:30am Hello Neighbor

10:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:30am The Chef's Table Series

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm The Somerville Line

1:30pm The Somerville Line

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

4:30pm The Struggle

5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:00pm #AFAD

6:30pm #AFAD

7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

8:00pm LIVE - Our View

9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony

10:00pm Community Bulletin Board

10:30pm The World Fusion Show

11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, December 4

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00am SCATV Secret Stash

1:30am SCATV Secret Stash

2:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Euromaxx

9:30am Strata

10:00am NASA TV

11:00am SOM ARTS

11:30am Cambridge Calendar

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement

2:00pm Somerville Pundits

2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm Gay USA

5:00pm DW Global 3000

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm Grandstanders

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:30pm Greater Somerville

9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, December 5

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night

1:00am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am DW Focus on Europe

7:00am Effort Pour Christ

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am SMC Youth Media

9:30am Science 360

10:00am Dead Air Live

11:00am TeleGalaxie

12:00pm Somerville Storytellers

1:00pm Tele Magazine

2:00pm Reeling Review

3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session

4:00pm Tele Kreyol

5:00pm Henry Parker Presents

5:30pm Henry Parker Presents

6:00pm Somerville Pundits

6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go

7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

8:00pm #AFAD

9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes

10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash

11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, December 6

12:00am Flotilla

1:00am NASA TV

1:30am NASA TV

2:00am NASA TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00am Effort Pour Christ

9:00am NASA TV

10:00am Tele Kreyol

11:00am House of Representatives Formal Session

12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment

1:00pm SOM ARTS

1:30pm SNN Neighborhood Update

2:00pm Chico and B-Man

3:00pm African Television Network

4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade

5:00pm Gay USA

6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

8:00pm Dead Air Live

9:00pm Tele Magazine

10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

11:00pm TUTV

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, December 7

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Somerville Storytellers

7:30am Going Postal

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am Science 360

10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am Our View

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm SOM ARTS

1:30pm Somerville Storytellers

2:00pm NASA TV

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm African Television Network

5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP

6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

7:00pm Tele Galaxie

8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction

9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade

10:00pm Colores Latinos

11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, December 8

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am NASA TV

8:00am Democracy Now!

9:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:00am Strata

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction

3:00pm Democracy Now!

4:00pm SMC Youth Media

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5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

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6:30pm From My Heart to Yours

7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live

9:00pm The World Fusion Show

10:00pm Totally Working Out

11:00pm Box House Productions Presents

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, December 2

6:00am Somerville-Medford-Tufts COVID Testing

7:00am Finance Committee Meeting 11.23.20

8:40am In the Principal's Office - SHS

9:00am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

9:30am SPL Cooking 14

9:37am SPL Cooking 13

9:43am SPL Cooking 10

9:46am SPL Cooking 11

10:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am City Council Meeting 11.24.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

4:30pm Raising Families

5:00pm Saude Mental e Cuidados com

6:00pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

6:30pm City Council Meeting 11.24.20

10:32pm Saude Mental e Cuidados

11:12pm SPL Cooking 13

11:18pm SPL Cooking 02

11:30pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

Thursday, December 3

12:00am School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

2:33am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

3:02am SPD Ride Along

6:30am ResiStat Meeting: Mental Health & Wellness

7:05am In the Principal's Office - SHS

7:30am Raising Families

8:00am Serenading Seniors at Capen Court

8:50am Mayor Curtatone: COVID Update

9:00am Senior Circuit: Nutrition

9:31am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

10:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am National Day of Action

12:00pm Senior Circuit: Nutrition

12:31pm Finance Committee Meeting 11.23.20

2:30pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

3:00pm Serenading Seniors at Capen Court

4:00pm Yoga w/Janine #3

5:00pm In the Principal's Office - SHS

5:30pm Somerville-Medford-Tufts COVID Testing

6:30pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

7:00pm City Council Meeting 11.24.20

11:02pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

Friday, December 4

12:00am Senior Circuit: Nutrition

12:31am Finance Committee Meeting 11.23.20

6:30am Veterans' Day 2020

6:36am Connecting Communities

7:04am In the Principal's Office - SHS

7:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

8:15am SPD Ride Along

8:30am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

9:00am Connecting Communities

9:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

2:03pm Finance Committee Meeting 11.23.20

4:00pm Yoga w/Janine #3

4:30pm Somerville-Medford-Tufts COVID Testing

5:30pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

7:00pm Connecting Communities

7:30pm City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting

9:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 11.23.20

10:41pm In the Principal's Office - SHS

11:00pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

Saturday, December 5

12:00am Public Utilities & Public Works 12.1.20

7:00am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

8:16am SPL Cooking 14

8:23am SPL Cooking 13

8:30am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

9:00am SPL Cooking 10

9:03am SPL Cooking 11

9:10am SPL Cooking 02

9:20am SPL Cooking 05

9:30am Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

12:00pm Public Utilities & Public Works 12.1.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:30pm Raising Families

5:00pm Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

5:30pm Public Utilities & Public Works 12.1.20

8:00pm Land Use Meeting 11.19.20

10:15pm SPD Ride Along

10:30pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

11:00pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

11:30pm In the Principal's Office - SHS

Sunday, December 6

12:00am Connecting Communities

12:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

2:00am Saude Mental e Cuidados

6:30am Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

8:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

9:00am Senior Circuit: Nutrition

10:00am Serenading Seniors at Capen Court

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

12:00pm Senior Circuit: Nutrition

12:31pm Public Utilities & Public Works 12.1.20

4:00pm Yoga w/Janine #3

5:00pm City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting

6:30pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

7:00pm Senior Circuit: Nutrition

7:31pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

8:00pm SPL Cooking 07

8:04pm SPL Cooking 09

8:09pm SPL Cooking 03

8:23pm SPL Cooking 12

8:30pm Somerville-Medford-Tufts COVID Testing

9:30pm Connecting Communities

10:00pm ResiStat Meeting

11:00pm Senior Circuit: Nutrition

11:31pm Raising Families

Monday, December 7

12:00am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

1:30am Serenading Seniors at Capen Court

2:30am Veterans' Day 2020

6:00am ResiStat Meeting

6:40am In the Principal's Office - SHS

7:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

7:49am Health & Hygiene PSA 2020

8:00am Yoga w/Janine #3

8:30am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

9:00am Land Use Meeting 11.19.20

11:15am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

12:00pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

3:00pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #4

4:30pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

7:00pm School Committee Meeting - LIVE

11:00pm Connecting Communities

Tuesday, December 8

12:00am Public Utilities & Public Works 12.1.20

3:00am Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados

6:00am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

7:30am School Committee Update: Andre Green

8:00am Yoga w/Janine #3

8:30am National Day of Action

8:45am SPL Cooking 08 - Nicoise Salad 06072020

9:00am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

9:30am Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am SPL Cooking 11

11:37am SPL Cooking 12

11:44am SPL Cooking 04

12:00pm Senior Circuit: Nutrition

12:31pm Legislative Matters 11.17.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #4

4:30pm The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

6:00pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education"

6:30pm Connecting Communities

7:00pm Senior Circuit: Nutrition

7:32pm In the Principal's Office - SHS

8:00pm Legislative Matters 12.3.20

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, November 25

8:00am SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

8:30am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

9:30am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

10:30am SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

11:00am SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

11:30am SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

12:30pm Tufts-Medford-SPS Testing Partnership

1:30pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

4:30pm SPL Book Talk - Susanne Althoff - 10.28.20

5:30pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

6:30pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

7:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

8:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

8:30pm SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

9:30pm Tufts-Medford-SPS Testing Partnership

10:30pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

Thursday, November 26

1:03am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

2:00am SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

7:00am SHS Football vs Cambridge 11.21.8

9:30am SHS Football vs Cambridge 11.28.19

12:00pm SHS Football vs CRLS 11.22.17

2:30pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

3:01pm SHS Football Conditioning Session 10.8.20

3:30pm In The Principals Office - LaGambina

4:00pm SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

4:30pm SHS Football vs Malden 9.20.19

7:00pm SHS Football vs Cambridge 11.28.19

9:03pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

10:00pm SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16]

Friday, November 27

1:00am SHS Boys Soccer v W Springfield

7:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

8:00am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

9:00am SPL Book Talk - Susanne Althoff - 10.28.20

10:00am School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

1:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

1:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

2:00pm In The Principals Office - LaGambina

2:30pm SHS Boys Soccer Conditioning Session

3:00pm SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

4:00pm In The Principals Office - LaGambina

4:30pm SPL Gardening w Green City Growers

5:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

6:00pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

7:00pm SPL Book Talk - Susanne Althoff - 10.28.20

8:00pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

11:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

11:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

Saturday, November 28

12:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

1:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea

7:00am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

8:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

9:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Andover 2.25.15

10:30am SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

11:00am SHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover

1:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett 11.4.15

3:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere

5:00pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

6:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

7:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Andover 2.25.15

8:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

9:00pmSHS Boys' Basketball Playoff vs Andover 3.3.16

11:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett 11.4.15

Sunday, November 29

1:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere 11.2.18

3:00am SHS Hockey vs Cambridge 2.17.18

7:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice I

8:00am School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

11:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere 11.2.18

1:00pm MIAA Qtrfinal -SHS Boys Soccer vs E. Boston

3:00pm MIAA Qtrfinal SHS Boys Basketball @ Everett

4:30pm SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin 2.26.19

6:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice I

7:00pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

10:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere

Monday, November 30

12:00amMIAA Qtrfinal -SHS Boys Soccer vs E. Boston

2:00am MIAA Qtrfinal SHS Boys Basketball @ Everett

3:30am SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin 2.26.19

7:00am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

8:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

9:00am SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

9:30am SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

10:00am SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

11:00am Tufts-Medford-SPS Testing Partnership

12:00pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

3:00pm SPL Book Talk - Susanne Althoff - 10.28.20

4:00pm School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

5:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

6:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

6:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

7:00pm SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

8:00pm Tufts-Medford-SPS Testing Partnership

9:00pm School Committee Meeting 11.16.20

Tuesday, December 1

12:00am SHS Hockey vs Cambridge 2.17.18

1:15am Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC

8:00am School Committee Update: Emily Ackman

8:30am SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

9:00am SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

9:30am SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

10:30am In The Principals Office - LaGambina

11:00am Tufts-Medford-SPS Testing Partnership

12:00pm SPL Book Talk - Susanne Althoff - 10.28.20

1:00pm In The Principals Office - LaGambina

1:30pm SPS Reopening Town Hall 10.29.2020

4:00pm Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II

5:00pm School Committee Upda te: Emily Ackman

5:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20

6:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20

6:30pm SFLC Friday Family Fun Night

7:30pm SHS Boys Soccer Conditioning Session

8:00pm Tufts-Medford-SPS Testing Partnership

9:00pm SPL Book Talk - Susanne Althoff - 10.28.20

10:00pm In The Principals Office - LaGambina

10:30pm SPS Reopening Town Hall 10.29.2020



OFF THE SHELF
by Doug Holder

Somerville's Pier Gustafson:
A calligrapher and graphic designer who
deconstructs the Green Line Extension

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Our featured poet writes: My name is Gina Ingrando and I am a freshman English major at Endicott College. My concentration is creative writing, and it is one of my favorite things to do. It is also my favorite elective at the moment. I am currently having another poem published in a poetry collection called *Together*. My biggest goal is to get my poems out there and have people read and enjoy what I love to do.



Last Night

Last night I wished for you
I knew you wouldn't come,
But it was worth a shot.

Instead, I found someone who reminds me of you
And I confided in them instead,
Please don't ever make me do that again.

— Gina Ingrando

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Pier Gustafson writes on his website, "My studio in the real world is rather like the studio here in the virtual world – a bit on the busy side with lots of things going on. I may be researching a map in this corner, painting a sign-in board in that. My drawing table may be covered with sketches for a monogram which must be moved to make way for a stack of envelopes which need to be addressed."

I caught up with Gustafson, to talk a bit about his work, and the new pieces he is working on.

Doug Holder: You are one of the original residents of the Brickbottom artist space in Somerville. Could you describe the sensibility of the artist/residents – a reason they might fit in the milieu of our burg?

Pier Gustafson: I am one of the original members of this community and have enjoyed living in this building as well as being a part of Somerville at large. I must admit that I don't travel too often towards the western half of Somerville but have enjoyed the diversity of land use and population of this more industrial corner.

DH: You are known as a graphic artist, illustrator and calligrapher. But also, you are now working with found art, specifically concerning the detritus of the Greenline Extension Project, right near your digs. How did the germ of the idea come about for you? Tell us about some of the things you constructed.

PG: I am using discarded recycled cardboard and the printed graphics to depict much of the construction scene I see outside my window and around this neighborhood. The subject matter might be the building of the Green Line, but the materials are more domestic. Liquor, Amazon, grocery and shoeboxes that I find in our recycling rooms have been the raw materials. The germ sparked when I found a bright yellow Dewalt tool box in the bin. It matched the colors of the bulldozers and cranes used in the GLX construction. I had done many drawings of the scene, but that box started my "Tonka-toy-like" constructions.

DH: What are your feelings about the construction? Do you feel Brickbottom will be

changed by it?

PG: Most everyone hates the noise of the construction. I am not bothered by it. I think once the sound walls go up, we'll find the noise will seem better than the "penned in" feeling we might get once completed. I don't think we will change much because of the finished product, as our immediate area is developed with an actual building. We may feel a little different.

DH: When a writer confronts a blank piece of paper he often brainstorms – a stream of consciousness goes on. How do you approach the blank piece of paper?

PG: Blank paper scares me to death, but a paper that has a mark on it can inspire. The boxes in the construction work have graphics that make me think in a certain way. I love making a work of art to fit a found frame or grabbing two random art tools and letting the random colors direct my thoughts and creativity.

DH: You do a lot of commercial work, but your art is also found in museums, galleries, etc. What's the line between commercial art and art – or is there no line? Do they all flow from the same stream?

PG: I think both fine and commercial art are two banks of the same stream. The commercial end has another person "helping" me create something for their needs. More of a collaboration. But I find it challenging and fun, and I usually get paid in advance! Making art all by myself can be a bit lonely and never be appreciated – or bought. Both banks work for me though.

DH: Why should people buy or view your art?

PG: Most people that see my work smile. If someone hasn't yet seen it I think they should, and I think they will smile, too. If they want to smile often, they may buy it, and take it with them. These days much of my creative endeavors is creating things digitally. I post them on Instagram and Facebook and get lots of exposure from people far afield. They see the original on their device for free. If I get a little heart from them, that makes me smile a bit, too.

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| 1. Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom | 7. Forest Moon of Endor |
| 2. Pumpkin | 8. 1979 |
| 3. Jennifer Lawrence | 9. Albuquerque, New Mexico |
| 4. Baking soda | 10. Carly Rae Jepsen |
| 5. Known | 11. Garth Brooks |
| 6. The National Basketball Association Most Valuable Player (MVP) | 12. Acetic acid |

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