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Report on adoption of Tax Levy Percentages presented to city



Chief Assessor Frank Golden recently presented a report concerning FY 2020 Tax Levy percentages to the Somerville City Council.

By Jim Clark

The city's Chief Assessor's Classification Hearing Report regarding the adoption of Tax Levy Percentages for FY 2020, including a minimum residential factor and a residential exemption, was presented to the Somerville City Council at their special meeting held on November 26.

At the meeting, City Assessor Frank Golden presented FY20 tax classification data and recommended the adoption of tax levy percentages.

Golden stated that the recommendation of a residential factor of 87.9553 is the minimum allowable for the city for FY20. Since 2015, the 16,750 properties that make up the residential class are allowed a residential exemption of 35% of the average assessed value, pursuant to MGL c59 s5C.

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Christmas Tree Lighting on the City Hall Concourse this Thursday

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting on the City Hall Concourse will be taking place on Thursday, December 5, followed by a meetand-greet with Santa Claus in the City Council Chambers.

All children who attend will receive a special gift from Santa. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with live entertainment prior to the official tree lighting. Santa Claus will, as always, be escorted by the Somerville Fire and Police Departments.

On Saturday, December 14 (snow date: Sunday, December 15), residents and visitors are invited to the Somerville Arts Council's annual Illuminations Tour. Tour guides will lead trolleys past some of the city's most spectacular displays of holiday lights, sharing stories about the families that decorate and providing local historic trivia en route. Tours depart from City Hall every 45 minutes beginning at 4:30 p.m., Continued on page 10 but tickets are required.



The city of Somerville has a full schedule of family friendly holiday celebration planned for the days ahead throughout the month of December.

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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott, and the city's Planning staff invite you to a meeting to discuss initial steps toward achieving the neighborhood plan for Boynton Yards. The meeting will take place tonight, Wednesday, December 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St.

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 Lisa Hastings, a nice lady celebrating her birthday this week. Happy birthday to Peter Blaikie, who is also celebrating this week. We hope he enjoys his birthday. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

For the third year, Assembly Row will host an Ice Sculpture Stroll sponsored by Capital One. Bundle up and follow a map on Thursday, December 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to discover all ten sculptures and treats throughout the property. Enjoy music, giveaways and earn an Assembly memento when you complete the map. Free and open to the public. Join in for an evening of family fun. The American Cancer Society will be accepting donations for the Hope Lodge which offers cancer patients a free place to stay during their treatment. Participants are encouraged to bring \$5 gift cards to put in guest welcome packets from coffee, Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville Bicycle Safety petition to Mayor **Curtatone**

TheoNa says:

What's missing on this proposal is how we are going to pay for these things. I believe it's time for the 1% (actually 1.6%) of the road users to begin to pay for their fair share. At the same time, we also need to begin applying the same safety regulations that we apply to motor vehicles to bicyclists. A bicyclist traveling at more than 30 mph can do significant harm to a pedestrian during a collision.

LindaS says:

I agree that the streets should be safer, but how can there be separate lanes made on all streets in a city that is historically old and has too many narrow streets that have been here for decades? Many of the streets now are actually serving as both a bike lane AND a roadway, which makes it next to impossible for anyone to be safe. Cars have to compete with bikes, and vice-versa, not to mention pedestrians.

It's not safe when a car has to drive less than 15 miles an hour on a busy main street because a cyclist is ahead of them. You know that car will speed around them as soon as it is possible to do so, and that's a potential hazard, and not just to the cyclist.

There needs to be common sense here when deciding how to make the city safer. We are the most densely-populated city in New England. We cannot realistically be all things to all people, and there are simply too many balls in the air to juggle this successfully.

The city needs to make it safe for cyclists, but also accept that not every part of the city can be easily accessible by bike. Pedestrians probably have a better chance of being able to navigate the city than cyclists, and even they have their own issues here.

Powderhouse Boulevard should definitely be made safer, as should any dangerous intersection. Nobody should have to be killed before something is done. But there may be areas where it won't be possible to do anything, at least until construction is done. If the city CAN do something, then, they should do it. But there may be areas where that is not feasible under the current circumstances. All we can really do to ultimately make things safer is take personal responsibility for being alert while moving through the city, no matter how we are doing so. Everyone needs to be careful, and if the city is not able to fit separate bike lanes, then drivers and cyclists need to both be extra cautious when dealing with one another.

A Moore says:

It's funny how I got by on that road for over 50 years biking and it was never a problem. In my 60 years driving I have been hit by a car once and twice by a bike while I was walking on a sidewalk. I am not against biking but the biggest percentage of cars that do hit bikers are speeding. And it looks to me like the city took care of that so problem solved. Maybe they should be biking at a safe speed so they can bike safely. The space to make a special road just for them does not exist. We have to get along and common sense is the answer. Aggressive driving or biking should not be tolerated. Many places around the country are reversing these because it made it more unsafe.

Yet another poster says:

it's more an act of greenwashing than anything else. The street is plenty wide enough to safely accommodate bikes, cars and parking without carving it up into token nonsensical elements. Thus the rational for proposals like this more about putting on the appearance of greenness to impress others than to solve an actual problem. In that this ultimately just projects silliness to the greater world around us, it could be argued that it does more damage than good to the cause.

Villenous says:

What a life you must lead when the thing that sets you off is a protected bike lane. Well, the anti-bike folks lost this battle on Beacon Street and on Broadway and they're going to lose it on Powder House. Get ready for endless losing.

Response to: Somerville activists seek to combat rampant wage theft

ritepride says:

I agree that a new law protecting the workers is needed. Back in the late 90's a company baed in MA with 2 subsidiary divisions informed the MA

Employees the 2 MA divisions were being closed. I inquired about severance and vacation monies due to employees. We were told letters would be sent. The locks were changed the Friday & 1 week later no letters with any info just a check for the previous week pay. I calledthe headquarters in ME, no anwers just somebody would get back. So I called MA Secy of State, Bill Galvin and told them what happened. 1 week later thanks to Bill Galvin I received 3 weeks severance & 4 weeks vacation pay.

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

A great class reunion



Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of playing music for the combined class reunions of St. Clement's classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970.

What a great experience it was. I attended St. Clement's from grades 1 through 8. My late sister Christine attended grades 1-9. The class of 1970 was my sister's class so many of her friends were there. There were lots of familiar faces.

My good friend Jack Connolly, class of 1969, was instrumental in setting the whole thing up. Jack floated me two yearbooks so I could be up on my St. Clement's history, like the priest and nuns we had. Along with my own memories, I jotted down some bullet points that I could share in between songs.

The function room at The Holiday Inn was abuzz all night with old friends catching up, sharing memories, and talking about their families. I was so happy to see many of the people that were friends with my sister. A lot of them came up to say hello to me during the night.

It was hard to think that over 50 years had gone by since the girls wore their uniforms and the boys wore shirts and ties. The nuns were pretty strict back then but they all had their own memorable traits.

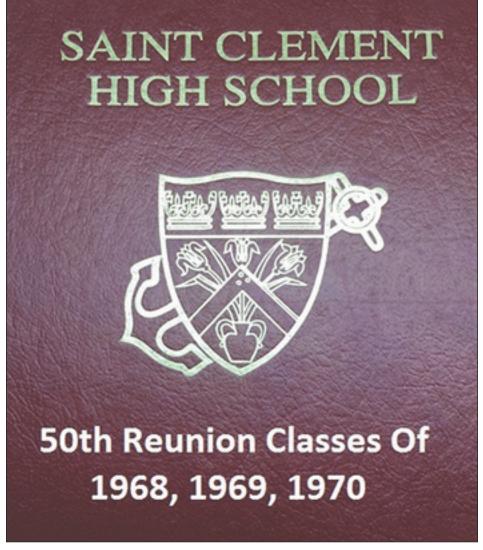
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One of the stories I heard Saturday was of a particularly stern nun who was built like an NFL blocker. She pinned an out of control wise guy up against the blackboard. His feet were actually dangling as she read him the riot act. You don't mess with an angry nun.

Although the nuns were strict and sometimes intimidating, they were remembered fondly

The evening was a chat fest as former classmates mingled and enjoyed beverages and delicious snacks. When someone came up and said "Hi, Jimmy," I had to put on my glasses and read their name tag. Once I recognized the name and face, we had some very nice conversations.

Playing the hits of the 60's was awesome because it's my favorite music. I popped in with some of my own memories of my time at St. Clement's in between some songs. I dedicated the song Mr. Postman to neighbor who used to show up at St. Clement's in his mail truck and pick up all the kids who lived in our neighborhood.



I wrote a story in this paper years ago called Funny now, scary then about being schooled by Catholic nuns in the 1960's. I must say the stories shared at the reunion were very colorful and made my story ring true. Although the nuns were strict and sometimes intimidating, they were remembered fondly.

We also reminisced about the priests from back then. There was one priest that everyone hoped was saying their Mass. He was Father Coughlin and he was a former World War Two chaplain. They never knew when a bomb was going hit so he had to say Mass as fast as possible. We were in and out of church in half an hour or less. I also spoke of sending someone into church to grab a bunch of Weekly Bulletins to prove to our parents that we went to church, when we actually hooked mass.

The former classmates of the combined classes of '67, '68 and '69 lived through a lot of important events in history. They went from children to adults during tumultuous times. Bussing, race issues, space travel, and the tragic losses of our nation's beloved leaders were among the things experienced by the Baby Boomers. The song Abraham, Martin and John reminded us of that sad time in our childhoods.

The most encouraging and warm aspects of the evening was the fact that none of the former students lost a beat. They talked of the old days, the days of their youth. So much has happened in five decades.

A video of the graduates from photos taken from the yearbooks played on a loop all night. As is the case in all reunions, we said prayers and remembered the classmates were lost.

Jack Connolly has these comments to

"Most noticeable in a recent gathering of my Saint Clement high school class of 1969 reunion was the the number of classmates who upon making re-acquaintances after many years remarked, 'I can't believe it has been fifty years!""

"As long ago friendships rekindled, the mood of the late afternoon-early evening was set by music of the 60's, most deftly played by Somerville's own St. Clement's schoolboy

Jimmy DelPonte, who brought us back to the time of the Beatles, Stones, Van Morrison, Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder and the many artists of Motown, The Temptations, The Four Tops, The Supremes, and the list goes on..."

"Most conversations were about health, family, including grandchildren, and the joy of being together. Many of us Spent 12 years together (grades 1-12) from the rock'n'roll 50s, to the psychedelic Wood-

"Thanks to Jimmy DelPonte and music choices and his humor, we were transported back in time, If but for a few hours, to a special year in all of our lives, with never to be forgotten memories."

It seems like yesterday that we all sat in a classroom, watching the clock and dreaming of going home at 2:30. We couldn't wait to get out of school and go home. It was appropriate that the first request of the evening was The Animals' 1965 anthem hit We Gotta Get Outta This Place. It is hard to believe that they actually did get out of that place over 50 years ago. God bless the St. Clement's High School classes of '67, '68 and '69. Thank you for letting me be a part of a fabulous evening.



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By Jim Clark

After hours U-Haul entry a bust

A Somerville Police officer on uniformed patrol in the early hours of last Saturday, November 30, observed a man walking along McGrath Highway and determined that he might be intoxicated.

The man, later identified as James McKenna, of Dorchester, then took a right onto Linwood St., which is a common area for individuals to park their vehicle when attending local bars.

As the officer turned onto Linwood St., he observed McKenna walk into the U-Haul parking lot, which was closed for busi-

ness at that time.

The officer pulled his cruiser up to the area where he last observed McKenna and heard a vehicle door slam shut.

The officer parked his cruiser under the street light and he reportedly observed McKenna open the rear door to a U-Haul van and stick his upper body inside the vehicle.

The officer ordered McKenna out of the vehicle and to come to me, at which time McKenna became verbally combative and was unhappy with the police interaction.

After the officer notified dispatch of his location, he obtained McKenna's information and learned that he had an active warrant.

While waiting for dispatch to confirm his warrant, the officer observed McKenna remove a can of beer from his pocket. He then opened the can and took a large drink from it.

Once the warrant was confirmed with dispatch, the officer requested the prisoner transport

McKenna was placed in handcuffs behind his back as he reportedly continued his verbal tirade until the prisoner transport vehicle arrived on the scene.

While doing an inventory of McKenna's property, the officer located an additional unopened can of beer and an empty nip of liquor on his person.

According to reports, when the officer removed these items, McKenna reportedly became increasingly agitated.

McKenna was placed into the back of the prisoner transport vehicle, but before the vehicle doors were closed McKenna reportedly spat thru the grated security door onto the prisoner transport officer and yelled "Charge me with that!"

McKenna was transported back to Somerville Police Headquarters and during the booking process reportedly refused to be booked and was placed in a cell.

McKenna eventually booked on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, violation of city ordinance open container, and assault and battery on a public employee, and on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

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Arrests:

Justin Myrick, of 4 Golden Court, Medford, November 27, 12:20 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of drug possession to distribute.

James McKenna, of 31 Cheverus Rd., Dorchester, November 30, 12:38 a.m., arrested at

Linwood St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, violation of city ordinance open container, and assault and battery on a public employee, and on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Washington Dasilva, of 25 Soundville Heights, Brandford, CT, December 1, 12:33 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

William Dasilva, of 8 Azalia Ct., Acton, December 1, 12:33 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

Robert Piatek, of 10 Alvah St., Saugus, December 1, 12:21 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of larceny under \$1200 and possession and use of counterfeit receipts.

Tyraune O'Neal, of 14 Walnut Park, Boston, December 1,

10:23 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property under \$1200, resisting arrest, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop for police, and destruction of property over \$1200.

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Golden noted that there is legislation at the State House for a 40% residential exemption, but 35% is the current maximum.

Golden reviewed parcel counts in the city. There are an additional 463 residential condominium units (198 conversions and 224 new units), 56 fewer two-families, and 10 fewer three-families. The commercial tax rate dropped \$1 this year and the residential rate dropped \$0.60, which he said reflects a phenomenal increase in value and

encouraging projects. Golden added that next year is a revaluation year, and neighborhood boundaries and home values will be updated as needed.

As the meeting approached the one-hour mark with much of the Assessor's presentation still to go, President Ballantyne asked Golden to conclude his remarks. She then opened the Public Hearing, but no one requested to speak on the FY20 Tax Classification, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Ballantyne then referred all items on this Special Meeting's agenda to the Finance Committee. Finance Committee Chair William A. White Jr. said he would add the items to the agenda of the Committee's December 3 meeting.

City Clerk John Long noted that the City Assessor's presentation is on the City Council's web portal, and the President directed that it be posted to the Finance Department's webpage as well.

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Boynton Yards groundbreaking ceremony

DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners (DLJ RECP), Leggat McCall Properties (LMP), and Shawmut Design and Construction were joined by Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, City Councilor J.T. Scott, neighbors, and community members on Monday, December 2 to celebrate the official groundbreaking on 101 South Street in the Boynton Yards neighborhood of Somerville.

This nine-story, 289,000 SF Class-A lab building will be the first structure built as part of the largest state-of-the-art lab development in Somerville's growing life science market. While site and foundation work began earlier this year, the event celebrated the positive progress on the first building as well as the transformative vision for Boynton Yards.

"Today we celebrated the start of the first phase of a project that aligns with so many of Somerville's goals," said Mayor Curtatone. "When 101 South Street is complete it will be home to jobs in the life sciences, retail, and the arts; include new residential units; and add more open space that residents can enjoy. As we continue to develop neighborhoods like Boynton Yards, I hope we're able to work with partners like DLJ, Leggatt McCall Properties, and Shawmut that want to build projects that move our community forward."

"Realizing the long term value of the Mayor's broad vision to revitalize Union Square, Boynton Yards, and the rest of Somerville is the reason we were first attracted to Somerville well over five years ago. Now we have begun the exciting work of creating a new place that respects the creative, industrial roots of the neighborhood and responds to the culture and needs of Somerville today," said John Fenton, Principal of DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners. "This will be the first piece of a modern multiphase development that will bring together Somerville's growing professional and artistic community with the new pioneers of the life science world in a vibrant mixed-use community of lab/office, residential, retail, and creative arts space."

101 South Street is the first phase of what is envisioned to be an 18-hour, work-live-play neighborhood offering over one million square feet of commercial, residential, retail, arts, and performance spaces, along with various public green areas on a 6.54-acre parcel of land. DLJ RECP and LMP are currently developing an overall master plan for the site with the City of Somerville and its planning staff and engineering team.

"There is no substitute for what strong civic leadership, community support and private investment can do to improve development opportunities and spur economic development in now dormant areas that have the potential to impact an entire city," said Rob Dickey, Executive Vice President of Leggat McCall Properties. "The transition of Boynton Yards from its industrial roots of the last 100 years to a reimagined vital tech and life



A groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the commencement of the 101 South Street took place on Monday, December 2.

sciences hub with housing, new infrastructure, streetscape, and open space will be one to watch as we continue to collaborate with Mayor Curtatone, his team, and the Somerville community."

Shawmut Design and Construction, the general contractor, along with architects Spagnolo Gisness & Associates (SGA) and Hashim Sarkis Studios (HSS), is executing the ground-up building now under construction at 101 South Street. The mixed-use facility will match the quality and specifications of other Class-A buildings while providing state-of-the-art lab space, including advanced wet and dry R&D labs in column free space geared toward emerging tech and life sciences companies. In addition, it will offer abundant open public space, engaging first floor retail, dedicated areas for community arts uses, and four levels of underground parking.

"We are tremendously proud to bring the vision of Boynton Yards to life, helping lead the future of Somerville with a transformative project that reflects the

historic fabric of the community while creating a modern and innovative worklive-play neighborhood," said Kevin Sullivan, Vice President at Shawmut Design and Construction. "101 South Street will mark a pivotal point in the transformation of the area into a vibrant, mixeduse district that will fuel innovation and growth. Our team is expertly navigating the challenges that come with working in an urban environment to deliver a true state-of-the-art space that will serve both the city and surrounding communities."

Boynton Yards is located adjacent to cultural amenities in Somerville's Union Square and Cambridge's Inman Square, and is less than one mile from Kendall Square, the epicenter of the biotech and life science industry. 101 South Street is expected to be completed by late spring 2021, with initial tenant occupancy beginning in the summer to align with the completion of the planned MBTA Green Line station in Union Square and a \$140 million infrastructure modernization plan to improve the area's public realm.

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R to L: John Fenton (DLJ), Somerville Mayor Curtatone, Rob Dickey (LMP), and Kevin Sullivan (Shawmut). The shovel presented to the mayor as part of the groundbreaking ceremony was painted by local artist Jenny Mae Kho.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators and representatives from recent debate on legislation banning the sale of flavored vaping and tobacco products. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill that makes Massachusetts the first state to ban the sale of flavored vaping and tobacco products – including mint and menthol cigarettes. The measure also imposes a 75 percent excise tax on e-cigarettes.

Another provision requires commercial health insurers and MassHealth to cover the costs of smoking cessation programs and nicotine replacement therapy. The measure also raises the penalties on retailers for illegal tobacco sales and provides that businesses that don't comply with the new law could have their Lottery licenses temporarily suspended.

"It is essential our young people have the opportunities to safely grow up in the commonwealth, and we have made strides in the prevention of youth nicotine and taken bold action in the face of a growing, deadly public health risk," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Today e-cigarettes are the most commonly used form of tobacco by youth in Massachusetts. This legislation will further restrict the sale of nicotine-containing products to minors, providing the opportunity for them to live healthy, safe lives."

"These products are already outlawed for children," said Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) who opposed the law. "I trust that adults can make intelligent decisions on these products."

"The current youth vaping epidemic is the result of ageold industry tactics used to target kids," said Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy), the lead sponsor of the legislation. "We had made great strides in Massachusetts at decreasing the number of youth smokers, but with the introduction of e-cigarettes and the variety of flavors available, we lost decades of progress. With this bill, we are telling Big Tobacco they can never again use flavors to target kids in Massachusetts ... My hope is that as we listened to the brave voices of the young people in Massachusetts, other states will do the same and pass legislation to prevent youth nicotine addiction."

Some opponents argued the bill will hurt Bay State businesses on the New Hampshire border. "This bill will just send even more business over the border and some of that business will be young adults," said Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut). "I don't think it will stop people from smoking. It will just have them buying cigarettes and other things in New Hampshire."

Here are local senators' votes on some proposed amendments to the ban:

EXEMPT MILITARY (S 2407)

Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment which would allow retailers to maintain reserves of flavored tobacco products for sale to customers who present a valid military identification.

Amendment supporters said men and women who serve and risk their lives to protect our freedom should not be denied the right to smoke flavored tobacco in their own country. They noted that under Massachusetts law they are allowed to smoke marijuana but not a flavored cigarette.

Some amendment opponents said once you allow flavored tobacco back in the state there is no telling where it might end up. Others said the words "military identification" is a broad term and there are some identifications considered military that are given to dependents and family members. They argued it would be very difficult to keep track of who has the right type of identification to enable them to go into a store that may or may not have enough of the product for them.

(A "Yes" vote is for allowing military personnel to buy flavored tobacco. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

No

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE BAN (S 2407)

Senate 9-30, rejected an amendment requiring the Revenue Committee and Ways and Means Committee to conduct a fiscal analysis on the expected loss of tax revenues from the ban and its impact on important state programs.

Amendment supporters said menthol products represent up to one-third of the state's excise tax revenue and that means tens of millions of dollars will be lost. They argued that consumers will go to border states to purchase flavored tobacco resulting in a loss of tax revenue for the state and income for convenience store owners. They noted the ban is not guaranteed to reduce the use of menthol and because people will buy it out of state and still suffer the same health problems they would if they bought it in Massachusetts.

Amendment opponents said it would be very difficult to project the amount of lost revenue. They noted that the ban will result in better health with some people smoking less and teens not getting started in the first place.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

DO NOT ALLOW CONFISCATION OF VAPE ITEMS AND A CAR (\$ 2407)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that would delete from the bill a section that allows police officers who discover untaxed e-cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookah and other vaping devices in the possession of a person who is not a licensed distributor, to seize the items and any vending machine or other receptacle including a motor vehicle, boat or airplane in which the items are found. The items would be forfeited and turned over to the state which would destroy the items and either destroy or auction off the vehicle.

Amendment supporters said the section is draconian and goes too far by allowing law enforcement to confiscate a person's car for simply possessing untaxed vaping equipment. They said the Senate must make sure the state doesn't overstep its bounds and seize and sell or destroy a car that a person needs to go back and forth from work and for daily living.

(A "Yes" vote is for deleting the section and against confiscation.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

Gov. Baker signed four other major pieces of legislation into law last week including:

BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES (S 2216)

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

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

Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third and subsequent offense. A third offense would count as a surchargeable offense that could lead to higher insurance rates for the violator.

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

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

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

"Our administration is committed to keeping the commonwealth's network of roads safe, and this legislation will substantially reduce distracted driving and hold operators accountable when they are looking at an electronic device instead of looking at the road ahead," said Gov. Baker.

"It is such a relief to finally see a hands-free bill pass in our commonwealth," said Safe Roads Alliance President Emily Stein. "It is a proud, emotional, and hopeful moment, and I ask that all drivers in Massachusetts pause for a moment too, and understand how distracted driving can impact so many precious lives on our roads."

"WalkBoston is pleased that this legislation has been signed," said Stacey Beuttell, Executive Director of WalkBoston. "This law will encourage people driving to focus solely on that task, making streets safer for people walking and running in communities across Massachusetts.

"The regional rise in bike ridership means there are more vulnerable road users than ever in Massachusetts, and this law will curb distracted driving and make streets safer for everyone," said Becca Wolfson, Executive Director of Boston Cyclists Union.

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS (H 4087) - The governor signed into law a bill making changes in the state's campaign finance laws. Current law exempts legislative candidates and some candidates for mayor from the requirement that they use a depository reporting system which currently must be followed by statewide, county and many other municipal candidates. The bill requires legislative candidates and some candidates for mayor to adhere to the same strict requirements.

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The depository reporting system requires candidates to file a monthly report that discloses all campaign finance activity. Legislative reports are under the current non-depository system and are filed only two or three times a year.

Another provision directs the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) to write regulations regarding the appropriate use of websites and social media for campaign purposes. The measure also creates a special legislative commission to examine the feasibility of allowing candidates for state, county or municipal elected office to use campaign funds to pay for family care and childcare services for the candidate.

"It's important that voters be able to quickly access information about who is donating to candidates and where candidates are spending their money," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Diane DiZoglio (D-Methuen). "This law takes a step in the right direction by moving legislators into the depository system and requiring that we file our reports more often. It's essential that we move forward with improving good government practices and I'm grateful that this legislation has been enacted into law before the New Year."

"The public will see the data more frequently, and candidates can feel comfortable that their reports are accurate," said OCPF Director Michael Sullivan. "Because reports are filed monthly by a third-party, OCPF's auditors can quickly identify any issues and work with candidates to fix them."

CHILDREN'S HEALTH (H 4210) - Gov. Baker signed legislation designed to make it easier for children and their families to navigate the state's complicated and often difficult to understand healthcare system. A key provision requires health insurance companies to perform monthly updates of their provider databases that tell patients which doctors and other medical resources are available to them. Patients complain that many physicians are listed as local and taking new patients despite having retired, moved or stopped accepting new patients.

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

"As a parent who sought help for a child with mental and behavioral issues following a car accident, I saw first-hand how difficult it was to get services and its impact on the entire family," said Rep. Mathew Muratore (R-Plymouth) who served on the conference committee that drafted the final version of the bill. "[This] is a great first step to address children's health, but we can do better to increase access to beds, ensure pay parity coverage for mental health services, and help eliminate the stigma of mental illness. "I am encouraged that there is a commitment to address these issues during the second half of this legislative session."

"The dire state of mental health in Massachusetts has reached a crisis, and this legislation signed into law by the governor is a first step to address inadequate and fragmented mental health in the commonwealth," said Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro), Senate Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. "Most importantly, the legislation reforms insurer provider networks, often referred to as ghost networks. Under the new law, all residents in Massachusetts will have access to updated and accurate online directories when

they are looking for a behavioral health provider."

\$1.5 BILLION FOR EDUCATION (H 4157) - Gov. Baker signed into law the Student Opportunity Act that invests \$1.5 billion, mostly in the form of Chapter 70 Aid for local school districts, in the state's public K-12 education system over the next seven years. The signing ceremony was held at Boston's English High School, the nation's first public high school which was created in 1821.

The new law implements the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the state was underfunding schools by more than \$1 billion annually. It changes the formula used by the state to calculate the cost of educating students by updating costs related to health care and special education, as well as educating English Language Learners and low-income students.

"I am pleased to sign legislation aimed at providing students across the commonwealth with the opportunities and resources they need to succeed including accountability measures that are essential to supporting underperforming schools," said Baker. "This funding builds on the over half a billion dollars in new Chapter 70 funding our administration has supported since taking office."

"The Student Opportunity Act will lead to greater resources for public school students across the commonwealth," said Rep. Alice Peisch (D- Wellesley) House Chair of the Education Committee. The Legislature's overwhelming support of this bill, along with today's signing by Gov. Baker, is a clear indication of our commitment to ensuring that all students, and especially low-income students and English learners, have full access to the high-quality education that Massachusetts provides its children.

"Low-income districts have been waiting a long time for additional money to help them offer all of the academics, support services and enrichment opportunities that prepare students for life after Continued on page 17

The Somerville Times **Best of Somerville 2019** Cast your vote!

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

Foods & Restaurants

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch

Best Italian Food

Best Chinese Food

Best Mexican Food Best Portuguese Food

Best Local Deli

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Best Seafood

Best Irish Pub

Best Local Bar

Best Thai Food

Best Hamburger

Best Mac & Cheese

Best Hot-Dog

Best Roast Beef Sandwich

Best Pizza

Best Bakery Best Sub Shop Best Coffee Shop Franchise

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Best Attorney

Best Teacher

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Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor

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Best Waitstaff Best Bartender

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Best Caterer

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Best Doctor Best Nurse

Best Coach

Best Police Officer Best Fire Fighter

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Best Orthodontist

Best Mortgage Officer Best Somerville Artist

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Best Liquor Store

Best Gas Station

Best Auto Body Shop

Best Tow Company

Best Law Firm

Best Pest Exterminator

Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store

Best Somerville Non Profit Agency

Best Bar For Bands

Best Newspaper

Best Idea in 2019 Worst Idea in 2019

OBITUARIES

Leo G. DeSimone Jr.



DeSimone, Leo G. Jr. – Of Stoneham formerly of Somer-

ville November 26, 2019.

Beloved father of Cassandra DeSimone of Beverly, Anthony DeSimone of Magnolia and Dominic DeSimone of Stoneham.

Loving fiancé of Dana Young and her children Samantha, Harrison and Charlie Young.

Devoted son of Leo G. and Linda DeSimone and Catherine Neave.

Dear nephew of Ida DeSimone.

Cherished brother of Lisa Graham and her husband Chuck, Joseph DeSimone and Annie Aldred.

Caring uncle of Michael, Jackie, Chuckie, Kyle, Jonathon and Landon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leo G. DeSimone Jr Scholarship Fund, c/o Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143.

Keith J. O'Donnell



O'Donnell, Keith J. – 60, of Somerville, passed away on November 30, 2019. Beloved husband of Denise J. (Splaine) O'Donnell.

Cherished son of the late

Wanda Fleming.

Loving father of Keith M. O'Donnell of Somerville and his fiancée Nicole, Daniel F. O'Donnell of Somerville, Michaela J. O'Donnell of Greenfield and her fiancé Thomas Richardson.

Dear brother of Kenneth O'Donnell of Francestown, NH, Kerry O'Donnell of Pepperell, Karen Fuller of Groton and the late Kevin O'Donnell and Kathleen LeRocque.

Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Before his retirement Mr.

O'Donnell had a long career with the MBTA as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He was also a member of The Carmen's Union, Local # 589. He especially loved summering at his lake house in New Hampshire

Funeral Services are private at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Keith's name to The Tactical Reintegration Project, 213 Boylston St., Brookline, MA 02445. THETRP.org.

SHS students gather to honor DeSimone

Somerville High Schools students gathered for a vigil last Friday they organized to honor CTE Director Leo DeSimone, who passed away unexpectedly last Tuesday. DeSimone was highly respected by both SHS students and staff, as expressed in a statement released last week: "...he was a trusted, much-loved, and highly respected colleague, mentor, teacher, and friend. His compassion for his students was evident in the way he interacted with them on a daily basis; he was quick to offer a smile, a high five, and a word of encouragement. He took great pride in the exceptional work of his staff, his students, and his colleagues and was the ultimate team player, always putting the best interests of his school community ahead of his own. Leo's work ethic and commitment to helping students find their professional passion was unparalleled." — *Photos by Marissa Toner*







The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #193

Night Lights

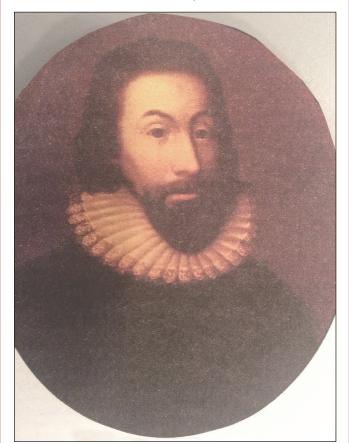
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Light means different things to many people. One of the descriptions in Merriam Webster's Dictionary is "it's the essential condition of vision, the opposite of darkness." At this time of year when the days are shorter and the nights are approaching their darkest, Somerville's citizens have always endured. They learned to light up the night. They lit their torches, candles, lanterns and beacons; and as time went by, they flicked on the Edison switches of today to make things bright.

How bright are they? Let's explore!



- Paul Revere commenced his famous Lexington ride through today's Charlestown/Somerville after observing the North Church's signal lanterns. Moonlight saved him from British ambush on today's Washington Street.
- Somerville's Charles Tufts claimed he would put a light on Walnut Hill. His one-hundred-acre donation of land evolved into Tufts University.
- Winter Hill's illumination of streetlights, stores, and theaters on Broadway in the 1920's and 1930's gave it the nickname, The Great White Way.



- At one time, Governor John Winthrop, while lost in what is now West Somerville, luckily kept wolves at bay by lighting and tending his all-night campfire.
- During the Civil War, street lamps first adorned Union Square and its railway station out of fear of Confederate arsonists.
- Tens of millions of houses and

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Sending thanks to our Thanksgiving volunteers

By Meghan Ostrander, Lindsey Smilack, and Nathan Lamb

For many of us, Thanksgiving is a wonderful day to relax and spend time with our families. On behalf of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), we are thanking all the volunteers who turned out Thanksgiving morning, so that our regular Meals on Wheels drivers could have the day off.

We had 66 volunteers converge at the agency Thanksgiving morning for some quick refreshments and a driver's meeting, before they set out to make deliveries.

It was a great group, with a lot of enthusiasm, and we so appreciated them taking some time out of their holiday morning to help others.

Meals on Wheels has some very meaningful impacts on the lives of those we serve. In a survey of local Meals on Wheels recipients earlier this year, 90%

said the meals help them live independently. The program also helps with isolation: some 50% of survey respondents said they live alone, with no one to check on them but their drivers. By helping on Thanksgiving morning, our drivers were absolutely delivering more than just warm and nutritious food.

The Thanksgiving deliveries are a wonderful tradition, but this is probably a good time to note that our roughly 400 volunteers make a difference in our community year-round. SCES volunteer programs offer a wide range of ways to contribute - bagging food donations, money management assistance, and helping with medical appointments are just a few examples of how volunteers can get involved.

We have had great support for volunteer programs over the years, but more help is always welcome. Please feel to get in touch if you think you might like to get involved in 2020.



Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services is sending out thanks to the 66 volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving morning.

trition Director for Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). Lindsey Smilack is

Meghan Ostrander is the Nu- the Volunteer Coordinator for SCES. For more information about SCES volunteer programs, visit the volunteer page at elder-

care.org or email vol@eldercare. org. Nathan Lamb is Director of Outreach and Community Relations at SCES.

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MONDAY December 9

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic 7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

TUESDAY December 10

Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY December 11

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

THURSDAY December 12

TBA

FRIDAY December 13

Jim Coyle & The Sneaky Pint 6 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present Blue Hyenas EP release, Wyn Doran, more 9 p.m.

SATURDAY December 14

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m. Jen d'Angora birthday fest! 9 p.m.

SUNDAY December 15

Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m.

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East Somerville Calendar Features 2019 Photo Contest Winners

East Somerville Main Streets has announced their 2019 Photo Contest Winners: Emily Ackman, Stan Eichner, Jeanine Jenks Farley, Michele J Martin, Julia Murphy, Deborah Pacini, Benjamin Preston, and Bill Trudell.



Student of Esh Circus Arts at Carnaval. © Stan Eichner

Highlights from the photo contest include pictures featuring East Somerville notable events such as Carnaval, Foodie Crawl, Howl-o-ween Pet Parade and the Somerville Historic Preservation's Scavenger Hunt. Also highlighted are community art staples such as the David Zayas mural at 44 Broadway (Taco Loco) as well as Mudflat Pottery Studios.

East Somerville Main Streets hopes that these photos will inspire everyone to appreciate the unique beauty of our community.

The winning photographs are featured in the 2020 East Somerville Calendar. Calendars are \$15 and the proceeds go towards supporting East Somerville Main Streets programming. This is a great way to catch a glimpse of the neighborhood through the months and seasons of the year right in your home or office. It makes a great gift too. Printed in the USA 11" x 8.5".

Calendars can be ordered online, by mail or in person at the East Somerville Main Streets office on Glen Street. Calendars will be available for delivery and pick-up starting November 30th. To order a calendar contact Jen Atwood at Director@ Eastsomervillemainstreets.org or go to https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets.org.

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers. With snow season officially upon us, here's a look at some numbers on City snow operations and snow emergencies.

4 feet: The Boston area gets an average of about four feet of snow each year. But if you're lived here for even a few years, you know that winters can vary wildly. There have been years when we've only seen a couple of feet, but there have also been years like 2015 when we got around nine feet of snow, most of it falling between mid-February and mid-March. Although we don't know what we're in for each winter, City staff — especially at DPW — have to plan

and be ready for snow, ice, and whatever else Mother Nature throws at us.

88 vehicles: Part of getting ready for winter is making sure we have the equipment to treat and clear roads, bike and bus lanes, and other City property. This winter we have 88 vehicles ready to go in case of a storm. Most are City-owned, but that also includes equipment we've rented and contractor-owned vehicles. Our snow fleet includes plows, sanders, and specialized equipment like smaller plows that can be used in narrow spaces like a bike lane or sidewalk.

3,000 tons: This year DPW started the winter with 3,000 tons of salt. How much of that gets used depends on the weather, but it doesn't go to waste if we have a mild winter. There is storage at the DPW where they can keep extra salt and, if the winter is particularly bad, they can order and store more throughout the season. This year we're piloting technology on a few routes

that tracks salt coverage. The hope is that this will help save salt and time by helping drivers make decisions about where to salt and avoiding accidentally doubling up on coverage.

As many as possible: Although they're necessary for public safety, I think it's safe to say that snow emergencies have few, if any, fans. We have to ensure that plows are able to clear snow from the streets and that vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances are able to get through in case of an emergency, but that doesn't make snow emergencies any less frustrating for people looking for parking. That's why we don't take the decision to call a snow emergency lightly. When snow is in the forecast City staff check as many weather reports as possible throughout the day to get the most complete picture of what's coming our way. Unfortunately, sometimes weather patterns shift quickly and unexpectedly and storms don't go as "planned," but we try to wait as long as possible and have the latest forecast before calling a snow emergency.

55,000+: We have more than 55,000 contacts registered in the City alerts system that we use, among other things, to send out information about snow emergencies. If you're not signed up, visit www.somervillema.gov/alerts to subscribe. You can set your preferences to receive phone, text, and/or email alerts. I strongly recommend choosing all three. Even if you are subscribed, take a minute to make sure your address and contact information is still correct. Some of the other alerts we send out, like information on road closures, is neighborhood specific. City alerts aren't the only way we get the word out about snow emergencies. We also post information on the City website, City social media feeds, City Cable Channels, and we send information to local and regional news outlets. Flashing blue lights at intersections around Somerville also get activated when there's a snow emergency. For more on how we share information

about snow emergencies, visit www.somervillema.gov/snow.

A month: Most of the time snow emergencies only last a day or two. We know they're inconvenient and try to lift them as soon as safely possible, but sometimes snow emergencies last longer than anyone would like. The most extreme example was in the winter of 2015 when we had a snow emergency that lasted nearly a month – from February 13 to March 11. Here's hoping we don't see a winter like that again!

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at www.somervillema.gov/datafarm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear editor,

Vaping by youth has become what the U.S. Surgeon General calls an epidemic and many people are working to find solutions. I'm asked frequently what can be done to turn the tide, and now new resources are available to educate youth and help those who want to quit vaping.

Sadly, many youth are unaware of the facts about and the dangers of vaping. To help, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health developed a campaign designed for youth found at mass.gov/vaping. It provides facts and materials for young people that compare vapes and

cigarettes: both put nicotine and cancer-causing chemicals in their body and both are highly addictive and dangerous for young people.

The vaping epidemic has led parents, schools and youth-serving organizations to struggle with how to help youth who are addicted to nicotine and want to quit. Now, two new free programs, This is Quitting powered by truth®and My Life, My Quit™, are available to help Massachusetts youth become nicotine- and tobacco-free.

Quitting vapes or other tobacco products can be hard. Here are some ways you can help young people get the support they need:

- This is Quitting powered by truth® is a free and confidential texting program for young people who vape. Text "Vape-FreeMass" to 88709. In partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- + My Life, My Quit TM has youth coach specialists trained to help young people by phone or text. Young people can call or text "Start My Quit" to 855-891-9989 for free and confidential help. or sign up online at mylifemyquit.com.
- + Visit teen.smokefree.gov for tools and tips.
- Encourage young people to ask their school nurse or counselor, athletic

coach, doctor, parent or other trusted adult for help.

- For more information, young people can visit mass.gov/vaping.
- More information for parents/adults is available at GetOutraged.org.

Talking with young people about vaping is essential – youth need to know that vaping is harmful and that help is available for those who want to quit. Visit Get-Outraged.org to learn more or contact me at or eduran@hria.org.

Edgar Duran Elmudesi Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership

Christmas Tree Lighting on the City Hall Concourse this Thursday

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Trolley Tour tickets will be available (cash or check only) at Nibble Kitchen, 1 Bow Market Way (entrance to Bow Market at 345 Somerville Ave.) as follows:

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

Thursday, December 5, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children (12 and under) and seniors (60+). Proceeds go toward funding the public programs of the Somerville Arts Council. Tickets sell quickly; please plan accordingly. If there are left-over tickets, we sell them at City Hall the night of the event.

For more information: go to: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour

Finally, on Sunday, December 22, a ceremonial Menorah Lighting will take place on the City Hall Concourse beginning at 5:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to join Mayor Curtatone and

City staff for a brief ceremony and photo on the City Hall Concourse. The Menorah will be lit each night of Hanukkah. Light refreshments will be served.

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

COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times



So, the first significant snowfall of the season has touched down and left us with a picturesque Currier and Ives type dusting of the region just in time to serve as decoration for the holiday season.

Does everyone love it? No. Does anyone hate it? Maybe. Some can live with it, while others wouldn't live without it.

There are folks who just love feeling and hearing the crunch beneath their feet as they take a brisk walk after fresh powder has fallen. Children grow up playing in it - sledding, building snowmen, throwing snow (or slush) balls. It becomes a part of our psychological DNA.

Some of us would rather not have to

deal with all the digging out, the hassles connected with parking our vehicles - and sometimes bailing them out of impoundment, if we're not good boys and girls.

Most of us seem to take the good with the bad, and the majority seems to have made their peace with the vicissitudes of the weather angels and demons. This is probably how it should be. Since Washington at Valley Forge, Americans seem to take a certain sense of pride in braving the icy elements. As New Englanders, we are particularly adept at breathing in that crisp winter air, shaking our fists at the heavens and crying, "Bring it on!" That's a special brand of pride.

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Illuminations Tour 2019 takes place Saturday, December 14, 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at Nibble Kitchen, 1 Bow Market Way (entrance to Bow Market at 345 Somerville Ave.), Union Sq., Somerville. There will be two opportunities to buy tickets: Sunday, **December 1**, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 5, 5:00 -8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children (12 and under) and seniors (60+). Cash or check only. Proceeds go toward funding the public programs of the Somerville Arts Council. Tickets sell quickly; please plan accordingly. If there are left-over tickets, we sell them at City Hall the night of the event. For more information: go to: www.somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour

Toys for Local Children (TLC) is a charity aimed at supporting families in the local area. Please join the many volunteers and contributors in supporting this endeavor. This charity was formed to assist families that are less fortunate, by providing them with a little bit of happiness during this holiday season. Visit http://www.toysforlocalchildren.

org/ to see how you can help and find a drop off location near you.

El Sistema Somerville's Winter Bash! will be taking place on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the ESCS auditorium. The elementary and middle school students will be performing in string orchestras, wind ensembles, and symphonic orchestra. Everyone here at El Sistema is proud of the hard work and enthusiastic attitude every student has shown during our preparations for this performance. The students are getting very excited about the performance too!

The East Somerville Community School Winter Concert is being presented on Tuesday, December 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the school's auditorium.

To place an order, contact **Agnes Gallant** at agallant@k12.somerville.ma.us.

The 15th Annual Union Square Farmers Market opens this weekend at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. The market runs every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., from December 7, 2019 to April 11, 2020. The very best variety of products from New England farms and specialty vendors is presented, including vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, fish, baked goods, and lots more. Live music, delicious treats in two cafe areas and a chance to meet friends. Chase away the chill of even the coldest winter day! SNAP/ EBT and accepted.

East End Winter Window Show is now on display. East Somerville Main Streets is excited to announce their new exhibit of window art now on free public display in in the windows of now-closed restaurant East End Grill, 118 Broadway. Inspired by change of seasons in East Somerville, they hope to explore the atmosphere and essence of winter. Whether traditional winter landscapes and imagery, cultural traditions of the season or introspective aspects the word brings to mind, please enjoy local artist's creative interpretations of this theme.

The City Council Traffic and Parking Committee of the Whole and the Traffic Commission invite community members to a joint public hearing on Monday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m., to provide feedback on the design and implementation of the new traffic configuration on Broadway in Winter Hill, which features dedicated bus and bicycle lanes. The public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, 93 Highland Ave. The public hearing will open with a short presentation by city staff on project history, objectives, and preliminary evaluation data for key metrics pertaining to safety and mobility for all road users. Following the presentation, members of the public will be invited to speak. The typical two-minute time limit will be strictly enforced. If you are unable to attend, or wish to submit written testimony, please email to both of the following two addresses: citycouncil@ somervillema.gov, traffic@somervillema.gov. The official public record for written testimony will close on Friday, **December 13**, at 5:00 p.m. ******

Somerville artists: Gallery @ SPL, an art exhibition program designed to highlight local artists, is now accepting applications for 2020. The Somerville Public Library will be

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Teen Empowerment Thanksgiving dinner

The Teen Empowerment Thanksgiving dinner took place on November 27 at 165 Broadway, Somerville. Everyone brought things to contribute to the dinner hosted by Danny McLaughlin.

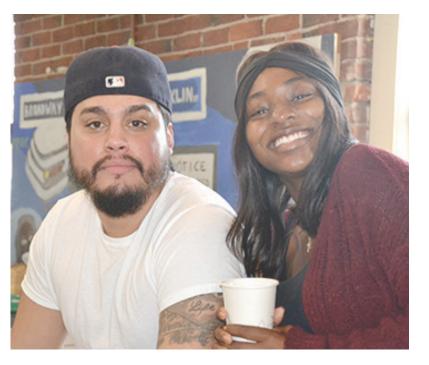






















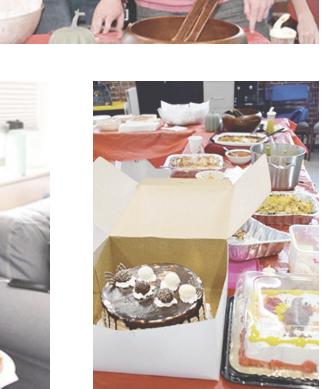
















'Faith in a City' Community Concert at the Armory

The Somerville Museum presents its second Faith in a City Community Concert on Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. at The Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Tickets are \$5, members of the Somerville Museum and participating congregations are free. All are welcome, including families.

Faith in a City is a project exploring religion in Somerville through music, photography, video, interviews and history as a way of better understanding our community. The focus is how religion is meaningful to people across the city.

Religious music and recitation abound in Somerville's places of worship, but congregation members are often the only people who get to experience them. As a part of the Faith in a City project, the Somerville Museum is presenting community concerts, providing an opportunity to hear some of the city's religious music and recitation.

The December 7 concert will feature five performances:

- Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz and members of the congregation of Temple B'nai Brith
- St. Benedict Parish Girls' Choir, Mayra Lemus, Choir Director
- Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Gospel Choir, Franklin Wright, Music Director; Dennis Wright, Choir Director
- Recitation by Keyzom Bhut-



ti, Buddhist

• Imam Mohamed Nabil, Islamic Society of Boston

About the program:

Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz and members of the congregation of Temple B'nai Brith will perform a selection of songs. Temple B'nai Brith began as Somerville's Hebrew Educational Society, founded in 1904 by immigrants from Eastern Europe. The congregation purchased property in Winter Hill in 1915, and the temple's Byzantine Revival building was completed by the mid-1920's. Israeli-born Rabbi Eliana says, "One of the things I love most about this congregation is that on one hand, it has deep connections to traditional forms of Judaism, and on the other hand it is progressive and very much connected to the wider community. That to me is the essence of Judaism today. It is a Judaism that is a continuation of our ancient traditions, but that also evolves."

The concert also includes music performed by St. Benedict Church Girls' Choir, directed by Mayra Lemus. Established in 1911, St. Benedict is a Catholic parish in East Somerville. In 1991, the church began offering Mass in Spanish. "They were so open-hearted and kind to the Spanish [speaking] community that worshipped here," says one longtime member of the congregation. Today, the Sunday Spanish language Mass is the church's most attended Sunday Mass.

The concert also features a performance by the Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ Gospel Choir, directed by Dennis Wright, with Franklin Wright, Music Director. Mission Church is a Pentecostal congregation founded in 1974

by Bishop Henry A. Moultrie, II and Church Mother Dy-Anne E. Moultrie. The congregation purchased its church in Somerville in 1976. Church volunteers organize a monthly Shepherd's Kitchen food pantry, serving hundreds of people from Somerville and beyond.

The concert will also present prayer and recitation by Keyzom Bhutti. Born in eastern Tibet, Keyzom Bhutti apprenticed with Dr. Tensin Choedrak, the Dalai Lama's senior personal physician, and traveled with him to Europe and the United States. She moved to Massachusetts in 1998. Bhutti converted the garage of her Somerville home into a Buddhist prayer room, where she prays each morning beginning at 3:30 a.m. When asked to summarize her beliefs, Bhutti says, "We are here for not more than 100 years. We are visitors. We are not permanent. We are all interconnected, so collect virtue and help each other."

Finally, the concert includes recitation by the Islamic Society of Boston's Imam Mohamed Nabil. The Islamic Society of Boston (ISB) in Cambridge started in the early 1980's as an association of Muslim student groups from Boston area univer-

sities. As the students graduated and became professionals, some hoped to start a mosque of their own. In 1993, the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cambridge came up for sale, and the group was able to purchase the building. Imam Mohamed Nabil says that for him, the Quran, the central religious text of Islam, is like a friend. "When I have a problem in my life, I keep reading, and I find a solution or some idea that relates to my problem. When I am feeling down, I go to the Quran and I keep reading ... until I feel OK again."

The December 7 Faith in a City concert will also feature photography by Massachusetts Cultural Council Photography Fellowship Finalist and Somerville Arts Council Board Member Yorgos Efthymiadis with support from Mass Humanities.

Everyone is Welcome. The reduced ticket price for the event is thanks to The Boston Foundation's Live Arts Boston grant program. The concert is produced by Mayra Lemus, Franklin Wright, Rabbi Eliana, Imam Nabil, Keyzom Bhutti and Charan Devereaux for the Somerville Museum. Special thanks to Q Division Studios, Joel Edinberg, Claire Goh and Michael Healey.



- 1. In what sport will you hear the term "tomato can"?
- 2. In what movie did Humphrey Bogart play Charlie Allnut?
- 3. Where would you find the semicircular canals?
- 4. In *Game of Thrones*, what is the translation of the term "valar dohaeris"?
- 5. What was the first desegregated hotel casino in Las Vegas?
- 6. What is the tallest structure in Las Vegas?

- 7. Tom Joad is a character in which John Steinbeck novel?
- 8. What is the first astrological sign in the zodiac?
- 9. What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in the film *It's a Wonderful Life?*
- 10. What date is associated with The Ides of March?
- 11. What is the main ingredient of Mince Meat Pie?
- 12. What is the official state pie of Florida?

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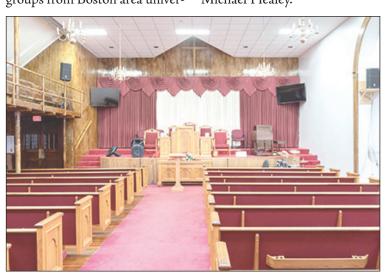
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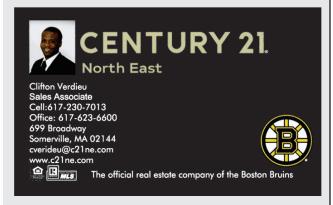
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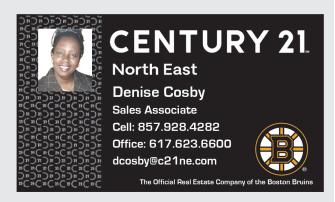
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue to discuss the following in addition to any other items previously advertised

Please check the city website 48 hours prior to the start of the ZBA meeting to view the hearing status of pending projects.

85 Munroe Street (ZBA 2019-45) (re-advertise): Applicant, John Murray, and Owners, Raymond & Mary Snow, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure including constructing an addition and deck in the left side yard setback and an increase the non-conforming FAR. Parking relief under Article 9. RA zone. Ward 3.

75-77 Woods Ave (ZBA 2019-126): Applicant, Kneeland Construction, and Owner, Lorraine Clark, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by increasing the height of part of the roof and adding dormers on either side. RA zone. Ward 7.

394 McGrath Highway (ZBA 2019-100): Applicant, 394 McGrath Highway LLC, and Owner, Atlantis Properties, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.3 to establish a residential use with 7 or more units, a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief, a Variance from the minimum lot area/dwelling unit requirement of SZO §8.5, and a Variance from the maximum floor area ratio requirement of SZO §8.5 to construct a 4-story building. BB Zone. Ward 3.

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 11/27/19 & 12/4/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of DW Propco JK, LLC, for a Flammables License for the storage of 2,500 gallons of flammables, and a Garage License for the storage of 118 vehicles inside, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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Notice is hereby given ExteNet Systems, Inc. proposes to replace an existing streetlight with a new 21.4-foot tall streetlight with top-mounted antenna and associated equipment concealed in the base 479 Canal St., Somerville, MA 02145. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6119005313 - TC EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at (339) 234-2597. This notice is a requirement of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Comments must be received within 30 days of this notice.

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considering works in all media, including photography, but not sculptures. Applications will be accepted through January 10, 2020. Email questions and/or your application to Julie at jwalker@minlib. net. More info, including selection criteria, required application materials, and more: bit.ly/2QIkQWD

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

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

December, Throughout the Clothing Closet of the Somerville Family Learning Collabo-

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



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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Avenue

337 Somerville Avenue, Unit 2 (PB#2019-26) Applicant, Duvine Cycling + Adventure Co., and Owner, Union Square Ventures, seek a Special Permit under §7.11 and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §7.13.A of the SZO for a commercial use over 10,000sf in a vacant storefront. CCD-55/NB/AOD zone. Ward 3.

217 Somerville Ave (PB#2019-21) Applicant and Owner, AMLEG, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan

Review under §6.1 of the SZO t construct a 3 story office building, with parking relief under §9.3 of the SZO. CCD-55/AOD zone. Ward 2.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 11/27/19 and 12/4/19

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Items may be continued to later dates. Please check the agendas for the Planning Board and/or Land Use Committee on the City's website or call before attending. Continued items will not be re-advertised.

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

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

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

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

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

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Shop Small MA presents Somerville Holiday Markets

Shop Small MA has teamed up with Tiny Turns Paperie and Courtney O'Keefe to present holiday markets spread across Somerville this season. Vendors will be setting up shop in Warehouse XI (11 Sanborn Court), La Brasa (124 Broadway) and the main hall of the historic Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, with crafted goods perfect to conquer anyone's shopping list.

These events are free to the public, with a suggested \$3 donation at the door for the Armory Market.

"Goods made from local artists adds a special touch that you can't really get from big box, corporate items," said Shop Small MA founder Vanessa Yip. "There's an incredible community that is born from buying local. It spurs economic growth and keeps our amazing crafts people in business. It's a win/win."

The Union Square Holiday Market, presented by Tiny Turns Paperie and Shop Small MA, will be held at Warehouse XI on Friday, December 13 from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The E-Som Market will be held on Tuesday, December 17 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at La Brasa. The Wrap It Up! Winter Market at the Armory on Sunday, December 22 from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. is your last call to shop small. You can also sip while you shop at the Armory, with the Armory bar offering a selection of wine, as well as beers from event sponsors Narragansett Beer and Notch Brewing.

"Please remember to use cash when paying for goods at these markets. This helps our vendors avoid credit card fees and boosts profits," added Armory market co-host Courtney O'Keefe. "These events are also surrounded by amazing locally owned, independent businesses and restaurants. Make it a point to frequent those with cash in hand not only before or after attending the market, but all year round!"



Union Square Holiday Market: https://www.facebook.com/events/727405377741988/
E-Som Market at La Brasa: https://www.facebook.com/events/789517238131553/
Wrap It Up! Holiday Market: https://www.facebook.com/events/988151684855985/
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high school," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley. "This legislation addresses those needs, acknowledges the value of accountability and dedicates a trust fund to close achievement gaps, an important goal that requires resources as well as our best thinking."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Whatever you think I did, I think I've paid my debt to society and I think I can get a second chance to be a contributing citizen so that I can benefit the citizens of Massachusetts." — Former Speaker of the House Sal DiMasi appealing Secretary of State Bill Galvin's decision to deny his application to register as a lobbyist so DiMasi can lobby on homelessness issues and for prisoners' rights. DiMasi served a prison sentence for accepting \$57,000 in illegal payments in exchange for helping a private company be awarded a state software contract.

"We are most concerned about the people who are unaware of the rules on drones. With the growth and advancement of drone technologies, we recognize there are significant benefits for commercial or business purposes, recreational use, and support to our first responders. But, drones must be safely integrated into the airspace and pose a significant concern when operators do not follow the rules." — Massport Chief Security Officer Hank Shaw kicking off an advertising campaign aimed at educating the public about the safe use of drones.

"Public safety is better served by investing in prevention and intervention than long periods of incarceration and for those who are incarcerated, public safety demands a truly rehabilitative environment." — Berkshire District Attorney Andrea Harrington joining with 38 prosecutors from across the country in committing staff to visit correctional facilities to fully appreciate the consequences of sentencing recommendations.

"The Trump Administration is doing everything it can to attack -- and I mean attack -- immigrant communities, to marginalize, to degrade, to take away rights, certainly to do everything it can to make the path to citizenship harder. But I want you to know we are more committed than ever to fighting this fight." — Attorney General Maura Healey speaking at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Advocacy Coalition's annual pre-Thanksgiving lunch.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of November 25-29, the House met for a total of 15 minutes and the Senate met for a total

of ten minutes.

Mon. November 25 No House session Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:19 a.m

Tues. November 26 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. No Senate session

Wed. November 27 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:12 a.m

Thurs. November 28 No House session
No Senate session

Fri. November 29 No House session No Senate session

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East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

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

Wednesday December 4

Central Library Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB

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

Thursday December 5

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday December 6

Central Library

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

Teen Empowerment Library Leaders 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday December 9

Central Library

Sing Along

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

Tuesday December 10

Somerville Community Baptist Church

Music with Emily

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

Central Library

Writing is Magic w/ Regina Hansen 'Winter Magic' 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Girls Who Code club

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday December 11

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Central Library

Somerville Positive Forces

1 p.m.- 2 p.m. Magic the Gathering

2 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Wednesday December 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.

Backroom: Annual Benefit For Somerville Homeless Coalition|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

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

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday December 5

Sally O'Brien's

BYOBluegrass with David Rizzutti 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Andrea Gillis Band w/ Special Guest Spotted Tiger|7 p.m.

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

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Orson & the Rosebuds with special guests Maya Lucia, Einstein, and Joe Sung-Rae

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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156 Highland Ave

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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

SAC 2019 Artist of the Month Cele-

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Prohibition Repeal Party at Saloon 6 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday December 6

Sally O'Brien's

David Johnston Band 6 p.m. Mountain Weekend, Hollow Turtle, Abigail Vail - \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom: Mass Ave Music 10 Year Anniversary Show|7 p.m. Closing Time|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Once Somerville

raavi & the houseplants / gap teeth / maya lucia / vhs slut 1997 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's

Kevin Connolly Mule Var. | 7 p.m. Ali McQuirk |10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Thunder Road

Double Star with special guests Why Try?, Steeples&Satellites, and Fire for

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. James McCarthy 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Plenty O'Sh*t Saloon 7 p.m.|Café

Tall Heights Featuring Upper Structure 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday December 7

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Airport, Mill Pond Falls, & Junior Classics - \$10 cover|9 p.m.

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The Burren

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

Back Room: Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.

Los Goutos Holiday Extravaganza!|7

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The Scrooges, Brix'n Mortar, Nice Guys, The Von Traps at ONCE Ball-

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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The Gravel Project 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends

10 a.m.|Café Faith in a City Community Concert 6:30 p.m.|Cafe Somerville Songwriter Session

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Somerville Theatre

The Slutcracker 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday | December 8

Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.

Sally O'Brien's Bar

African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m.

Front Room: John Gannon &

Celia Slattery Studio Singer Showcase|11:30 a.m. Rebetoparea 3:30 p.m. Savoir Faire Presents "A Guitarist Is" w Amy Mantis, Chris Walton, Andrew DiMarzo, and Donna Vatnick 7:30

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

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Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Once Somerville Holiday Buzz Market | 11 a.m. Foreign Tongues, Webbed Wing (Ex-Superheaven), FAULT + Scott Ayotte|7 p.m.

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Americana Picnic: The Stacking Stones Band with Ella Williams 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Vegan Market

Somerville Theatre

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.|Performance Hall New Poetry and Open Mic 3 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Slutcracker

2 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday December 9

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m.

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

The Burren

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m. Back Room:Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz at ONCE

Stove w/ Damien Scalise + Bad History Month + Laura, Laura 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

Tuesday December 10 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m.

The Burren

8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band**

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-

Back Room: Silver Arrow Band

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Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131 PJ Ryan's

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

8200

Thunder Road Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

with Christine Banna 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

AniMAtic Boston: Art & Animation

Wednesday December 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom: Lunasa - with special

guest Ashley Davis: Two Shows 7:30

p.m./10 p.m. Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road**

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Plaid w/ Kia Mazzi 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday December 4

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Gallery @ SPL: Opening Reception

something to hold on to Stina Sim-

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

Thursday December 5

Central Library

Poets Laureate

City of Somerville: Water and Sewer 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Tom Petty Jam 6 p.m.-8 p.m. A Poetry Reading by Somerville's

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

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

Learn English with the Library!

Ciampa Manor

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday December 7 **East Branch Library**

Schwartz 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers Market

Let's Talk about a Poem with Lloyd

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

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

Holland St Sunday December 1

Central Library

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

Climate Zine-Making and Craftin

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday December 2 **Central Library**

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group 7 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.|79 Highland

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

Learn English at the Library!

East Branch Library

Tuesday | December 3 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|115 Broadway Wednesday December 4

Central Library Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

12 p.m.-2 p.m. Free Screening - Joan Walsh Anglund: Life in Story and Poem

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

CENTER SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Main Office: 167 Holland Street (Between Davis Square and Teele Square.)

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

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

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

Holland Street Senior Center: 167 Holland Street

(Between Davis Square and Teele Square)

Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

(East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2335

Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, (Behind the Holiday Inn)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

617-666-5223

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fun – Monday, December 9 9:00 a.m. Holland Street Center Following breakfast the day will continue with Activities, Bingo and a Special Lunch. All of the above included in the price. Cost \$7 to be paid at time of reservation Seating is very limited RSVP a must For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Music & Movement with Steve Gintz – at our Holland Street Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come create magical movements through music. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for more information. Upcoming dates: December 9, January 27 and February 24.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H) - On Hiatus until Spring

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C)

Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H)

Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

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

Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Thursdays:

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

LBT Fit-4-Life-6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

De-cluttering support group – If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group will be meeting in the fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

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

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

Memory Café – Meets the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

Men's Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Game Hour – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a "Game Hour." Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the first and third Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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Historical Fact

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buildings are decorated each year with stringed holiday lights. Originally invented by a telephone worker for better switchboard visibility, the idea migrated to outdoors.

- In 1906, Somerville's George Cove was the first to harvest the sun's power and put it to work. His invention, a solar panel and battery called the Solar Electric Generator, brought the ability to light his Somerville Avenue home.
- + Thomas Edison held over 3,000 patents. His first two were created in the electrical shop of Somerville's Charles

Williams, Jr. Edison's most famous invention was his incandescent light bulb.

· When you are viewing a decorated house, the light is coming to you at 186,000 miles per second.

In December, when the darkest nights of the year descend upon us, take this opportunity to enjoy the lights around town. Whether you enjoy a bike ride, a family auto excursion or a trolley ride on the Somerville Arts Council's 23rd annual Illuminations Tour on Saturday, December 15th ... now is the time. Somerville's houses, streets, and squares are sparkling!



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By Bobbygeorge Potaris

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This week in Somerville **Neighborhood News**



What and where are Somerville's Opportunity Zones and Why Should You Care?

By Diego Marcano and Flaviana Sandoval

Did you know that there are two "Opportunity Zones" in the city where investors can get tax breaks on capital gains they invest in property and businesses located in these areas?

Where are these "zones?" What kinds of economic development might be on the horizon? What do city officials, community advocates and your neighbors think?

Learn more about "Opportunity Zones" in the Somerville Neighborhood News video and read the story online at somervillemedia/org/snn.



IMPACT: Arts and Conversation Group

IMPACT (Immigrant Multilingual Parents Art and Conversation Together) is a weekly arts and conversation group for immigrant families with children in the Somerville Public Schools looking to connect with other families in the community. IMPACT meets every Friday, 9:00-11:00am at the SFLC Center, 42 Prescott St. The group is offered in partnership with the Beautiful Stuff Project and with support from Cambridge Health Alliance.

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Monday, December 9 12:00am

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Margery Hutter Silver's first career was as an editor for the Atlantic Monthly and Boston book publishing houses. After her retirement from her second career in geriatric europsychology, during which she wrote and published the book, Living to 100 (Perseus, 1999) and many journal articles, she expected to return to her first love, writing short stories. Instead, she began to write and loves poetry.

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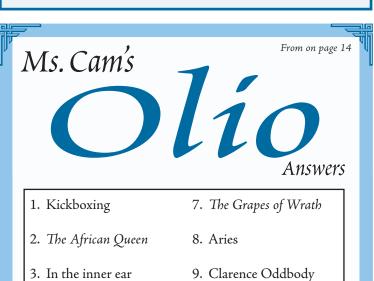
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

From the Bloc 11 Cafe: Interview with poet Toni Bee

Toni Bee met me in the backroom of the Bloc 11 Cafe to discuss her life as a poet, mother, woman, activist, African-American, etc. Bee made it clear to me that she doesn't want to be straight-jacketed into any particular label. A formidable figure, with a voice that makes sure it is heard, Bee also exhibits a great deal of warmth. But she is not one who is afraid to spit out the truth no matter how uncomfortable it feels.

Bee, who lives in Cambridge, but has many Somerville connections, said in an interview that she has an affinity for "odd people," and being a dues paying member of the group, I asked her about it. She told me, "I probably got that from Jason Wright, the founder of Oddball Magazine. Odd people are not embraced within society. I want to embrace them through my poetry and art."

Now, I am proud to be among the band of three who created the Somerville Poet Laureate position, and as it turns out Bee was the Poet Populist of Cambridge from 2011 to 2013. I asked her what the difference is between a populist poet and a poet laureate. She said, "The poet populist is elected by ballot. Citizens of Cambridge voted for the populist poet, unlike Somerville where a committee selected the poet laureate." According to Bee, her tenure in the position was a positive one. She recalled, "The position gave me a sense of professionalism and also a chance to work with youth - always an emphasis of mine." Bee has a TV show on Cambridge Access, she ran a venue for music and poetry at the Middle East Restaurant in Central Square, Cambridge - among the many activities she is and was involved in.

Bee is not a native of Cambridge, but of Boston. She found that living in Cambridge was a good fit for raising her daughter. Bee reflected, "Cambridge has its problems, but it has less of the violence than I experienced in Boston."

I asked Bee if we could talk about her being a founding member of the Black Lives Matter group in Cambridge. She said, "No," but then politely qualified this. She stated, "I am a believer in 'intersectionality.' I don't want to be known only as an African American woman – because like all people I am many things. I am a woman, poet, activist, mother, daughter. I don't like to be placed in a pigeon-hold. So I do discuss it but with that light in mind."

Many poets from Somerville and beyond have been a great help to Bee. She mentioned a number of them, Chad Parenteau, Afaa Michael Weaver, Dexter Roberts, Gilmore Tamny and of course her own mother. But she fondly recalled being a student at Simmons College. She was an older student, with a child, and a limited income, so it was a tough stint. But she remembers taking the final poetry class that the celebrated poet Afaa Michael Weaver taught before he retired. She recalled, "His class was inspirational – it was a catalyst for my life



as a poet today."

In her introduction to her poetry collection 22 Again she writes, (often in the vernacular) "The language I use in this book is an amalgam of word rhythms I have been hearing my entire life. Me, my native country – we is an exquisite mix. I celebrate that. My Daddy made sure we met our half-African great-grandma from Jamaica. And I could neva' understand how she was speaking. Mommy, Eartha Mae, were from South Carolina. And when she called home on weekends, her accent became that sing-song I rarely heard, yet adored. R&B and Hip-hop was the background beat. And growing up in Dorchester was madd diverse. My language became otherized; it seeps in my work."

Toni Bee is yet another creative person I have encountered here, in the Paris of New England.

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72539404 5 Granite St U:2L 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 23 \$639,00	0 \$635,000
72491760 21 Dell street U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 32 \$749,00	0 \$740,000
72518530 15 Illinois Ave U:15 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 95 \$749,90	0 \$749,900
72538942 148 Lowell St U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 20 \$775,00	0 \$875,000
72547273 36 PowderHouse Blvd.U:1 7 room, 3 bed, 1f bath 33 \$789,99	9 \$760,000
72531145 331 Beacon St U:1 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 8 \$798,00	0 \$798,000
72546026 429 Norfolk St U:13 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 14 \$829,00	0 \$855,000
72550489 241 School St U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 3f bath 33 \$849,00	0 \$840,000
72552120 241 School St U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 3f bath 15 \$865,00	0 \$865,000
72557659 45 Endicott Avenue U:8 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 21 \$875,00	0 \$877,000
72502453 17 Illinois Ave U:17 7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath 90 \$899,90	0 \$867,500
72448500 117 Highland Ave U:B 6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath 231 \$999,90	0 \$975,000
72568731 9 Medford Street U:608 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 6 \$1,014,00	\$1,014,000
72508004 90 Line St U:90 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 17 \$1,099,00	\$1,170,000
72509762 21 Hall Ave U:21 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 58 \$1,199,00	\$1,250,000
72520255	\$1,215,000
72538355 50 Bow St U:11 8 room, 3 bed, 3f bath 14 \$1,199,00	\$1,180,000
72420017 260 Beacon Street U:201 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 199 \$1,225,00	

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

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
72532388	97 Woods Ave	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	60	\$829,000	\$795,000		
72546743	10 Ashland Street	2 unit, 8 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	16	\$935,000	\$875,000		
72501642	11 Partridge Ave	3 unit, 15 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	49	\$1,250,000	\$1,155,000		
72523087	186 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	57	\$1,339,999	\$1,270,000		
72529149	141 Orchard St	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	2	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000		
72561532	10 Hancock St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,395,000	\$1,370,000		
72467664	32 Murdock Street	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	20	\$1,400,000	\$1,250,000		
72446504	5 Smith Ave	5 unit, 9 total bedrooms	44	\$1,750,000	\$1,588,000		
72522240	755 Somerville Ave	3 unit, 14 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	40	\$1,899,000	\$1,800,000		
72474228	6 Rush Street	6 unit, 25 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	84	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000		

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

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