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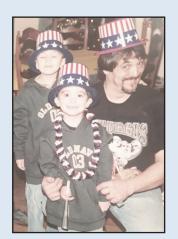


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## 2019: The year in review



#### By The Times Staff

As another year passes, we look back now and highlight some of the local stories of particular interest that we covered in 2019.

The year began with the City of Somerville's legislative body officially becoming the Somerville City Council (formerly the Board of Alderman) on January 31. The name change was approved when Gov. Charlie Baker signed a home rule petition on January 1 requesting the switch to City Council.

"I am very happy not to be called an elder man anymore," said City Council President Katjana Ballantyne.

The process to switch from the Board of Aldermen to City Council began in early 2018 when Councilor-at-Large Bill Continued on page 4

## **Somerville Winter Farmers Market** now open for business

#### By Robert Sondak

The Somerville Winter Farmers Market has evolved over a decade from a local winter farmers market into a large urban indoor market featuring more than 50 venders and drawing roughly 800 to 1,000 customers each week. Today, it is the second largest farmers market in Somerville, followed only by the Union Square summer farmer's market.

Non-profit Arts at the Armory, which currently houses and manages the market, helped established the market in 2009 in cooperation with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and local non-profits such as Relish Management. It is one of the largest winter farmer markets in Massachusetts.

"The Somerville Winter Farmers Market has a very long season. It is open for 19 weeks from December 7 through April 11. Our long season makes us unique among Massachusetts winter Continued on page 7 farmers markets," said



The Winter Farmers will be in operation every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory through April 11.

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On behalf of the publishers, editors, writers and - most importantly - the staff here at The Somerville Times, we want to wish you all the very best in 2020 for the city, its residents and those who love Somerville like we do. Happy New Year **2020** to all!

In its annual tradition, the City of Somerville will kick off the New Year today, January 1, with a reenactment ceremony for the anniversary of the "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park. Important note: the park is currently closed for renovations, so the event will be held along Munroe St. adjacent to the park. The road will be closed during the morning events. A processional led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback will leave from the City Hall Concourse at 11:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony at Prospect Hill Park. As always, members of the public are invited to participate, and are encouraged to wear traditional colonial clothing. Light refreshments will be served, and miniature replicas of the Grand Union Flag, both as a flag and a lapel pin, as well as colonial-era tri corner hats and a few items highlighting the city's historic assets will be available for purchase. The Tower will also be open to the public following the ceremony.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a good friend, Christopher Kenney, a true Somervillevillian. A great guy and good friend. Happy birthday to one of the nicest ladies and former teachers here in the city, Sophia Carafotes. We know she will have a great birthday, but that's her. Happy birthday to Lisa Ludwick, formerly of East Somerville, we hope she had a great day. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who are celebrating this week.

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Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held on January 2 at Foundry on Elm, 255 Elm St, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free appetizers, Continued on page 11

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#### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: City proposes parking permit restrictions near transit stations

#### #thekinghasspoken says:

Can someone tell me when these anonymous fiefdoms (commissions) gained law-making power? Do these clowns think Somerville is the only place that has the T and is popular? I don't see anyone paying \$3,000/month to live in a place where they are basically told they cannot own a car because they cannot legally park on city streets. Do they think taxpaying property owners won't object to paying the same in taxes without use of the public ways? But not to worry, if you're disabled you can have an audience with the King and beg for the privilege of using a vehicle. This has the potential of lots of lawsuits against the city.

#### LindaS says:

Hey, #thekinghasspoken, don't you know that we're a bike-friendly and pedestrian-friendly city? We're not supposed to have cars here, because nobody uses them.

#### Denise says:

Absolutely ridiculous! People are not giving up their cars! And no guest parking permits? Seriously????? People have family who want to visit and do not ride bikes or walk 100 + miles! Just asinine!

#### Lastsanepersonstanding says:

Unless "extenuating circumstances" include impractical / impossible to get to work by subway, has kids, and anticipate visitors, among other things the only impact this will have is to cause new developments to become flop houses for a very narrow demographic slice of somerville.

#### Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Seems like a really great proposal. I hope this goes through. It will certainly serve us all very well.

#### Old Taxpayer says:

Another plan not thought out. What ever happened to using common sense and looking into all the effects this will have? Absolutely no vision here.

#### joe says:

This is ridiculous. And I say that as somebody who will be exempt.

The city council and various commissions need to stop acting like cars are unnecessary or undesirable. You need a car to get around. The T can mitigate that to some extent, but it is not always feasible or preferable. And who the hell is going to buy new \$900k units if they can't even get a city sticker? Aside: sounds like another instance where the city will screw over the numerous residential 6-unit houses (3 on each side)? They aren't exempt?

And how is it that affordable unit welfare recipients do get passes?!?! That makes zero sense. I'm not surprised in the least Niedergang's photo is on the article. Dude makes Bernie Sanders look like Mussolini. Never heard an idea that he likes that I also like.

#### Bob Ross says:

Yet another classic example of government run amuck.

#### TheoNa says:

This appears to be a policy that discriminates against older residents and those who have physical limitations. We need transparency on how a ten-minute walking distance is determined. Is it based upon a healthy 18-year-old? Is consideration given to older citizens or citizens with disabilities?

#### Matt c says:

No one is forced to buy a or rent these future units. It doesn't impact any current property. People with mobility issues are exempt. It doesn't make it harder to park. It doesn't increase traffic as much as a free parking building would.

Really guys grow up.

#### Yet another poster says:

Interesting to see how this plays out, as it in effect disallows on-street parking for residents / guests of any new development (most of the city being within 10 minute walk of a current future subway station), I expect this gets reversed within 10 years. Developers will find there is in fact a limit to the number of people who have the privilege of a career / lifestyle that allows one to live car free. Alternately they all build expensive units with expensive parking garages. Neither option is conducive to families/long term residents.

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

## 2020 hindsight



I remember how long it took me to stop writing a "7" on checks when we entered the '80's. All of a sudden, 1970 is 50 years ago. I had just

started getting used to being a teenager when I turned 20 in 1973. Fast forward to ... wait! It sure did go forward, fast. I was always so busy trying to achieve and build for my future, while raising a family, that the days just flew by. And now here I am in the future.

When you're a kid in high school in 1970, all you hear is "You've got to plan for the future!" The only problem was that we didn't know where the present ended and the future began. It all seemed to mush into each other. I remember being given the opportunity to start an IRA, or a 401-K. I'd be thinking, "Retirement? I'm only 20 years old I don't have to think about that yet." But it came a lot faster than I thought.

Last week I called my best friend who just moved to North Conway, NH. After about a 45 minutes we realized something. We had spent most of time comparing aches and pains and doctor visits and medications. We briefly touched on the old days but spoke mostly about how to be more comfortable and pain free and how to help keep the doctors happy.

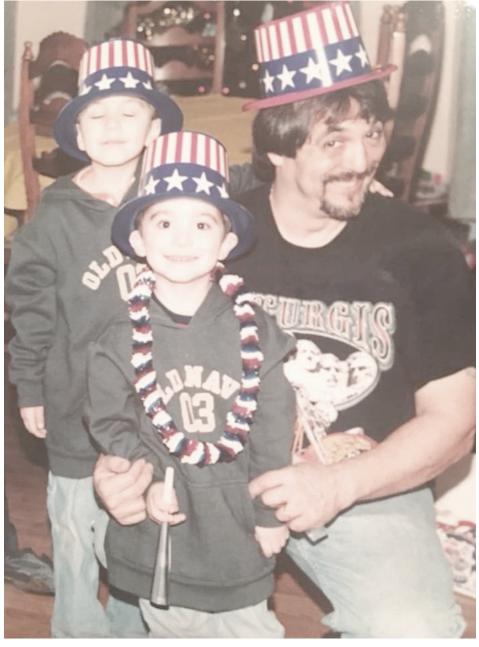
We are so busy trying to pay bills, raise children, and keep the boss man (or woman) happy. I don't remember making the transition from kid to adult. Deadlines, agendas and day to day responsibilities cloud the fact that we are supposed to be enjoying life. The only life we get.

I never really strived for financial goals. I wanted to not have to stress out about every little thing. I'm still stressing, but I'm more aware of my need for calm. But there's always a dilemma of some kind or another that pops up. I've discovered that it's called ... life. We get no handbook, no guide and no roadmap to life. We are just tossed into the sea of humanity without a life preserver.

Remember 1999, when everyone thought the millennium was going to be a train wreck? Computers were supposed to stop, and there was even fear of the end of the world happening. 2000 came and went without a hitch. People are always worrying too much to simply enjoy the present.

I've watched the 60's turn into the 70's, the 70's turn into the 80's and so on, and now it's 2020. Are you kidding me?

Resolutions have never worked for me, so I'm setting small goals for myself. I'm going to try to not flip anyone off anymore. I'm going to try not roll my car



window down to yell at people. I'm going to try not to drive slower when someone is tailgating me. Nah, scratch that one. That's my favorite go to move.

When old friends talk we always end the conversation with, "We'll get together soon!" But "soon" comes and goes too fast and sometimes it never comes. The "would've, could've, should'ves" are the worst. There comes a time when we should just do it. One of my dad's favorite sayings was, "What the hell are you waiting for?"

In years past, we celebrated New Year's Eve with bands and friends at Johnny D's, The Surrey Room, Holiday Inn,

Khoury's State Spa and my favorite, The Embassy Lounge. One of my best memories was one New Year's Eve when my band played at The Dilboy Post. There was so much Chinese food leftover that I took it home and ate it for a week. I'll never forget it. We had a plastic gallon container of duck sauce.

As I said, I don't remember making the transition from kid to adult. As I'm sitting here watching The Three Stooges, I'm starting to think it hasn't happened yet. Maybe this year. Maybe not.

So Happy 2020 to everyone. Let's not forget to enjoy today, while planning for tomorrow.

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Writer's Den takes place Wednesdays and some Mondays (except vacation weeks or if schools close due to inclement weather). Visit the district website (www. somerville.k12.ma.us/events/calendar) for Writer's Den meeting dates for the rest of the school year. The workshops take place at the Healey School Library, 5 Meacham St.



# By Jim Clark

## Good Samaritan gets back most of the goods

Police officers were dispatched to Columbia Sports at Assembly Row last Friday afternoon on reports of a shoplifter.

Upon arrival, the officers were informed by an onlooker that a male had chased the shoplifter past the train platform.

Partners Security told police that they saw the man running towards Broadway on Grand Union Blvd. The description given was a white male with sweatpants and a tan jacket.

A man matching that description was located at the intersection of Lombardi Way and Broadway, at which time the suspect fled into a nearby residential yard.

Police began searching the area and a man matching the description was spotted by an officer as he exited a yard.

When the suspect saw the officer he reportedly ran in the other direction.

Officers chased through several yards until the suspect was intercepted and taken into custody. Officers immediately recognized him as John Elwell, of Malden, an alleged frequent shoplifter in the Assembly Row area.

According to reports, Elwell admitted that he was wearing

a jacket stolen from Columbia Sports, which he reportedly said without police asking him any questions. The anti-theft device was still located on the iacket.

Columbia Sports told police that a total of seven jackets valued at \$200 each were stolen.

Police reviewed video surveillance which reportedly showed Elwell enter the store at 1:13 p.m., select the jackets, make no attempt to pay for the items, and exit the store at 1:24 p.m.

An unidentified customer chased Elwell and recovered six of the jackets before returning them to the store. The police officers were unable to get this good Samaritan's name.

Elwell was placed under arrest on a charge of larceny over \$1,200.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

#### Arrests:

Paula Nolin, of 359 Green St., Cambridge, December 17, 4:44 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of shoplifting over \$250 by concealing merchandise, trespassing, possession of a class B drug, larceny from a building, credit card fraud under \$1200, and receiving stolen property under \$1200.

Lajuane Bleach, of 973

Morton St., Mattapan, December 18, 6:24 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of removal of theft prevention device, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

**Destin Tyler**, December 18, 6:24 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of fugitive from justice on court

warrant, removal of theft prevention device, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Osmin Cortez, of 62 Bonair St., December 18, 10:31 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

Joseph Muzzi, of 34 Vanness

Rd., Weymouth, December 20, 11:45 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of possession of a class B drug.

John Aceto, of 421 Salem St., Medford, December 20, 3:42 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

John Elwell, of 27 Vernon St., Malden, December 27, 1:26 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a charge of larceny over \$1200.

Itamar Neto, of 153 Second St., Framingham, December 27, 8:56 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Mark Melanson, of 100 Willow St., Lynn, December 29, 5:08 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of larceny from a building and identity fraud.

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## 2019: The year in review CONT. FROM PG 1

White submitted a request that the City get permission (through a home rule petition) from the state to change the name of the legislative body in the City charter.

"I am glad that the state approved the home rule petition that I had introduced last year and that on February 1, I will be a City Councilor-at-Large," said White. "Our work certainly won't change, but I thought it was important that we adopt a modern and inclusive name for the legislative body of our city."

Soon after the elation over the new City Council designation settled down, the harsh realities of what was to come to the streets and bridges of Somerville began to sink in. As the eminent Ball Square Broadway Bridge closure in March approached, many wondered just how badly traffic congestion throughout the immediate vicinity and neighboring areas would be.

City Councilors called for traffic calming measures to be deployed in the Ball Square neighborhood to slow the speed of cut-through traffic before the bridge closed, as scheduled by the GLX Team.

The next phase of work on the Green Line Extension Project, the Washington St. bridge, in East Somerville near McGrath Highway, was scheduled to be closed for construction in two separate phases: first, from April

8 through approximately November 2019, then again from about April 2020 through August 2020.

During closures, all traffic was detoured around the bridge's underpass, including motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 86, 91, and CT2.

Further traffic headaches developed as The Medford St. bridge, in Gilman Square behind Somerville High School (SHS), closed for construction in May 17, and is expected to remain closed through the spring of 2020. Traffic was be detoured around the work zone via Pearl St. and McGrath Highway.

In January, an order was put forward at a meeting of the then



Board of Aldermen requesting that the Director of Health and Human Services report on the feasibility of situating a safe injection facility in Somerville. Safe injection facilities are legally sanctioned, medically supervised facilities designed to provide a hygienic and stress-free Continued on page 14

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## Historian Jared Ross Hardesty takes on slavery in New England

#### By Shira Laucharoen

Professor Jared Ross Hardesty of Western Washington University says that his book Black Lives, Native Lands, White Worlds: A History of Slavery in New England is one that the country needs right now. Hardesty discussed his work in a lecture given at Tufts University on December 18.

While the book investigates the institution of slavery in the colonies from its origins in the 17th century through emancipation, its commentary on this facet of the American past speaks to the condition of our world today. Hardesty discussed his book in a lecture at Tufts University on December 18.

"In New England, there are stereotypes about people of African American descent that come of out slavery, and in the larger transnational dialog about slavery, those [stereotypes] are there," said Hardesty. "But in New England, in the larger cultural perceptions, there was an act of making slavery history something in the past, that didn't matter. When we look at the poverty, marginalization, and segregation of African Americans following the end of slavery in New England, those attitudes are applied without taking into account the legacy of slavery, the individual moral failings."

Hardesty's book, which provides "a historical reckoning with slavery," utilizes

the unifying theme of connections, highlighting the connection of New England to slavery in other parts of the Americas. Hardesty emphasized the symbiotic relationship between New England and the West Indies, where merchants traded for slaves in exchange for food and livestock. Integral to this system was the cultivation of sugar, which went hand in hand with the expansion of slavery. As plantation economies developed in the Caribbean, the practice of "removing indigenous people from their lands and alienating them, opening lands for settlement" became prominent, said Hardesty.

"We're starting to see a change, as the myths are starting to be challenged, and the history is more representative of the truth..."

Slavery, on an ideological level, was often justified through a moral argument, Hardesty writes in his book. New England's usage of slave labor "helped to normalize, rationalize, and justify the enslavement of fellow human beings," Hardesty writes. Arguments in favor of



Professor Jared Ross Hardesty spoke on the subject of his new book Black Lives, Native Lands, White Worlds: A History of Slavery in New England at Tufts University on December 18.

— Photo by Shira Laucharoen

slavery had their origins in Christianity, as slaveholders believed it was fair to enslave non-Christians and that the "message of liberation" found in the Bible only applied to some.

Hardesty also makes use of individual stories of enslaved people, which illustrate personal experiences. He describes the life of Jinny, a woman who performed the largely invisible work of a domestic, and also that of Mark, who rebelled against his master by poisoning him. The histories of slaves like Mark give us insight into a particular trend, the arrival of slaves born in the Americas, usually the West Indies.

Hardesty indicates in his book that during the time of the American Revolution, New England underwent a shift in rhetoric and ideas. Criticism of slavery as an institution became more common as a result of Enlightenment thinking and the belief in universal rights of humankind. Yet Hardesty writes that emancipation in New England "did not deliver on its promises of freedom, equality, and civil rights." Racism still permeated society, as did the attitude that blacks could not be accepted as equals. The specter of slavery had left its impact on society.

The memory of slavery is often engulfed in myths, which we must continue to challenge, said Hardesty. New Englanders often try to represent themselves as occupying "free soil, so rich in liberty that slavery could never take root," writes Hardesty, separating themselves from other Americans, particularly Southerners. But the legacy of slavery is one that we must not forget, as we continue to question who shapes the narrative, said Hardesty.

"We're starting to see a change, as the myths are starting to be challenged, and the history is more representative of the truth," said Hardesty. "So many of those myths were shaped in the post-revolutionary period by leading whites, many of whom were descendants of slave holders. They crafted the narrative that slavery wasn't important, that is wasn't important economically, and that only a few people owned slaves. It was tied up in regional exceptionalism, as New Englanders had to define themselves as having a place of freedom. The myths were perpetuated for immediate political reasons but obfuscated our ability to come to terms with slavery in New England."

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**LEADERSHIP** - There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports the percentage of times local senators voted with their party's leadership in 2019. Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 144 votes from the 2019 Senate session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not on local issues.

The votes of the 2019 membership of 32 Democrats were compared to House Majority Leader Cynthia Creem (D-Newton), second-in-command in the Senate. We could not compare the Democrats' votes to those of Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) because by tradition, the Senate president rarely votes.

Fourteen (or 43 percent) of the 32 Democratic senators voted with Creem 100 percent of the time. The Democratic senators who voted the lowest percentage of times with Creem were Sens. Michael Moore (D-Millbury) and Michael Brady (D-Brockton), who both voted with Creem only 88.1 percent of the time.

The votes of the 2019 membership of five Republicans were compared with those of GOP Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

None of the five GOP senators voted with Tarr 100 percent of the time.

The Republican senator who voted the lowest percentage of times with Tarr was Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) who voted with Tarr only 90.9 percent of the time.

#### PERCENTAGE OF TIMES SENATORS VOTED WITH THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN 2019

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times the senator supported his or her party's leadership. The number in parentheses represents the number of times the senator opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some senators voted on all 144 roll call votes. Others missed one or more roll call. The percentage for each senator is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen 99.3 percent (1)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FOUR POSSIBLE BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT - Four questions proposing new laws have cleared the next hurdle to get on the November 2020 ballot for voters to decide. Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office announced last week that the sponsors of four proposed laws submitted more than the 80,239 certified voter signatures required under the state constitution.

The proposals would authorize ranked-choice or instant runoff voting in elections; allow all grocery stores to sell beer and wine; require that motor vehicle owners and independent repair facilities be provided by auto manufacturers with expanded access to mechanical data related to vehicle maintenance and repair; and change the way the state funds nursing homes.

The Legislature has until May 5 to act on the proposals. If not approved, supporters must collect an additional

SENATORS' VOTES WITH THEIR PARTY 13,374 signatures by July 1, 2020 to place their question on Nov. 3, 2020 ballot.

#### MINIMUM WAGE HIKE ON JANUARY 1 -

The state's minimum wage goes from \$12 per hour to \$12.75 per hour beginning January 1. It is the second step in an annual hike of 75 cents over five years until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2023. The Legislature approved the raise and Gov. Charlie Baker signed it into law In June 2018.

According to a new study released by the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, the hike will benefit an estimated 420,600 workers statewide to the tune of a total wage increase of \$410 million in 2020. The study also revealed that 60 percent of the workers receiving the higher wage are women and 40 percent are people of color.

"This planned increase in the minimum wage will make it easier for our lowest-paid workers to make ends meet," said Marie-Frances Rivera, MassBudget's President. "Though more still needs to be done to ensure that in a high-cost state like ours, we can achieve a truly inclusive economy that works for everyone."

'With every minimum wage increase, hundreds of thousands of working people in Massachusetts have more money in their pockets to put food on the table, pay their bills or save for an emergency," said Cindy Rowe, Executive Director of the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action and a Raise Up Massachusetts Steering Committee member. Raise Up was a coalition of community organizations, religious groups and labor unions that led the charge to get the hikes signed into law.

"But despite this progress, the Massachusetts economy remains one of the most racially and economically unequal across the country," continued Rowe. "We will continue to do this work until every worker in Massachusetts has a livable wage, family-supporting benefits and a transportation and education system that lifts people up, funded by the wealthy and big corporations paying their fair share."

Not everyone agrees.

"When fully implemented at \$15 [per hour], the Massachusetts minimum wage will have increased 90 percent over a 9-year period from \$8 t\$15," said Jon Hurst, President of the Retailers Association of Massachusetts which opposes the hike."We are unaware of any small businesses that have seen an average of ten percent sales increases over this same period of time. And unfortunately for our young people, we are not among the 39 states with a teen wage."

"Our concerns at the point of full implementation will be on the impact for small businesses and teens," continued Hurst. "With other state-mandated payroll costs such as the new leave mandates and the highest health insurance premiums in the country, small businesses will be forced to scale back without significantly higher future sales. And our 14- to 17-year old youths may miss out on both the learning and earning opportunities of that first job. A reasonable teen wage is good public policy embraced by 39 states and should be considered by Beacon Hill."

"The state minimum wage increase results in fewer minimum wage jobs and a larger barrier for those who are just entering our workforce," said Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "It's a fundamentally flawed policy that hurts low income workers the most and makes it harder for them to obtain a raise."

#### AUTO AND HOME INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

(H 4152) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker legislation waiving for another five years a law that requires businesses and groups to have a 35 percent participation rate in order to qualify for group auto insurance discount rates. The measure permits groups with less than 35 percent participation to take advantage of group rates, which save members between 5 percent and 8 percent. Without passage of this bill, the exemption would have expired at the end of 2019. The law has been suspended annually for many years.

Supporters said if the bill is not approved, insurance discounts for hundreds of thousands of vehicles and homes in the Bay State will disappear.

#### PROHIBIT SANCTUARY CITIES (H 1807) -

The House accepted a report of the Municipalities and Regional Government Committee recommending the defeat of a bill that would prohibit cities or towns from failing to enforce federal immigration laws by designating themselves as sanctuary cities. The measure also would reduce unrestricted local aid to cities and towns that don't comply with this law. Translated from government talk, "accepting a report recommending the defeat of a bill" means "killed the bill."

Supporters of the bill say cities and towns that encourage law-breaking are hurting this nation. They argue the state should do everything it can to dissuade those who seek to come here illegally.

Opponents of the bill say it is mean-spirited and note that some individuals are here because of political asylum. Others say they oppose sanctuary cities but do not support cutting off local aid as punishment.

Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Southwick) the sponsor of the bill, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call for a statement supporting his proposed legislation.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** – The venerable State House News Service, one of the state's most highly rated and admired news reporting services, asked the Statehouse press corps to vote on the top ten Massachusetts stories of 2019. The news service has been serving the working press since 1894.

Here are the results:

- 1) Gov. Baker signs \$1.5 billion Education Reform Bill.
- 2) Vaping reaches the crisis stage and leads to three deaths and other vaping-associated lung injuries.
- 3) Big trouble at the MBTA as trains derail and other major problems arise.
- 4) A deadly New Hampshire crash kills seven and reveals that the Registry of Motor Vehicles missed warnings from Connecticut that should have resulted in the suspension of the driver's license. It is then discovered that tens of thousands of similar warnings had been stuffed into a Quincy storage room without being processed.
- 5) The Baker administration releases a report detailing

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how the state's traffic congestion has gone from bad to worse.

- 6) U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III announces he will challenge incumbent U.S. Sen. Ed Markey in the September 2020 Democratic primary.
- 7) Four Massachusetts politicians run for president Liz Warren, Bill Weld, Deval Patrick and Seth Moulton.
- 8) For the second consecutive year, the House and Senate battle over the \$43 billion plus state budget and eventually Massachusetts is the last to approve a budget and send it to the governor.
- 9) New law bans drivers from using a hand-held cellphone or other electronic device.
- 10) Encore, the state's marquee casino opens in Everett.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of December 23-27, the House met for a total of 28 minutes while the Senate met for a total of

40 minutes.

Mon. December 23 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:39 a.m.

Tues. December 24 No House session No Senate session

Wed. December 25 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. December 26 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.

Senate 11:17 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.

Fri. December 27 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## New Year's resolutions for 2020: Ready to quit smoking? 'Quit, don't switch' to e-cigarettes

Along with hitting the gym more often and starting a diet, quitting smoking tops many New Year's resolution lists. There are currently 715,500 smokers in Massachusetts and nearly 60% tried to quit last year. New ads from e-cigarettes companies would have those smokers falsely believe that switching to vaping is quitting smoking. The American Lung Association is reminding Massachusetts residents that the Food and Drug Administration has not found any e-cigarette to be safe and effective in helping smokers quit.

This year, the Lung Association is encouraging smokers to "Quit, Don't Switch." Through December 31, 2019, achieve complete smoke-free freedom with a 10% discount to the proven-effective Freedom From Smoking® Plus program at Lung.org/quit-dont-switch.

Amber Pelletier, Division Director for Health Promotions for the American Lung Association in Massachusetts said, "Misinformation about the health risks of vaping is rampant and e-cigarette use, especially among youth has

been declared an "epidemic" by the U.S. Surgeon General. The simple truth is that e-cigarettes are tobacco products, and the Lung Association has been helping people avoid and quit using tobacco for decades. As New Year's inspires a new group of smokers to quit, we hope to direct them to proven-effective strategies and FDA-approved medications, while helping them understand that e-cigarettes are not the answer."

Pelletier also offered these facts about e-cigarettes: E-cigarettes are tobacco products. No tobacco product is safe, and that includes e-cigarettes. Recent hospitalizations and deaths related to vaping underscore the fact that vaping is in fact harmful. Switching to e-cigarettes does not mean quitting. Quitting means ending your addiction to nicotine, which can be very difficult. Research shows that e-cigarettes contain dangerous metals and toxic chemicals that can cause irreversible lung disease. Get the facts at Lung.org/ecigs

"One of the biggest problems with e-cigarettes is that many times people become dual users, meaning they smoke cigarettes when they can and use vaping devices at other times," says Albert A. Rizzo, M.D., American Lung Association Chief Medical Officer. "Using e-cigarettes is not safe: a new study released in December found adults who currently or ever used e-cigarettes are 30% more likely to develop chronic lung disease, including asthma, bronchitis and emphysema," said Rizzo.

For years, the American Lung Association has been urging the FDA to crack down on these unproven quit smoking claims made by the e-cigarette industry. These ongoing claims have made it more confusing for smokers to know what to do when they're ready to quit.

— The American Lung Association



### Somerville Winter Farmers Market now open for business CONT. FROM PG 1

Stephanie Scherpf, Executive Director of Arts at the Armory.

The market occupies a cozy, sunny space at the Armory, "In a wide rectangular room with large windows. There is a mezzanine on the second level. This space gets a large amount of sunlight which attracts vendors and customers," Jess Bloomer, the Winter Farmers Market manager said, adding that musicians often perform during the market.

Under the Arts at the Armory direction, 38 regular vendors participate in the winter market. Among these are seven commercial farms offering a variety of produce, fruits and flowers. Red Fire Farm and Freedom Food Farm

are certificated organic.

Two non-organic farms, Heron Pond and Apex Orchards utilize Integral Pest Management, which uses agricultural techniques like crop rotation to increase farm yields, to control pest and to minimize pesticides usage. Heron Pond Farm grows and sells a diverse crop range featuring greens, apples and watermelon in season. Brookford Farm grows spring, winter and summer vegetables which are all certified organic. Two specialty famers are also on hand, Mycoterra grows mushrooms, while Winter Moon Roots grows root vegetables such as carrots, parsnips, turnips, beets and radishes.

"We sell organic root vegetables like carrots, onion, russet and sweet potatoes and greenhouse greens like spinach and lettuce," said Ryan Voiland of Red Fire Farms. "Our business plan focuses on working at winter farmer's markets such as Somerville's and our sales are strong."

Apex Orchards sells a wide variety of fruits from apples, to blueberries and table grapes. "Apex Orchards' major fruit is apples. November is when we harvest apples. Apples are kept in cold storage throughout the winter season," said Courtney Basil, Apex Orchards farm store Operations Manager.

In addition to the regular produce vendors, meat and seafood

vendors also participate in the market. These include meat vendors Freedom Food Farm, Brookford Farm and Stillman Quality Meats, and four seafood vendors, Boston Smoked Fish, Jordan Brothers Seafood, Lilac Hedge Farm and Hooked LLC Fish Shop.

Baked goods are sold by Mariposa Bakery, Piping Plover Baking Co. (gluten free) and Sustainable Food Solutions. Cheese can be purchased from Foxboro Cheese Co, Bell & Goose, and Narragansetti Creamery LLC. Farm Wineries include Carr's Ciderhouse, Far From the Tree Cider and 1634 Meadery.

The market also offers 11

specialty stalls and two ready to eat. In addition, 23 guest vendors sell their products on different weeks.

This winter market allows customers to buy locally grown foods and support the regional New England farm economy. All eight farm vendors accepted EBT and participate in the Healthy Initiatives Program.

The Somerville Winter Farmers Market is located in the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue. 15 minutes by car from Davis Square. The market is open Saturday's from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information visit https://www.somwintermarket.org.

#### OBITUARY

#### Elena A. Scimone



Elena A. Scimone, Age 92 of Wakefield, Somerville, Rockport and Boston's North End passed away peacefully on Monday, December 9, 2019 in the presence of her son and care takers at Brightview Assisted Senior Living Wakefield.

Beloved wife of the late Frank J. Scimone, Mother of Frank A. Scimone of Wakefield and his partner Georgette Chappelle. Loving daughter of the late Agripina Aloise and Joseph Aloise.

brothers, Peter and John Aloise. Elena left behind 3 sisters, many nieces, nephews, friends and care takers.

After a courageous battle with the aging process, Elena, sometimes called "Ellie" will forever rest in peace at Woodlawn Cemetery with her husband Frank who passed away on June 1, 2015.

and grew up on Scheaf Street in Boston's North End. Elena married her husband Frank on July 4, 1948 and moved to Somerville in 1950. Elena worked side by side with

Frank in the Scimone Insurance Agency in Teele Square, Somerville where she became the office manager before retiring in 1993 to spend more time at her summer cottage in Rockport collecting nautical antiques and enjoying local restaurants.

Elena spent many long days and nights helping her husband Frank cleaning and renovating real estate that they purchased over time. Ellie cherished her time at home enjoying cooking Italian food and treats, scratching lottery tickets, reading and watching a Turner Classic movie. The simple things in life brought Ellie great pleasure.

Elena was very active socially often accompanying her husband President Frank to Somerville Kiwanis and Somerville Chamber of Commerce events along with local fundraisers for Mike Capuano's Elena was predeceased by 2 Home First Charitable Corporation, Somerset Savings Bank and Catholic Charities.

> Through 2013 Elena remained active with her husband Frank often volunteering to sing with the Kiwanis ladies and gentlemen to residents at local nursing homes. She loved to sing a variety of songs in both English and Italian.

Elena was proudly featured Elena was born in Boston in a front page story, in the March 8, 2019 Wakefield Daily Item "Have You Heard Elena Scimone Sing?" Author James Monaghan articulated how Elena was still pleasantly singing all the songs, remembering all the words but now as a resident of the Brightview Wellspring Community. Her son Frank would proudly listen as his mom read her "Living Tribute" to her resident neighbors.

Elena spent her final years at Brightview Assisted Senior Living where her son Frank will always be grateful to Director Mike Reid and all of the attendants and staff that cared for his mom and kept her safe and actively engaged. His mother's name remains on a plaque in the Brightview lobby honoring her as a Charter Member and the first resident of the Wellspring Community. Frank will forever remember his mom's first day at Brightview moving into her new home, celebrating at the daily happy hour and enjoying dinner with her son.

During her final months Elena was happily able to visit several of her former neighbors, friends, and customers in her old Somerville neighborhood as well as spend a tranquil day along the shore in Rockport and Gloucester.

Burial was private with services by John Cena Sr.

At the families request remembrances may be made in Elena's name to Allcare Hospice, 210 Market Street, Lynn MA 01903 or the Brightview Holiday Fund to benefit the Wellspring staff, Brightview Senior Assisted Living, 21 Crescent Street, Wakefield, MA 01880.

#### OBITUARY

#### Joseph W. Howard



Joseph Walter Howard of Plymouth (Manomet) formerly of Lincoln and Somerville, passed away peacefully at home on December 12, 2019 at the age of eighty-eight.

He leaves behind his loving wife of sixty-three years, Sally (Eldridge) Howard. Beloved father to Julie Head and her husband Chris of Marshfield, Pam Finn and her husband Mike of Plymouth (Manomet), Ann King and her husband Joseph of Marlborough, Chis Howard and his wife Jeannette of Everett. He was Gramps to seven grandchildren, Ryan, Cory, Jared, Sara, Jessica, Olivia and the late Taylor Finn.

After graduating from Somerville High School, Joe enlisted in the United States Navy becoming a submariner from 1951-1955. During his Tour of Duty, he served on the USS Cubera.

Upon his discharge he took over the family florist Howard Florist of Somerville, while attending Northeastern University at night to attain his degree in Business

Administration.

Once established, Joe became a vital part of the Somerville community. He was past President of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club and Community Council. As a director he served the Somerville Salvation Army and YMCA. He was a Trustee of the Somerville Hospital and the Winter Hill Baptist Church. Joe dedicated a lot of time to volunteering on various committees.

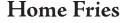
Upon Joe's retirement, he moved to Manomet where he enjoyed his time with friends at the Plymouth Country Club and John Alden Sportsman Club along with his brother, the late Bud Howard.

He was Uncle Joe to Steve, Dave, Meredith and the late Al Howard as well as the Manomet Community. Some of Joe's proudest moments was wearing the uniform of the Ancient and Honorable Society, where he traveled the world on an honorable mission representing the United States Military.

A private burial was held and a celebration of life will take place on Saturday, January 4, 2020, 11:00 a.m. at the Chiltonville Congregation Church, 6 River Street, Plymouth (Chiltonville).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360 or www. bidPlymouth.org.

## Dorothy's Corner



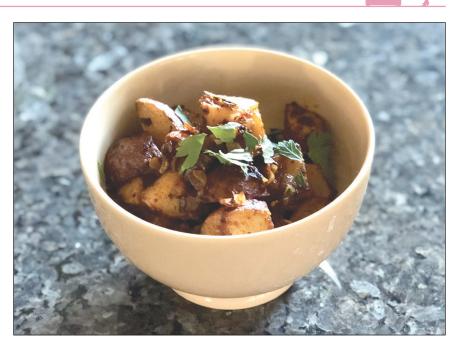
Whenever I'm entertaining and oven roasted potatoes are on the menu, I always try to make a little extra. I love repurposing potatoes for home fries. It's a real time saver in the morning. I originally tossed the diced potatoes in olive oil, salt, pepper and dried parsley and roasted in the oven until soft and crispy.

- 1 Tablespoon Safflower Oil 2 Cups Diced Potatoes (leftover) 1/2 Cup Onions, Small Dice
- 1/4 Teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1/2 Teaspoon Smoked Paprika

Pinch of Cayenne Pepper, optional Salt and Pepper, pinch of each

In a 12" skillet, add the oil and onion over med/low heat and sweat the onions for about 3-5 minutes. Add the potatoes, turn up the heat to med/ high and cook through for about 5 minutes. Add the garlic powder, paprika, cayenne, salt and pepper. Lower the heat to med/low and cook for another 5 minutes. Serve in a bowl and garnish with parsley. Serves 2-3.

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



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## Winter Hill Neighborhood Plan discussed at meeting

#### By Adam Parise

On Tuesday, December 17, residents gathered in the cafeteria of the Arthur D. Healey School to discuss the vacant site of the former Star Market on Broadway. The attendees were not pleased with the fact that nothing has been done with the parking lot ever since the store on Broadway went out of business 12 years ago.

Another topic covered at the meeting concerned the Winter Hill Neighborhood Plan discussed at the last meeting in June. The options for this plan included waiting for a private developer to become involved by doing a demonstration project plan called eminent domain and an urban renewal plan. Approximately 95 percent of the attendees preferred the demonstration project plan.

After discussion of that at the previous meeting in June, City Council members realized that this really would not be a feasible plan for the city, so the meeting transitioned into discussion of the urban renewal plan at this meeting and the different sites that could be included.

The first site that can be included in this urban renewal plan is of course the Star Market site. Future possibilities for this plan is a five-story development on the whole site, which allows for 200 new housing units with 28,000 square feet of retail and a half acre of publicly accessible open space.

A private developer was recently interested in this site/proposal but was not able to make the deal. After conversations with the community, the develop-

er imagined a six-story project with 310 housing units, 25,000 square feet of retail and one acre of publicly accessible open space.

The second site that can be included in this urban renewal plan is Foss Pavement. The plan imagines how incorporating the pavement into Foss Park could provide more space for assets in the park and a more environmentally friendly and pleasant walk along Broadway.

There would still be some space available for small businesses that could provide concessions for the park and an opportunity to increase the gathering green space. If this site were to become a part of the urban renewal plan, the existing community process to rethink Foss Park would play a big role in determining how to use this potential extra space.

The third site that can be included in this urban renewal plan is the Brewery Block. The potential plan for this site calls for a reconfiguration of the area to allow for better circulation of people and cars, additional open space and building of one or more houses. The plan can also include preservation of the post office building, Winter Hill Brewery and the residential building, while also redeveloping the single-story commercial building and Citizens Bank property. The redevelopment effort for this could be four or five stories, with about 80 units of housing and two acres of open space, as well as current ground-floor retail.

The fourth and final site that can be included in this urban renewal plan is Whitcomb Block. The future possibilities for this



Future plans for the former Star Market site were among the topics addressed at the December 17 meeting.

- Photos by Adam Parise

site could include a new development that would connect Broadway to Heath Street for pedestrians and incorporate 0.4 acres of open space. The new buildings could be four stories high with 130 housing units and 8,700 square feet of retail. The idea for this site would be to contemplate the four-story buildings adjacent to the property while still preserving the character of Heath Street.

Attendees were also asked to add their feedback, ideas and comments on Winter Hill on a white board. The ideas provided by the residents included but were not limited to: getting rid of condominiums, as they are regarded as cancerous to the city; to have affordable and accessible housing Clarendon Hill, which will better serve the community; and to also put in a store like Market Basket to replace the former Star Market - because people seem to go to that store more often these days - and to assure that lot does not go to waste by remaining vacant.

After the conclusion of the meeting, residents were asked to put a red dot next to a series of questions on a white board on their way out regarding the urban renewal plan of Winter Hill.

The first question asked was

"Should the city pursue an urban renewal plan for Winter Hill?" and a majority of the people answered yes to this question. Only two attendees answered no to this question.

The other question asked was "Which sites of Winter Hill should be included in the urban renewal plan?" and attendees were asked to put a red dot in either the "Include" or "Do not include" column next to the following sites:

- 1. Star Market
- 2. Whitcomb Block
- 3. Brewery Block
- 4. Foss Pavement

A majority of the survey responses favored Star Market, Whitcomb Block and Foss Pave-

to be included in the plan, while a majority of the survey did not want Brewery Block to be included.

Residents who were not able to attend this meeting may submit their feedback on the Somervoice website at https://somervoice.somervillema.gov/.

For more information regarding this urban renewal plan, residents can send an email to Urban Revitalization Specialist, Lauren Drago at ldrago@somervillema. gov. For those who wish speak with her in person, Drago is also

holding open office hours at 323 Broadway on Monday, January 6, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and also on Monday, January 13, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.





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## COMMENTARY

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## New year, same commitment to our values



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Each year on January 1, we gather to reenact and commemorate George Washington having the Grand Union Flag flown on Prospect Hill. We don't know exactly why Washington had the flag raised, but we do know

that there were British troops stationed in nearby communities who would have seen it. By raising that flag in full view of enemy troops he, consciously or not, announced that the Colonial Army was not afraid and not backing down.

Today Somerville residents proudly carry on that tradition of not being afraid to let the world know who they are and what they stand for. Some do it like the Colonial army did, by raising flags. Walking around the city you'll see Pride flags, Black Lives Matter flags, Trans flags, and a whole host of other

flags and banners that show dedication to a cause. And many of you do it in other ways – being involved in community processes, volunteering your time, making donations to causes you care about, and taking the time to talk to friends, family, and neighbors about important issues.

And you push us to do the same.

Amid the calls, emails, and letters that come into City Hall about potholes, snow plowing, and other service requests are questions about how residents can get more involved. People want to help our immigrant com-

munity, which has come under renewed attack by the Trump administration. They have ideas about how we can improve City services to better meet the needs of everyone in Somerville. And sometimes residents just want to voice their support for an issue we're already trying to take on.

Knowing how much Somerville residents care about each other and the issues big and small that affect our lives makes it easier to raise our proverbial flag and make it clear where we stand. When President Trump, shortly after being elected, threatened to cut federal fund-

ing to sanctuary cities I knew that Somerville wasn't going to back down on such a deeply held community value. In fact, a few thousand of you joined us on a freezing February morning at the 2017 One Somerville Rally to say just that.

As we welcome 2020, I hope that you'll keep championing the values that make up Somerville's soul. Keep pushing the City on important issues, get involved with the causes you're passionate about. And know that we'll be right there with you fighting to make our city, our country, and our world a better place.

## Somerville Community Corporation CEO stepping down

The Board of Directors of the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) announced that Danny LeBlanc will step down as Chief Executive Officer after 20 years of leadership effective June 30, 2020. The board formed a search committee in August and has enlisted the services of Third Sector New England to lead the work of identifying a new CEO.

Kathy McGilvray, Board President, said of the transition: "Danny has been a visionary leader for SCC for two decades. Under his stewardship the organization has

grown from owning 32 affordable housing units to nearly 300 and now provides critical local job training, advocacy, financial education, and leadership training for Somerville's diverse community. While marking our 50th anniversary this year, the SCC Board has planned carefully for a smooth transition to new leadership as we look forward to our next 50 years."

"It has been the highlight of my career and an absolute pleasure to have been able to serve as CEO the past 20 years," said LeBlanc. "When I look back on what SCC has been able to accomplish, I feel a great sense of pride in having been part of that good work. And, more than anything else, it's a real comfort to know that SCC has a strong board of directors and staff that will help carry the organization forward into the next period of its work in Somerville."

The Board of Directors engaged John Tarvin, a consultant to Third Sector New England to provide strategic advice as it prepares for a smooth transition in leadership. They hope to announce the new CEO in early spring, allowing for a period of overlap before LeB-



lanc's departure.

The Somerville Community Corporation is a grassroots membership organization established in 1969 that provides leadership for sustaining the City of Somerville as a vibrant, diverse and tolerant community. They build and preserve affordable housing, provide economic opportunity programing, and lead community organizing that supports lowand moderate-income Somerville residents in their efforts to achieve economic sustainability and increase civic participation.

#### Somerville's Inauguration Ceremonies Scheduled for Monday, January 6

The City of Somerville's Inauguration Ceremonies and Inauguration Addresses by Mayor Curtatone, the incoming President of the City Council, and incoming Chairperson of the Somerville School Committee will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6,



in the Somerville High School auditorium, 81 Highland Ave.

Organizational meetings of the City Council and School Committee will precede the ceremony at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Members of the public are invited, and the meetings and inaugural ceremony will be recorded and cablecast on the city's cable and educational access television stations, as well as online at www.somervillema.gov. (The organizational meetings will be livestreamed. The inaugural ceremony will be aired on the following days.)

A public reception at The Row Hotel, 360 Foley St., will immediately follow the inaugural ceremony. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at Inauguration2020@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2100.

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#### City of Somerville Announcing New Enhanced Online Bill Pay Services

The City of Somerville's Online Bill Pay Services will look a little different the next time you go to pay online. The new system offers added enhancements and new features that will make paying and viewing your tax and utility bills online with City of Somerville more convenient and helpful.

Online features include e-billing, single shopping cart for multiple bill types, as well as giving our customers the ability to view and print original bill copies for this current or past fiscal year. Customers may register to receive an email notification of their bill, and it would take effect with their next billing cycle.

This initiative is part of City of Somerville's vision to make Somerville a 21st century city by utilizing state-of-the-art software solutions that are secure, efficient and cost-effective.

The new vendor is City Hall Systems, and taxpayers will have access to their top-notch customer service team should they have any online payment questions or wish to make a payment by phone.

City Hall Systems customer service can be reach by phone at 508-381-5455, by email at ePay@CityHallSystems.com or by multilingual online chat.

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



Looking back to the year just passed is an interesting thing to do. Sometimes sobering, at other times amusing, yet always somewhat inspiring if one considers what has been accomplished and what else is left to be done.

A lot has been accomplished in the city. Many ongoing and new initiatives have been pushed forward and continue

into the new year. Observing and participating in the machinations of municipal goings on, even at the most fundamental level, is something of a civic duty that we all should share a sense of responsibility for. It's what makes democracy great, that every man and woman makes a difference in what transpires, mainly when they express their viewpoints at the polls.

Looking ahead to what may come in 2020, we can't help but feel optimistic about the days ahead. It will take some hard work and serious planning, but a lot can be accomplished if we pull together and focus on what's important.

As always, it's up to us to push things along in the right direction. To send the proper signals to our representatives in public office. To back them up when they get it right, and to call them on it when they seem to go astray. They have their duties and personal agendas, just as we have ours. Let each one carry on in the best way possible.

It is the time tested way of our community. We enjoy a uniquely favorable reputation as those who can.

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Are you a member of Somerville High School's Class of 1970? The SHS Class of 2020 is looking for participants for this year's Class Day festivities, which will take place on Friday, May 29, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave. They are looking for 50 graduates from the Class of 1970 to participate. If you would like to take part in the celebration, please email Barbara Favaloro, SHS Main Office, Head Clerk at bfavaloro@k12.somerville.ma.us, or call (617) 625-6600 ext. 6110 to sign up. The first 35 to respond will receive a commemorative gift. The SHS Class of 2020 looks forward to seeing past graduates from the SHS Class of 1970.

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Let's talk about a Poem with Lloyd Schwartz takes place Saturday, January 4, at the East Branch Library, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join in for another lovely morning with Somerville's Poet Laureate Lloyd Schwartz. Listen to and then discuss a selected poem.

This month's poems will be *Stopping* by *Woods on a Snowy Evening* and *To Earthward*, both by **Robert Frost**. This program is free and everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please call 617-623-5000 x 2971.

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Lady BOS Productions presents Show &Tell: A [sort of] Open Mic. Join in for a Sunday Funday filled with a variety of performances by local poets, musicians, dancers, comedians and more. Hosted in the extremely cozy Cafe at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on Sunday, January 5, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. This event celebrates live performance art in all its forms and stages by welcoming an interdisciplinary cast of makers to share works-in-progress. Art should be accessible to everyone. If you do not have the financial means to support this event, we still welcome your enthusiasm and support for the arts through your free attendance. If you do have the means to support working artists monetarily, we suggest a donation of \$5-10, cash or credit, at the door. Donations made at the door will be paid out to the artists performing. 10% of donations will support the production costs of ...that's what she said, an all-femme run production that provides support to female

and femme-identifying dance makers through peer-mentored critical response workshops, community outreach programs, and performance opportunities. More information here: https://www.ladybosproductions.com/show-tell-asort-of-open-mic.html.

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The Best of Somerville 2019 will be presented in the January 8, edition of *The Somerville Times*. There's still time to cast your vote for the best. Email, call in or just drop off at the office your vote for who and what you think is the best. We're looking for the Best Idea of 2019 here in the city. If you have anyone or anything you'd like to suggest, let us know.

WSNS Winter Concert 2019-2020, Perseverance, takes place Friday, January 24, 8:45 – 10:45 a.m. You are invited to join them in welcoming winter and see what the students have been learning so far this year. Listen to performances about perseverance by: SMILE-6th Grade Classrooms, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Strings and Band Ensembles, 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, World Percussion, and Orchestra. Please contact Mr. Darrell with any questions at: adarrell@k12.somerville.ma.us.

Are you a Somerville teen 13 years or older? If so, the City of Somerville invites you to consider being part of the Teen Snow Shoveling Program. This paid program is designed for youth to provide seniors in the community with shoveling assistance after a snow storm. Teens and seniors are paired for the season, and after each storm, the senior contacts their assigned teen to request shoveling services. Visit https:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/ programs/teen-snow-shoveling-program for more information, including details on how to apply. Questions? Contact Jennifer Mancia at (617)

Don't forget to park on the **ODD side of the street** when they call a snow emergency. And no, you can't park in the school yards anymore.

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Calling all middle school girls! The winter session of the Somerville Public Library's Girls Who Code Club gets underway on January 28. Facilitated by volunteers from the tech community, girls join a sisterhood of supportive peers as they learn coding to create a project they care about. The Continued on page 16

## 2019: A look back in pictures





















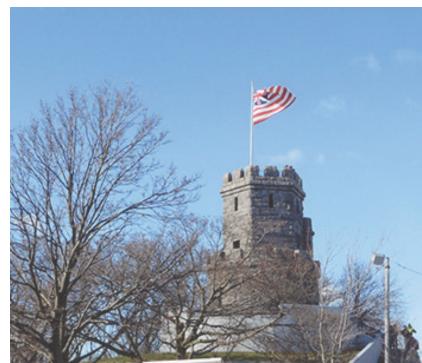












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environment in which individuals are able to consume illicit recreational drugs intravenously and reduce nuisance from public drug use.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced in August that he intends to open a supervised consumption site (SCS) somewhere in the city in 2020.

In February, the City of Somerville filed a suit alleging violation of RICO, public nuisance, fraudulent misrepresentation, among other claims against 19 manufacturers and distributors of highly addictive prescription drugs (opioids).

In a statement released by the city, Mayor Curtatone said,

"Our investigation into the opioid epidemic in Somerville points directly to these opioid manufacturers and distributors who we believe acted dishonestly and without compassion for patients, instead placing profits above all else."

A hit and run driver took the life of Watertown educator Allison Donovan on February 8. A region-wide search for the hit and run driver who struck her and another pedestrian down in the crosswalk at Powder House Boulevard and Hardan St. was immediately undertaken.

Edward Clark, of Norwood, was subsequently charged with leaving the scene of an accident

causing death, in connection with the fatal hit-and-run.

The incident initiated a series of actions by the city to facilitate traffic calming and safety measures, in particular on Powderhouse Blvd.

Two additional hit and run deaths on Mystic Ave. spurred further discussion on traffic safety in the city, although no concrete measures for improvement have yet been taken.

A pair of bills were filed by Sen. Pat Jehlen and Rep. Christine Barber aimed at preventing deaths such as that suffered by Laura Levis while waiting for treatment outside outside of Somerville Hospital. "Laura's Law" is intended to assure patients that they will have access to an emergency room at all times if needed.

A request put forward to the Somerville City Council's Legislative Matters Committee by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone that a Home Rule Petition (HRP) to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents aged 16 and 17 years old be approved for submittal to the state was taken into consideration at the Committee's February 7 meeting.

The request was kept in Committee pending the results of a proposed public hearing and further study of the legal ramifications of the HRP.

On May 9, the Somerville City Council passed an ordinance regulating the distribution of plastic straws and stirrers in an effort to address the issue of plastic waste. The ordinance is scheduled to go into effect on February 9, 2020.

On February 28, the Somerville City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution supporting Tufts University dining hall workers in their fight for their first union contract. Finally, a year after voting to unionize, the workers ratified a collective bargaining agreement with the university on April 3.

On March 20, Mayor Marc C. McGovern and Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced this morning the establishment of the United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants, a partnership between the Mayors' Offices and the Cambridge Community Foundation.

The fund is intended to facilitate the distribution of grants to help support immigrant community members who live and work in the Cambridge and Somerville area, among them young Dreamers, TPS holders, unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking

and/or domestic violence, and those seeking asylum from violence and persecution.

On March 21, the Somerville Legislative Matters Committee passed a revised Condominium/ Cooperative Conversion Ordinance. A condo conversion ordinance - enacted back in 1985 - was already on the books, but the committee approved revisions that substantively increase and update tenant's rights.

The ordinance was opposed by many, most vocally by the Somerville Property Owners Coalition (SPOC) group.

Also in March, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan announced the launch of a new Cold Case Unit to investigate unsolved homicides, suspicious deaths where foul play is suspected and missing persons cases.

In April, Somerville Stop & Shop workers walked out after a contract deal could not be reached with the management of the food chain. Over 31,000 employees across New England joined the walkout as negotiations between the retailer and union representatives continued. Demonstrators at the Somerville location were joined by city officials who lent their support to the striking workers.

An agreement was reached on April 21 that included increases in pay and sustained health coverage benefits for the Stop & Shop's employees.

A resolution was put forward at the March 28 meeting of the Somerville City Council calling for improved accessibility at the forthcoming Union Square Green Line Station.

Somerville resident Denise Cosby, mother of Justin Cosby, who was murdered on the campus of Harvard University in 2009, penned a searing look at the loss of her son, the court cases that followed, and the impact on greater Boston community. The subject of media headlines for years, the death of Justin Cosby focused attention on issues of race and privilege against the backdrop of an Ivy League school. The book, entitled Murder at Harvard's Kirkland House: A Mother's Worst Nightmare, was released on April 27.

A Rhode Island man was arrested and charged in federal court in Boston on May 23 in connection with an armed robbery at the Middlesex Federal Savings Bank in Somerville on May 1 that resulted in shots being fired.

Daniel Rosado, 32, of Providence, R.I., was charged with

one count of armed bank robbery, one count of brandishing and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence, and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

In May of 2019, the City Council passed new regulations for short-term rentals (for example, rooms or units rented on sites like AirBnB or HomeAway), which go into effect on January 1, 2020. The purpose of these regulations is to allow Somerville residents to operate short-term rental units, but to also ensure that those units remain part of the housing stock and do not negatively impact the neighborhood. Those wishing to operate a short-term rental must remain in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and building codes.

In June, an ordinance banning the use of facial recognition technology in Somerville was discussed, in consultation with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and advocated specifically by Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen.

According to advocates of the ban, using this technology dismantles the first amendment, the right to speak freely, the ease of privacy in our own homes and the peace of mind that we are safe from misidentification or identity theft.

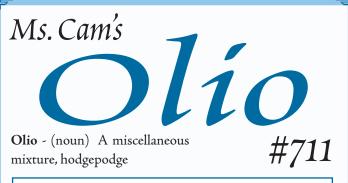
The vote to ban the use of facial recognition technology in the City of Somerville was unanimously approved by the Council.

On June 5, the Somerville City Council debated the transparency of the budget for the 2020 Fiscal year, in which the budget – amounting to some \$254,654,111 – was presented by Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott called the budget the "least transparent document this city has put out since 2006" during the meeting, while the mayor described it as "one of the most transparent documents in the Commonwealth."

Sgt. George R. Schipani was finally returned to his hometown of Somerville for the first time in almost 70 years. Schipani, who was killed in action during the Korean War in early 1951, was buried with full military honors, including a procession led by Massachusetts State Police and the Somerville Police Department, at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, June 22.

In July, the city of Somerville passed an updated and cohesive Tree Preservation Ordinance making it harder for homeowners and Continued on page 16



- 1. When did the first First Night in Boston take place?
- 2. Who organized the first First Night in Boston?
- 3. What is the 2020 Waterford Crystal Times Square New Year's Eve Ball theme?
- 4. Who hosted the first two editions of New Year's Rockin' Eve?
- 5. What New Year's gift did ancient Persians give that symbolized productiveness?
- 6. Which city has the Mummers New Year's Day parade?

- 7. What U.S. president does musician Post Malone have tattooed on his arm?
- 8. What board game is the American version of Royal Game of India?
- 9. Won't You Be My Neighbor is the theme song from what TV show?
- 10. What female cook got her own cooking radio show in 1924?
- 11. What was the first news program om NPR in 1971?
- 12. In what film does Liam Neeson play a vengeful scientist?

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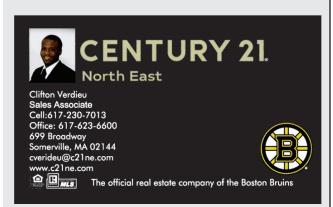
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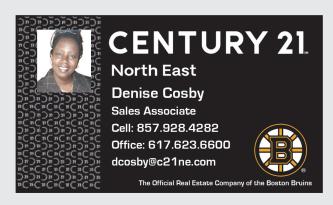
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The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on Thursday January 16, 2020 on the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan and to receive community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program. The public hearing will be held at:

East Somerville Community School located at 50 Cross Street in Somerville.

The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.\*\*

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Nency Salamoun at 617-625-6600 ext. 2323 or via email NSalamoun@somervillema.gov

Written comments must be submitted by *February 17,2020* and should be sent to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 Attn: Elizabeth Twomey or via email to OSPCD@somervillema.gov

\*\*Snow date for this meeting is January 23 @ 6pm at the Central Library Auditorium located at 93 Highland Avenue. Comment period until February 24, 2020.

Joseph A. Curtatone

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, January 13, 2020 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA, at 6:00PM on the Application for an All Forms 7 Day Alcohol License in the Enhancement Area and a Sunday Hours License, for Olive, Viola and Will Inc. d/b/a Dragon Pizza for 233 Elm St. Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Christopher Allen Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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developers to cut down trees on their private property.

The ordinance, which many homeowners voiced their objections to, went into effect on August 1, and will likely impact developers looking to cash in on Somerville's "buy and flip" real estate mania.

From My Heart To Yours, a documentary education project, was screened for the first time for the public on July 31 at VOX POP, Somerville Media Center's summer community arts and events space.

"We wanted to talk about it [the opioid crisis] because we've known that it's impacted Somerville to such an extent, over the years since the early 2000s," said Matthew Mitchell, Preventions Services Manager of the City of Somerville Dept. of Health and ville's Winter Hill in Motion of improving traffic flow the

Human Services.

At the August 22 meeting of the Somerville City Council, former Somerville Mayor Eugene Brune was honored with a citation from the Council commemorating his 90th birthday.

After the presentation of the citation, Brune offered some of his own thoughts to those in attendance saying, among other things, "I'm very happy to be here, and I thank you very much for inviting me. You know, we all say from time to time that time goes by so swiftly. And it does. It's been forty-two years since I sat in that seat, and that seat, and that seat. And maybe another seat. And so much has happened before that and so much happened since that."

As part of the City of Somer-

project, new dedicated bus lanes, separated bike lanes, and more mobility upgrades were implemented on Broadway.

Bright red "Bus Only" lanes along both sides of Broadway between McGrath Highway and Main Street, one of the city's most congested commuting corridors have been installed.

These dedicated travel lanes are intended to enable the MBTA to provide more efficient, reliable bus service on routes 89 and 101, which support approximately 8,000 boardings per day. According to the city, passengers could save up to 5 minutes per ride and see more buses coming on schedule.

Many residents expressed their displeasure with the changes, and state that instead

dedicated lanes are in fact doing just the opposite.

The Little Sisters of the Poor announced in September that they will be withdrawing from Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville.

In making the announcement, Mother Alice Marie Jones, l.s.p., the Little Sisters' provincial superior, explained, "As part of a strategic plan aimed at strengthening our ministry and bolstering the quality of our religious and community life, we Little Sisters of the Poor have recognized the need to withdraw from a certain number of homes in the United States, while at the same time dedicating our resources to much needed upgrades and reconstruction projects in several others."

On September 12, Somerville served

DPW Commissioner Stanley 'Stan' Koty passed away. Koty served the City of Somerville faithfully for over 45 years. He was the only person to ever serve the city in five different positions: Student Representative to the School Committee, Ward 5 School Committee, Ward 5 Alderman, Clerk of Committees to the Board of Alderman, and Department of Public Works Commissioner. Stan was the longest serving DPW Commissioner in the history of the city.

On October 9, Donald F. Norton, late owner/publisher of The Somerville Times, passed away.

Norton's list of accomplishments included: Appointed to the Somerville Board of Health in 2000 and was appointed to the Licensing Board in 2003. He Continued on page 17

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Club meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for 10 weeks at the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave. For more information and to register, contact Karen Stevens at kstevens@minlib.net.

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Is there someone in the Somerville Public Schools that you would like to celebrate? The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) invites you to recognize them with a Duhamel Star. The Duhamel Star is a certificate of appreciation given as a donation to DEI in the honoree's name. You can express your gratitude with a personal message and grow student engagement in SPS through your donation to DEI's grant fund. Duhamel Stars can be purchased at any time, and the honoree will receive it within one to two weeks of ordering. For more information and to order a Duhamel Star, www.duhamelsomerville.org/duhamel-star.html#/. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Please join the Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division, and Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen on Wednesday evening, January 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community meeting to discuss the

final landscape plan for the Central Hill Campus (Phase I). The meeting will be held in the Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave. Phase I of the Central Hill Campus Master Plan includes the renovation of Central Hill Playground and the installation of Memorial Walk East, a celebratory walk for the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and a new Service Memorial. For more information about the project, visit www. somervillema.gov/departments/central-hill-plan, or contact Cortney Kirk at ckirk@somervillema.gov.

Have you thought you'd like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject, as do our Bob Doherty and Dorothy DiMarzio, or like Jimmy Del Ponte with his stories about the city. Or maybe you'd like to express your opinion like Bill Shelton. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email news@thesomervilletimes.com and tell us about your idea.

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## **SCES** staffers give generously through 2019 CHA gift drive

Staffers from Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SECS) recently donated gifts for more than two dozen local children in need.

Coordinated in partnership with Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), the gift drive will provide more than 140 gifts for children from 13 local families, said SCES Clinical Director and drive organizer Annie Fowler. She said it was a team effort, with nearly 30 SCES employees participating.

"It's really been great how our agency has embraced this gift drive," said Fowler. "Our team has really supported this effort, and it's great seeing everyone pitching in to make a difference."

Now in its fifth year, the drive grew out of ongoing collaborations between SCES and CHA's Complex Care Management teams, which combine the perspectives of nurses, social workers, and community health workers to provide better care. Fowler meets with CHA staffers regularly through the program, and said the collaboration grew out of discussions with CHA's pediatric social workers.

"They said November is always a hard time, because they see so many families either miss the deadline for toy donation programs, or they're just over the eligibility guidelines," said Fowler. "I remembered we'd had a toy drive in the past and told them we'd try to help out."

Since then, CHA social workers have identified families that could use help and provided their wish lists to SCES staffers. Typical gifts include winter coats, clothing, and toys.

The following SCES staff contributed to the drive: Annie Fowler, Alison Payne, the SCES Nutrition Department, Ellyn Torres, Megan Krey, Nathaniel Meyer, Kathleen Gillespie, Paul Hollings, Amy Goodwin, Kashia Point du Jour, Shamone Allien, Nicole Poirier, Helia Kinney, Tania Pina, Stephanie Becker, Barbara D'Eramo, Elise Farrell, Allison Freeburn, Charlie O'Brien, Nancy Quigg-Gon-



Staffers from Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services recently donated roughly 140 gifts to benefit local families in need, through a joint gift drive with Cambridge Health Alliance.

salves, Rachel Berry, Donna Vaskelis, Allison Alaimo, Lee Ann Lowe, Courtney Johnson, Ronald Lim, Nina Cohen, Pat Benson and Margarida Mendonca.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cam-

bridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

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as President of the Somerville Rotary Club, Past President Of The ERA Real Estate Council, Founder and President of The Highland Masonic Building Association, Vice president Somerville Property Owners, President Ward Seven Civic Association, Certified Real Estate License Instructor, two times Past Master Of King Solomon's Lodge, Somerville, a Shriner, Benefactor Of The Little Sisters Of The Poor and a myriad of other Somerville foundations and charities in a list too lengthy to mention.

The citywide election for the certain city streets. City of Somerville took place on Tuesday, November 5, and all incumbents on the ballot won their respective seats.

Mayoral challender Marianne Walles, who launched her campaign in June, was bested by a wide margin by incumbent Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

In November, The Moccia family, proprietors of Ball Square's iconic eatery, Victor's Deli, made the following announcement confirming that it is ceasing operations:

"It's with a heavy heart after 37 years of business we have closed our doors at Victor's Deli. We have made a decision to move on to the next chapter in our lives. We had a wonderful time serving the community. We had many great years and built friendships, bonds and lasting memories that will stay with us forever."

Many Somerville residents and visitors to the city have since expressed their sadness and disappointment with the news of Victor's closing its doors.

On November 14, Somerville residents gathered at the Tufts Administration Building for a public meeting of the Traffic Commission to be updated on and discuss proposed parking fine increases and alterations to

DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners (DLJ RECP), Leggat Mc-Call 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.

Somerville High Schools students gathered for a vigil they organized to honor CTE Director Leo DeSimone, who passed away unexpectedly on November 26. 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."

In December, The City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department announced that all Somerville municipal buildings are now equipped with Narcan, a life-saving drug that can reverse the effects of opioids,

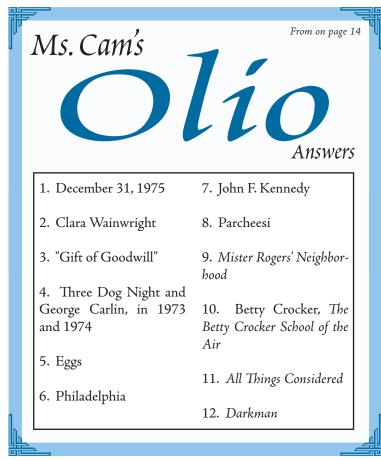
as part of ongoing efforts to save lives and educate the community on overdose prevention.

The City of Somerville Traffic Commission approved a proposal to restrict the issuance of parking permits to future residents of new development located within walking distance to a rapid transit station of the MBTA's Red, Orange, or Green Line services at its latest meeting on December 12.

On December 12, the City

Council voted to approve the administration's proposed new zoning ordinance, making this the first major overhaul of zoning in Somerville since 1990, and an update of some regulatory elements that have existed since zoning was first adopted in 1924.

It was a busy and eventful year in Somerville and its surrounding communities. We can certainly look for more of the same in the year to come.



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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday|January 1

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#### Thursday January 2

**Central Library** 

5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Preschool Storytime for 3 to

#### Friday January 3

#### **Central Library**

Preschool Storytime for 2-yearolds

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Teen Empowerment Library Leaders meeting

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

#### Monday January 6

#### **Central Library**

Sing Along 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Teen Empowerment

1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday January 7

#### **Somerville Community Baptist** Church

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

#### Wednesday | January 8

#### **East Branch Library**

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#### **Bull McCabe's**

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#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Flise Roth

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Friday January 3

#### Sally O'Brien's

6:00 p.m. Frank Drake Band 9:00 p.m. Juniper - \$10/\$15 tix & info

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session 9:30

Backroom | Mountain Weekend, Abigail Vail|7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Once Somerville**

156 Highland Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's**

Ali McGuirk

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

#### Joshua Tree

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

#### Casey's

**Entertainment every Friday** 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

#### **Thunder Road**

Space Force: A Tribute To Pink Floyd's Classic Album 'Animals' 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Coral Moons

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Saturday January 4

#### Sally O'Brien's

6:00 p.m. Stan Martin Band 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2

Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session 2 p.m.

Back Room: "Let's Do Lunch" with Dalia Davis, Janna Maria Fröhlich, Melissa Nilles and Yani Batteau|3 p.m.

Won't Back Down - Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers Tribute Band|7 p.m.

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#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

#### Bull McCabe's

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#### Casey's

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#### **Thunder Road**

Captain Sunbeam and Friends Live at Thunder Road! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

**Barefoot Young** 

The Young Prophet, Slow Loris 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Old North

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Sunday | January 5

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9

"Let's Do Lunch" with Suzie Brown, Scot Sax and Kaiti Jones!|12 p.m.

Antheia Ensemble 3:30 p.m. Josie Toney Presents: Honky Tonk Heaven 7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Highland Kitchen**

Sunday Brunch Live Country & **Bluegrass** 

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

#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Americana Picnic: Greg Klyma|2

pindrop sessions 20: play the part / the music of phil berman 7 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

Show + Tell A [sort of] Open Mic 12:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland

#### Monday January 6

#### 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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave.

#### **Once Somerville**

Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz at **ONCE Lounge** 

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

#### Tuesday January 7 Sally O'Brien's Bar

8:00 p.m. Tim Gearan & The **Shrikes** 

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. Backroom|Dan Cloutier's, "Acoustic Open Mic Night" at The **Burren Backroom Series** 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

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

ing Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

First Tuesday of the Month|Spell-

#### 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

### 625-8200

**Thunder Road** Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville!

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

Ezra Furman

Photocomfort 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Wednesday | January 8

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

8:00 p.m. free poker, lots of prizes!

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#### 3589 The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 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**

Toth Mal Devisa

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Redwood Rain

**Library Closed** 

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday January 1

#### Thursday | January 2

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 January 4

**East Branch Library** Let's talk about a Poem with Lloyd Schwartz

11a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

#### Arts at the Armory

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

meet weekly to discuss their work

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain | 18-

Somerville Writers and Poets

Somerville Winter Farmers Market

#### 48 Holland St

#### Sunday | January 5

**Central Library** Getting Cozy @ the Library 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Pop-Up Book Sale by Friends of the Library!

#### 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-

**Anon Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in

#### basement Monday | Janaury 6

#### **Central Library**

Creative Drama Workshop with

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

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

**East Branch Library** 

**Central Library** 

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

#### Wednesday January 8

#### **Central Library**

12 p.m.-2 p.m. P2P Technologies: A Series 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

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

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

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

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

Holland Street Senior Center: 167 Holland Street

(Between Davis Square and Teele Square)

Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

(East Somerville)

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

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

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street,

(Behind the Holiday Inn)

Fax: 617-625-1414

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.

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

**Pizza and a Movie** – Tuesday, January 14 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center, Atrium. We will be showing Jack Frost and pizza to follow. \$3 per person. Payment due at time of reservation. To RSVP please

call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Chinese New Year "Year of the Rat" Bingo – Wednesday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$12 price includes lunch, coffee, dessert and bingo. Limited seating and transportation. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**St. Valentine's Day Celebration** – Monday, February 10 at Dilboy Post from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Limited seating and transportation. This event is made possible through the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Departments. For more information call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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 SCHEDULE

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

#### Monday:

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

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus

Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C)

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

#### Tuesday

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

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

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

#### **HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

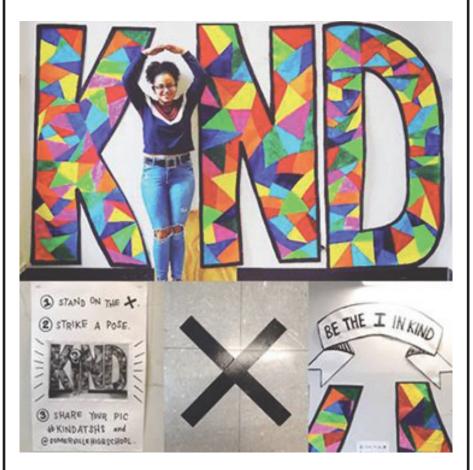
Cross Street Center is Closed the Week of November 22. **Lunch is served** every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

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

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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### **Interactive mural beckons SHS** students to be the 'I' in kind



Students in Ms. Lindsey Richard's Calligraphy art class at Somerville High School recently completed an interactive wall mural that invites students to BE THE "I" IN KIND. The colorful mural is located at the end of a third floor hallway at SHS and beckons students to stand on the "X" marked with duct tape on the floor just in front of where the "I" in the word KIND would go. Students are encouraged to interact with the mural by striking a pose and taking a pic. If students choose to share the photo on social media, they can to do so using the hashtag #KINDATSHS.

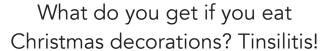
— Courtesy of Somerville High School

#### **Somerville Partnership for Young** Children launches new website

The Somerville Partnership for Young Children (SPYC) is excited to announce the launch of their new website: www.somervillechildren.org. The website provides information about the SPYC early education partners and enables families to see if they may be eligible for tuition assistance funds and fill out an application online. The goal of SPYC, a collaboration between Somerville Public Schools, Head Start, and participating child care and preschool partners, is to expand access to high quality early education for Somerville children and families.

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## **Documentary Film Bootcamp**



This one-day immersive workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to nonfiction storytelling. It will emphasize "accessible documentary production," or how to create great content using even the most basic cameras and production tools. Participants will explore documentary style and form, story ideation, nonfiction shooting basics, conducting compelling interviews, and getting started with editing.

This workshop is appropriate for beginners or new filmmakers who wish to explore the documentary / nonfiction form. If you want to make a documentary but don't know how to get started, this workshop is for you!

Instructor Biography: Colleen Kelly Poplin

Colleen Kelly Poplin is a filmmaker and educator. Her work explores gender, religion, family, and the wild ways they interact. She teaches media production and theory courses at Emerson College, including one of her own design called Creating Feminist Media.

Colleen has studied sound design, documentary production, and feminist media theory throughout her life. She earned MA and MFA degrees in Media Art from Emerson College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Radio-Television-Film from The University of Texas at Austin.

When: Saturday, January 11, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location: Somerville Media Center Cost: \$75 for Youth & Senior SMC Members \$100 for SMC & WIFVNE Members

\$125 for Non-SMC Members

Register at: https://www.somervillemedia.org/accessible-documentary-production-an-introductory-workshop/

#### **Serve and Inspire SPS** Volunteer Orientation

Are you new to volunteering with the Somerville Public Schools? You are invited to attend an orientation on Thursday, January 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cummings Building, 42 Prescott St., to learn about district schools and how SPS volunteers serve, inspire, and support student learning.

Contact SPS Volunteer Coordinator Jen Capuano at jcapuano@k12.somerville. ma.us or call (617) 629-5475 for more information, accommodations needed to attend, and to RSVP.



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7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360	6:00am	NASA TV
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live	7:00am	Somerville Storytellers
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie	7:30am	Going Postal
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9:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP	1:00pm	Community Benefits Agreement	3:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00am	NASA TV
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits	6:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley	8:00am	Democracy Now!
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Monday, January 6 12:00am Senior Circuit - December 2019 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 12:30am 1:30am City Council Meeting - 12.12.19 7:00am Conway Park Community Meeting 9:00am MassWorks Infrastructure Grant 10:00am

Talking Business Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner SomerViva en Español 2020 Organizational Meeting - LIVE

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Illuminations Tour 2019

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## **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

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Friday, January 3 Argenziano School Winter Concert 12:00am

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# yruca **SOMERVILLE** edited by Doug Holder

Dancer, poet, Karen Klein founded teXtmoVes, a collaborative of poets/dancers/ choreographers who perform together and independently, most recently at Urbanity Central, Boston. Her haiku have been published nationally, internationally, and anthologized. Her poems have been printed in The Cape Cod Poetry Review, Pudding



Magazine, The Comstock Review, SLANT, The Somerville Times, online in The Drunken Boat, Fusion Magazine, read as Sunday Poet on Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scene, WCAI Poetry Sunday, and Poet-to-Poet interview with Doug Holder, Somerville Cable TV. A member of Steeple Street Poets, she is compiling her first chapbook.

#### **NAPS**

My friend told me the difference between grown-ups and kids. Grown-ups like to take naps. Kids don't.

I'm a grown-up. I don't like to take naps. I'm afraid of them.

It's not a fear of putting my sleep cycle out of order. It's older, deeper.

I don't remember my exact age when it happens, probably adolescence. I remember my bedroom.

I fell asleep during the afternoon. When I awoke, it was night. To say it was terrifying, or to say I was in terror implies that I was thinking. I wasn't thinking. It was thinking me.

I knew I would die. I knew I would wake in the dark.

— Karen Klein

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## FF THE SHE

by Doug Holder

## **Poet Lyn Lifshin** has passed at 77



The "Queen" of the small press, poet Lyn Lifshin, has passed at the age of 77. Lifshin was published in almost every magazine out there including my own. You always knew it was a Lifshin submission because it was an overstuffed envelope with 50 to 100 poems, and many of them were very good.

I met Lynn in the North End of Boston at the late Jack Powers' house, and later attended a reading with her and Jon Wieners at the Old West Church in the Beacon Hill area.

I interviewed her in a funky little restaurant in the North End in the 90s. She was a very engaging woman, very kind, and wore an in your face red mini-skirt and high heels. She loved talking about her love of dance as well as poetry. Here is the interview I conducted with her, may she rest in peace. The taped interview is held in the Harvard Woodberry Collection.

Lyn Lifshin Interviewed by Doug Holder

Lyn Lifshin is commonly referred to as the "Queen of the Small Press". She has written more than 90 chapbooks and books of poetry, most recently Before It's Light, released by Black Sparrow Press. If you were to check out the Poet's Market, her name would invariably appear as a contributing poet in a slew of magazines. She has edited four major anthologies of women's writing, and gives workshops around the country. Her work covers her feelings about war, sexuality, a woman's role in society, and the whole gamut of life experiences. She has won many awards, including A Bread Loaf Scholarship and the Jack Kerouac award. I met with her before a reading she was to give at the Old West Church in Boston, sponsored by the Stone Soup Poets and Ibbetson Street Press. In the midst of the din of a busy North End restaurant, we talked about her life and poetry.

Doug Holder: So Lyn, how does it feel to be back in Boston after all this time?

Lyn Lifshin: It feels nice, it feels cold actually. I haven't been here for five to seven years.

DH: One might say you had your seminal poetic roots here? LL: My father's family was from the area. We visited this area from the time we were babies. I also spent a short time at Brandeis. I had to leave Brandeis to get married and give my cat a home (laughing). I did drop out. I was engaged to two men, and it was all too complicated. One was at Brandeis, and one was at Brown, so I didn't have time to do graduate work.

DH: I admire your cat poems. I remember one of your cat poems, where you describe laying in bed and the cat would leave you to go out. The cat would be on the prowl like a wild animal. Then it would come back to your bed, like a lover back from a night out. Cats seem to play a role in a lot of your poems.

LL: It's hard not to write about cats without being sentimental. I probably write about them, because invariably I have one in the background somewhere. If you view my documentary, you will notice a cat on the desk. They somehow represent living a normal life, a steady presence.

DH: In your new book, Before It's Light, the first section is autobiographical. Is it strictly so?

LL: Even though I say my poems are autobiographical, the experience is transformed by the act of writing about it. The first poem I wrote in this section, But Instead Has Gone Underground, was about the day before I turned in a manuscript. I wanted to convey that even if you know all the facts, you still have to remember it still is a poem:

A woman goes into the subway, And for whatever reason, Disappears behind rails And is never heard from again. We don't understand this.

In the past people would respond to my poems by thinking, "Oh, she must be wild, let's give her drugs", or, "She must be a real bitch, because she writes angry poems." The first poem conveys the fact that even though you might feel you know me, remember I am not the poem. This is a problem. I once wrote a poem loosely based about something that happened in the past, and twenty people said, "I like that poem about me."

DH: In one of your poems, Now I'm Into More Sensible Cars, you were using cars as a metaphor for more sensible men. At this stage of your life, do you feel more comfortable?

LL: I think I am. I am presently in a long term comfortable relationship. I guess I'm not sorry for the past, which was unsettled. A lot of great poems come out of the terrible experiences.

**DH:** Have any poems come out of a staid domesticity?

LL: Yeah, in a way. My present companion finds it very hard to hear any poems about anyone I was with before him. I wouldn't mind hearing about his. You shouldn't write about the person you are with. Why mess up a comfortable relationship? You write about what is absent ... the attractive man on the subway, with a ring on his finger, things like that. My partner was very upset with some of the poems I wrote. However, he likes when I write poems about him. I have written poems about his heart surgery. When I type them up, I think he'll like them. I do often find the worst things make the best poems.

DH: Someone told me that you can't be polite to be a good writer. You have to be willing to insult your mother,

LL: I think you have to take a risk. I was very close to my mother. We told each other everything. If a poem came out about her and it was unflattering, she wouldn't mind as long as I showed it to her. She would only be angered if I tried to cover it up. My other relatives felt that poetry aired their dirty laundry. They never asked me about it, they never mentioned it. They would have been happy if I went to Law School or something. Nothing as rude or revealing as poetry. Nothing as rude as poetry.

DH: If you were to characterize yourself as a member of a particular "school" of poetry, what would that be?

LL: I don't think that I fit into any school. I'm sure that I was influenced by the Beats at one time, but I was also influenced by a lot of writers like Plath and Sexton.

DH: How do the academic folks view you? In a Washington Post article, I read they seem to condemn you for being too prolific. Is there something wrong with writing a lot?

LL: I may be prolific, but out of many poems there will be only one or two that I will really work on or revise. I use to send out a lot, but it is not until I do a book will I really go over each poem.

DH: What is your philosophy of sending out so many poems? I remember when I was first wrote you, requesting poems for the Ibbetson Street Press, I was shocked about this huge envelope of poems I received.

LL: If someone asks me now, I send them a big bunch of poems, but I just don't send them out unsolicited. I guess I sent out so many poems because I never took a creative writing course, and I felt I would never write enough. I skipped a lot of years, and I always did things early, so I had an urgency to get things published.

DH: You are considered one of the major American Poets,

LL: In 1973 there were two major anthologies that came out with American women poets. I was in both of them. In the early 1970's I was booked for readings, I was getting published, etc. Maybe because I was published so much, or because some of my work wasn't up to par, that I fell off the first track. In spite of that, I was selling my archives for a nice sum.

DH: In your poetry you write about how expectations were pushed on you, particularly around having children. It was almost a crime that as a young woman, you didn't want kids. Can you talk about this?

LL: I think my decision to not have children came from seeing my mother, who was a vibrant woman, fun loving, a free spirit. She went to college and then lived in New York City. She went to lectures, danced all night, enjoyed life. She wanted to marry someone other than my father. She did what was expected, rather than what she wanted to do. She went back to Vermont with my father, something she never wanted to do. She wanted to stay in New York. She basically married my father because he was the right religion. Because of my mother's history, I decided I wanted to follow my own desires, and that did not include children. I really had nothing against marriage. I remember reading this poem about trading your life for a ring. I just didn't want to do that. My mother never wanted children, and when she had them, she did nothing ... she sacrificed her life.

DH: The recurrent theme in your poetry is that you seem to be fighting against these traps that are being placed. Am I right about that?

LL: I remember my mother-in-law told me that when you are in your 20's you can't have long hair. I fought against that, and the way you were supposed to dress for academic life. I guess I resisted going to Law School, and securing a more stable profession. My mother was worried some man would find my poems objectionable. She was right, they did.

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72583929	11 Ellsworth Street	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	17	\$550,000	\$530,000
72589469	74 Derby Street	8 room 5 bed, 1f 1h bath	11	\$699,000	\$690,000
72574391	19 Putnam Street	7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$850,000	\$825,000
72578855	42 Berkeley	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$870,000	\$905,000
72563072	24 Campbell Park	8 room, 4 bed, 1f bath	47	\$999,900	\$900,000
72563477	5 Bigelow St	8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	25	\$1,195,000	\$1,175,000

Single Family Listings: 6 Avg. Liv. Area Sq Ft: 1704.83 Avg. List \$: \$860,650 Avg. List \$/Sq Ft: \$504 Avg. DOM: 23.33 Avg. DTO: 14.5 Avg. Sale \$: \$837,500 Avg. Sale \$/SqFt: \$492

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72570980	23 Prescott St U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath	14	\$437,000	\$440,000	
72570677	33 Main St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	35	\$444,999	\$438,500	
72563176	301 Lowell St. U:14	4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	52	\$449,000	\$440,000	
72464531	88 Mount Vernon Street U:88	6 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	9	\$474,900	\$450,000	
72558945	25 Fairfax Street U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	76	\$549,000	\$544,500	
72578340	169 Boston Ave U:169	5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	6	\$549,900	\$555,000	
72564504	224 Summer Street U:#1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	60	\$599,000	\$575,000	
72574188	68 Wheatland Street U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	29	\$600,000	\$590,000	
72567012	10 Houghton U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	5	\$614,550	\$607,500	
72580730	124 Lowell St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	40	\$659,900	\$650,000	
72601047	11 Connecticut Ave U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	416	\$679,000	\$650,000	
72580625	14 Ellington Rd U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	18	\$679,900	\$674,900	
72586679	82 Munroe St U:PH2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	8	\$728,000	\$875,000	
72589607	5 Montgomery Ave U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	28	\$729,900	\$729,900	
72580553	56 Gorham St. U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	21	\$739,000	\$810,000	
72558346	42 Allen St U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	47	\$749,000	\$600,000	
72522471	36-1 Fenwick St U:1	9 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	140	\$749,900	\$732,500	
72526557	68-70 Pearson Ave U:2	6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	4	\$749,900	\$743,000	
72579611	14 Main St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	37	\$759,000	\$755,000	
72550578	29 Woodbine	4 room, 1 bed, 1f bath	142	\$769,000	\$760,000	
72581906	106 College Ave U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	8	\$795,000	\$852,000	
72577075	7 Tennyson U:A	7 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	26	\$795,998	\$840,000	
72562528	6 Highland Avenue U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	44	\$799,000	\$785,000	
72566691	42 Murdock St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	31	\$824,900	\$812,500	
72583828	25 Perry StU:25	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	6	\$839,000	\$903,000	
72580828	24 Newbury StU:24	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	38	\$849,900	\$800,000	
72561816	20 Lincoln Street U:1	6 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	93	\$859,000	\$832,000	
72514729	229 Cedar Street U:B	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	111	\$895,000	\$890,000	
72578158	75 Rush St U:3	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	18	\$899,995	\$900,000	
72570161	105 Willow Ave U:2 Square	7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	24	\$925,000	\$910,000	
72514727	15 Murdock Street U:A	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	20	\$930,000	\$930,000	
72586332	593 Somerville Ave U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$940,000	\$905,000	
72574944	41 Oak St U:B	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	28	\$949,900	\$950,000	

Condominium Listings: 39 Avg. Liv. Area SqFt: 1411.46 Avg. List \$: \$784,629 Avg. List \$/SqFt: \$578 Avg. DOM: 61.97 Avg. DTO: 47.03 Avg. Sale \$:\$783,149 Avg. Sale \$/SqFt: \$575

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
	MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
	72561965	56 Fairfax St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	56	\$749,900	\$694,000	
	72601824	3 Hamilton Rd	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	17	\$750,000	\$750,000	
	72573243	40 Otis St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	30	\$759,900	\$760,000	
	72567039	193 Boston Ave	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	39	\$879,000	\$853,800	
	72561890	75 Walnut St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	214	\$999,900	\$970,000	
	72562453	34 Line St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	44	\$1,195,000	\$1,150,000	
	72477061	14 Carlton Street	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	92	\$1,250,000	\$1,130,000	
	72582644	268 Willow Ave	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	22	\$1,399,000	\$1,200,000	

Multi Family Listings: 8 Avg. Liv. Area SqFt: 2563.38 Avg. List \$: \$997,838 Avg. List \$/SqFt: \$390 Avg. DOM: 64.25 Avg. DTO: 34.5 Avg. Sale \$: \$938,475 Avg. Sale \$/SqFt: \$369

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