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# After losing wife to asthma, one man advocates for life-saving legislation



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## By Hongyu Liu

As the first speaker, Peter DeMarco stepped up to the rostrum to speak at the State House for a bill signing ceremony on January 15. "It took us nearly two years to get here. I wasn't sure if we could even reach this stage. But in the end, Laura's law passed unanimously," DeMarco said in his speech.

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Shortly thereafter, Governor Charlie Baker signed An Act Ensuring Safe Patient Access to Emergency Care (S.2931).

The law requires "hospital emergency departments in the state to have entrances that are properly monitored by security, clearly marked, and easily accessible, particularly to patients in distress," State Representative Christine Barber's office explained in a letter published by *The Somerville Times*.

- Photo courtesy of Peter DeMarco The law is also known as

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# Save Our Stages Act to the rescue of local entertainment venues

#### By Max Eidelman

Peter DeMarco and Laura Beth Levis.

Congress has recently passed the Save Our Stages Act as part of the Covid-19 Relief Bill. This has been designed to provide funds that can support independent venues through the persistent havoc that the pandemic has wrought on the realm of public performance.

Sam Epstein, manager and owner of The Jungle Community Music Club here in Somerville – better known as The Jungle – recently spoke about how this will hopefully help him steer the course for his venue.

Before discussing the current status of The Jungle and plans for the future, Epstein spoke





Somerville artist Janeann Dill page 14 a bit about the background of the venue. He explained that the building used to be an old police station garage and that the area was essentially abandoned since the '80s. Of course: abandoned plot of land + derelict garage = ideal place for music.

Clearly, the place has had Con



Venues such as The Jungle struggling to cope with the Covid-19 temporary shutdowns are looking to the<br/>Continued on page 5Continued on page 5Save Our Stages Act to help them get through until reopening is possible.- Photo courtesy of The Jungle

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#### \*\*\*\*\*

Enjoy a **box lunch** from the **Somerville Council on Aging** on **January 22**. While they are not able to share lunch together, they hope you can stop by for this fun treat. Begins at 10:30am, Ralph & Jenny Senior Center, 9 New Washington Street. RSVP to **Connie** at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. Masks are required.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

**Groundwork Somerville (GWS)** is hiring an **Executive Director**. Are you passionate about youth jobs, urban agriculture, and environmental justice? This may be the job for you. If you are an experienced manager interested in working with an amazing group of staff and board, GWS might be the place for you. This is a 25-hour a week position for 2021, with the intention of moving to full time in 2022. Check it out today: http://www.groundworksomerville.org/groundwork-somerville-seeks-a-new-executive-director/.

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday this week to the following: A big happy birthday to our own **Dorothy DiMarzo**, who gives us all those delicious recipes every other week in our paper. Dorothy is great! We wish her the very best of birthdays this week. Check out her recipes in our print edition and online. Another popular birthday person this week is **Philip Ercolini**, from East Somerville. We wish him a very special birthday. Happy birthday to **Katie Lathasha Harris**, who is also celebrating this week. We wish her the very best of birthdays as well. *Continued on page 7* 



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# **Somerville Weather Forecast**

for the week of January 20 – January 26 as provided by the National Weather Service

|   | DAY                     | CONDITIONS    | HIGH/LOW | PRECIPITATION | HUMIDITY | WIND       |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Č | Wednesday<br>January 20 | Partly Cloudy | 35°/18°  | 0%            | 2%       | WNW 14 mph |
|   | Thursday<br>January 21  | Cloudy        | 33°/27°  | 9%            | 6%       | WSW 8 mph  |
| Č | Friday<br>January 22    | Partly Cloudy | 40°/22°  | 14%           | 8%       | NW 10 mph  |
| ¥ | Saturday<br>January 23  | Sunny         | 32°/18°  | 6%            | 2%       | NW 13 mph  |
| ¥ | Sunday<br>January 24    | Sunny         | 28°/16°  | 0%            | 1%       | NW 15 mph  |
|   | Monday<br>January 25    | Partly Cloudy | 33°/24°  | 19%           | 15%      | N 7 mph    |
| ÷ | Tuesday<br>January 26   | Snow          | 33°/22°  | 49%           | 33%      | NNE 11 mph |

# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

## **Response to: Opioid Misuse and Abuse – family and friends** *support group*

#### ketamine clinics Denver says:

I am very glad that I moved to America over 18 years ago and now I live in that beautiful country. Every time I think about retirement in my old country, I get scared, there for pensioners, the conditions that they want to improve are a fairy tale. Sometimes they don't even have enough money for food, and I still don't think about medicines and other expenses. It's really great that in America they care so much about retirees, and here the whole system is built so that in old age you can really relax. This is cool!

Thanks to everyone who participates in this! I also want to say that everyone can help pensioners! Every year we go to nursing homes for children and help grandparents who have no one else!

# **Response to:** *Somerville educators demand clear thresholds for in-person return*

#### Parent 2 says:

FACT CHECK: In response to your statement "The committee includes zero educators who work directly with students."

\*\*\*The 2 parent representatives appointed to the reopening advisory committee are both educators who work directly in person with students who are 18-30 years of age (much higher transmission rates).\*\*\*

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#### Aili Contini-Field (Parent) says:

"The SEU has proposed metrics and thresholds that will determine when we can be in-person and when we must be remote." This is exciting news. What are they?

#### Parent says:

Please do not speak for families about what will or won't be disruptive unless you have surveyed them. "Educators will determine what level of risk is acceptable to us" and parents will do the same. You are losing the parental support and more families are leaving the district.

The SEU's own selected expert, a Harvard epidemiologist, said that thresholds were not needed and that there was no magic number to pick. You can't accuse the SC of having cherry picked an expert, because you were able to choose your own.

Further, many parents have contacted Governor Baker about the school situation because he has left it up to districts to decide what to do. That is why Cambridge, Medford, Boston, Everett, and Chelsea, our immediate neighbors, all have some students in-person – generally high needs SPED. The SEU is the remaining reason Somerville schools are remote. Full stop. Further, threatening for remote school to be worse due to quarantines is repugnant – SPS is already providing less synchronous time than DESE requires, and less than other districts.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

# Life in the will by Jimmy Del Ponte Pan damn it



Of course, the most serious and poignant effects of the pandemic are the souls lost to the faceless killer among us. Staying healthy is the at the top of

all of our priorities. I really can't fathom the idea that some people may still think the whole thing is a farce created with a political agenda.

Among the up front and saddest effects of these times was not being able to properly say goodbye to loved ones who were lost. Their sorrow is unthinkable. Grandparents can't wait to hug their little ones and many haven't even seen theirs in months and we are all constantly worried about getting sick.

So how are our fellow "Villens" doing with this nearly year-old nemesis? There are many frustrating points we all had to deal with. I asked, "What was the worst part of the pandemic for you?" Here are some responses:

"Watching Walmart stay opened, packed to the gills while my friend's health club down the street from there has to close."

This next lady didn't mince words: "Never having any time alone ... fami-





ly is here 24/7. And my daughter not being able to travel or finish her junior year in college."

"High school graduates are not at risk ... If we can have supermarkets and churches open why can't we have a graduation ceremony for these kids ... they've worked 12 years towards graduation and for some of them it will be the only graduation they enjoy."

All valid points.

This next comment was a very common complaint: "Remote Learning (is) hard on everyone! But worse for the kids. They don't get to see their friends and not getting in-classroom instruction, no socialization and they're young and that's what it was all about, and we went to school being around your friends anyone in classes with a teacher in person!" A sad part of this unprecedented pandemic.

When I read this next comment, it struck a nerve: "My son is missing out on his high school graduation and I lost my godfather to Covid."

When I found out a member of my family tested positive it was truly a terrifying thing. Thank God he has been recuperating and is feeling much better.

This quote sums it up: "The hardest thing is seeing and hearing people get Covid, being in the Continued on page 15

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# **SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG**

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orderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, vandalize with

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# Help Keep Somerville Safe!

# After losing wife to asthma, one man advocates for life-saving legislation CONT. FROM PG 1

"Laura's Law," named after De-Marco's deceased wife.

Laura Beth Levis, the late wife of DeMarco, had an asthma attack on September 16, 2016. She drove herself to the hospital at about 4:00 a.m. but found the door to the emergency room locked. Unable to reach the other entrance, she called 911 and told her whereabouts. The EMTs found Laura right in front of the hospital about ten minutes after the call. Unfortunately, she died several days later.

In the next two years, DeMarco investigated why it took the first responders ten minutes to reach Laura. On November 3, 2018, he published "Losing Laura" in The Boston Globe, presenting his conclusions in the matter.

"It was a series of one failure after another," DeMarco said in an interview. "The reason why I wrote the story was to make sure that no one will ever go through this again."

While working on the article, DeMarco noticed the absence of a sign for the entrance in front of the Somerville Hospital when Laura arrived."I asked the Department of Health officials why they did not cite the hospital for not having an emergency sign after investigating Laura's death," he said. "They said they did not have the ability to cite the hospital because there were no regulations regarding emergency room signage. When I heard that, I thought that has to change." Days after publication, Senator Pat Jehlen contacted him and the two had a conversation in a local coffee shop. She was moved by Laura's story and said, "people don't remember every article they have read, but people remember that story."

"She said to me, 'Whatever you want us to do, I want to do it," DeMarco recalled of his meeting with Jehlen. "And she meant filing legislation."

DeMarco accepted Jehlen's offer. The two were also joined by state representative Christine Barber and they filed the bill in January 2019.

Jehlen said making a bill into law is extremely difficult. "Lots of bills don't have enough support, or they have too much opposition. Very few of them will become law," she said.

Over the next two years, De-Marco remained busy reaching out to people who would potentially provide testimony for the committee hearings. "It wasn't hard at all for me to keep pushing through this because it was about Laura," he said. "I was not about to give up."

The Senate eventually passed the bill on October 22, 2020. The bill still needed to be passed by the House of Representatives separately before it could be enacted. However, the pandemic slowed down the legislation process dramatically. DeMarco recalled, "For months, there were no bills heard. No laws really passed other than coronavirus measures." The legislative process in Massachusetts follows a two-year cycle. It means that a bill has to go through the whole process within two years before it expires. The deadline for Laura's Law was January 5."It simply became a question of whether there will



Gov. Baker signing Laura's Law.

be time for Laura's law actually to be heard and voted on by the House of the Representatives," DeMarco said. He made a distress call to his family and friends, asking them to write, email, or call the State House days before the due date.

At first, the message spread

cue of the bill by the very end, but they did," DeMarco said emotionally.

At 11:28 p.m., on January 5, minutes before the deadline, the House of Representatives passed Laura's Law. "Pete was a tremendous advocate," Senator Jehlen commented. "He is persistent. He is eloquent." Although DeMarco said that Laura's Law will not take effect until 2022 due to the pandemic, he expects hospitals to take intermediate steps as they can. Sen. Jehlen said in her speech at the State House that De-Marco's advocacy had already made two hospitals reassess their signage and the monitoring of their entrances.

more to be done to address the other failures in Laura's story. "I will potentially return and look at the 911 system to see if we can bring change by more legislation, or at least more advocacy," he said.

Looking forward to talking with DeMarco about the next step, Jehlen believes he "doesn't feel like he's finished."

through DeMarco's classmates from Lynnfield and Tufts University, and Laura's former co-workers. Then the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America picked up the call and spread the words. DeMarco later wrote a commentary on WBUR saying that "Somerville and Cambridge city councilors also joined in the chorus."

The call spread through the commonwealth. Eventually, the State House received more than 1,700 emails and 500 phone calls. "It wasn't hard at all to convince people to help me. They wanted to pass this bill to remember Laura. I didn't expect so many would come to the res-

"I wrote Laura's story so that nobody dies in front of that emergency door ever again. Now there's a law to make sure that it doesn't happen. That's an amazing thing," DeMarco commented.

DeMarco believes that there is

After the incident, he also devoted himself to educating people about asthma. He suggests that people with asthma tell others about their symptoms for safety and make sure they have enough inhalers or prescriptions during the asthma peak week. "Asthma peak week is the third week of September, which is the worst for the asthmatics due to pollen and viruses," he said. "Asthma peak week was the week that Laura died. She did not know about the asthma peak week. I didn't either. If she had just known, maybe everything could be different."

# The Somerville Times Denise Provost leaves State House after 15 years

#### By Jessica Sisavath

Denise Provost, State Representative for 27th Middlesex district for 15 years, has sworn in her new successor, Erika Uyterhoven as of Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

Provost explains it has been a unique transition mid-pandemic for the new legislators. "It limits their opportunities for bonding and for some of the kinds of learning that go on in the State House that aren't easily replicated." Provost believes new legislators will find new ways learn and sees this as a short-term impact.

Reflecting back on her most memorable moments from her 15 years in the State House, Provost says there was "a lot of learning, adventure, suspense, and victories, large and small." She remembers the victory of marriage equality which occurred during her first few days in the office, and when she was the lead sponsor of the successful 2016 legislation assuring full legal equality for transgender persons.

Others also include, the 2008 Climate legislation, the Global Warnings Solutions Act and the Green Communities Act. Most recently, Governor Baker signed The CSO Discharge Notification Bill, which in Provost's recent newsletter to her followers she said is a "great victory for public health and a clean environment. This bill is the first step towards fixing the archaic infrastructure which perpetuates ongoing sewage pollution."

Other victories included stopping bills that would cause damage to the community such as the transportation of ethanol in trains along the commuter rail tracks that would have affected the Somerville Community; health care bill victories such as how women would receive information about their mammograms and legislations that would create patient and family advisory boards; and transportation victories memorable to Provost include one making sure that funding for the Green line extension was available in the Transportation funding bill back in 2008 and 2013.

As Provost was cleaning out her office, she was reminded of battles fought and efforts made over the years. Also, memorable awards given to her in the past 15 years, such as Legislator of the Year in 2018 from the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association and the Thomas Menino Award for Public Service from Disability Policy Consortium. WalkBoston's Golden Shoe Award that includes a framed award and a tiny golden shoe on a wooden plaque holds special significance for Provost, as traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety was important to her as a legislator. Many awards she was given are meaningful to her with stories and the people connected to them.

Provost has spent all of her adult life in Massachusetts. She received her law degree at Boston Univer-



After 15 years of dedicated service, former State Representative Denise Provost is moving on.

sity and graduated in 1982. After Boston University, she worked for the City of Newton and then the City of Somerville.

Provost's advice to anyone who is interested in government or public office, is to "Give it a try." The recent attacks at the U.S. Capitol and the upcoming inauguration, leaves her "Worried about our country." Provost's immediate plans since leaving office is to get through the COVID-19 epidemic unscathed.

# Save Our Stages Act CONT. FROM PG 1

character from the get-go. Having only opened in 2019, though, The Jungle was still a new spot in the city by the time the virus upended live music and the rest of the world along with it. Epstein explained that up until the closures were forced in March, The Jungle saw improvement in attendance each month, with great local bands and musicians attracting more and more folks, often filling the venue to capacity.

However, Epstein had to shut down totally last March. By May, Epstein was able to reopen a take-out only option and then in June outdoor seating became available as well. At this time, musicians could play inside The Jungle and live-stream their performances too, which at least gave them an opportunity to share their music in some capacity.

This was short-lived, though, and it seemed as though this was as good as it was able to get during the whole ordeal. In Somerville, musicians have been completely banned from performing outdoors, and so the ability to live-stream indoors has really been the only viable option. This is all the more reason to hope that funds coming from the Save Our Stages Act will help small venues allow musicians and eventually audiences to return safely.

At the moment, The Jungle is completely shut down. Epstein said that as soon as the application becomes available, he'll apply for Save Our Stages funds and use the money to help pay for The Jungle's expenses first. He's hopeful that by spring or summer, folks can come back into The Jungle if they've been vaccinated.

Currently, though, Epstein's top priority has been trying to spread the word about the Save Our Stages Act. The goal is to inform as many independent venue owners as possible about this opportunity for funds.

Epstein spoke highly of the Na-

tional Independent Venue Association (NIVA), which has been instrumental in coordination and communication with small venue owners. NIVA in fact spear-headed the effort to lobby the bill in congress. Epstein also spoke of a smaller, local cooperative of small venue owners - Save MA Stages. As the name suggests, this is a collaborative effort to support independent venues in Massachusetts these upcoming months, especially in the way of spreading news of the Save Our Stages funds.

There is a Facebook group for Save MA Stages and a website as well: www.savemastages.org. The website essentially is a form to complete to join the mailing list for information about relief funds and NIVA notices. Venue owners, musicians, fans and anyone else who wants to be involved are welcome to join and spread word.

Independent venues like The Jungle are such an essential part of the community's culture. They bring people together and give local musicians a platform to perform – or at least they used to. The Save Our Stages Act and the local Save MA Stages effort give reason for optimism that a safe return to The Jungle and other local venues is on the horizon.

# Dorothy's Corner by dorothy dimarzo

# Gardeners, take your mark...

Now is a great time to plan for your spring/summer garden. Last year we switched it up a bit and went heavy on the tomatoes and zucchini.

We figured out over the past couple of years the best place to set up an area in our yard allowing for the tomatoes to thrive.

We ordered the seeds already for heirloom tomatoes, San Marzano tomatoes, basil, rainbow chard, and zucchini.

In mid-March we will start sowing the seeds indoors so they will be ready for transplanting in late May.

There's some great information about how to set up your indoor greenhouse at the following link if you never started your own seedlings or just need a refresher: https://gardenerspath.com/plants/ vegetables/grow-tomatoes-seeds-6easy-steps/.

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



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# Somerville Public Schools Reopening Town Hall Rescheduled for January 26

The Somerville Public Schools and the City of Somerville will jointly host their next online Schools Reopening Town Hall on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. The presentation will provide updates on local efforts related to the 2020/2021 school year amid the coronavirus pandemic, including information on building ventilation and COVID-19 testing plans. Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole interpretation will be available.

Participate in the Town Hall online or by phone: The meeting will be hosted on Zoom, and there will also be an option to call into the meeting from a phone.

Visit somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall at the start time of the meeting to join live or get call-in information.

The Somerville Public Schools will also send meeting information via their alert system to all student families and conduct additional multilingual outreach via the School's Somerville Family Learning Collaborative.

Call-in information will also be available on the day of each meeting on City Cable TV and the Educational Channel (channels 13 & 15 on RCN, channels 15 and 22 on Comcast) or by calling 311.

Watch the Town Hall:

The meeting will also be live-streamed. You can view the meeting on: City Cable TV and the Educational Channel (Channels 13 & 15 on RCN, Channels 15 and 22 on Comcast); City YouTube: youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV; and Via the City Website: somervillema.gov/TV (Select "Watch Live Stream")

# Somerville to host youth-led photovoice exhibition on problem gambling

The City of Somerville's Prevention Services Division, in partnership with Cambridge Health Alliance, will host a virtual photovoice exhibition facilitated by Somerville youth to raise awareness about underage problem gambling. Photovoice is a method of exploring social issues that empowers individuals to tell a story through photography. The event will be held on Thursday, January 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Visit somerville-ma.gov/ProblemGambling at that time for a link to attend.

Over the last five months, as part of a program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Office of Problem Gambling Services, 12 Somerville participants attended workshops about youth-led community organizing, gambling in the U.S., and photography ethics to build leadership skills and inspire advocacy on problem gambling prevention efforts. For their final project, participants took photos and wrote corresponding captions to present their personal perspectives on issues related to underage problem gambling.

The trainings were facilitated by Lovelee Heller-Bottari, Somerville Cares About Prevention Program Director, and Eloise White, an intern from the Tufts Community Health program.

"We are very proud of the efforts and commitment of these very talented youth leaders," said Heller-Bottari. "They have dedicated the last five months to deeply examining the issues connected to underage problem gambling and how they can raise awareness utilizing various photography techniques. We believe that together, we can make a difference."



Somerville Prevention often uses photovoice to elevate youth perspectives on important public health topics, particularly through Somerville Positive Forces, a group for middle and high school students that addresses substance use prevention.

"Our team has primarily focused on substance use in the past, so this project offered us a great opportunity to proactively expand our scope of work to include underage problem gambling, an evolving concern in the addiction field," said Prevention Services Manager Matthew Mitchell. "We really see this as a launching point for us to intentionally start raising awareness and educating our community on the potential impacts of problem gambling through youth-led efforts."

After the virtual exhibition, the photovoice pieces will be featured on City social media and at locations throughout Somerville.

# SPL launches Pathways to Citizenship program for English-Language learners

The Somerville Public Library (SPL) is launching a new Pathways to Citizenship program for English-language learners seeking U.S. citizenship. With funding provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the two-year program will create a



14-week combined language and civics class, provide naturalization workshops, and expand related library materials offered at each of Somerville's three branches.

The naturalization workshop series will begin in February, and the first cohort of up to 15 participants will begin English and civics classes in March. All workshops and classes will be held virtually on Zoom, led by instructors and volunteers from St. Mark Community Education Program. Registration is now open at tinyurl.com/beginneresolclass.

The Library has offered citizenship courses and one-on-one tutoring to help patrons prepare for the naturalization test in the past, but the Pathways to Citizenship program will be specifically designed for new English speakers, helping participants improve their language skills as well as their civics knowledge, both of which are requirements for a successful citizenship interview. Many individuals taking the naturalization test don't qualify for a waiver to take the test in their native language, so these resources will provide critical support for individuals with limited English proficiency.

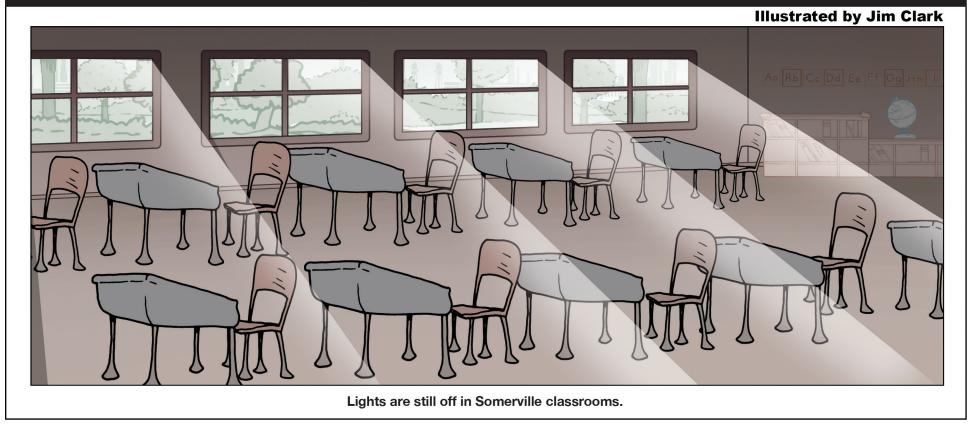
"The naturalization test is daunting even for a native English speaker, so imagine how hard it is for someone new to the language to pass," said Literacy/Volunteer Coordinator Brigid Pigott. "With this program, we wanted to build a pathway to our regular citizenship classes to help even more of our residents ultimately become American citizens."

The funding will also expand and update the existing Citizenship Corner at the Central Library and establish new Citizenship Corners at the East and West branches. "Enhancing resource collections and services that will help English learners feel more connected to their community is part of our Library's mission, so we are excited for this opportunity," said Library Director Cathy Piantigini.

For more information about the Pathways to Citizenship program, contact Brigid Pigott at bpigott@minlib.net.

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES



# **Our View Of The Times**



The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a lot of grief and distress to the world. From the inconvenience of wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing, to closures of businesses, schools, and places of public gatherings. And of course, there's the sickness and death that the virus has wrought.

And it's no different here in Somerville. Most of us have learned to properly fol-

## Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

To Nancy Huber Coutoumas, who is celebrating this week as well, we wish her the very best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Rosemary Ardagna, Joseph William Schenkenfelder, Bob Crowley LeBlanc, Roy Moulton, Linda LoPresti, Eddie Hardy and James Casazza, a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very

low the mandated guidelines, we grudgingly do without our favorite eateries and nightspots, and – yes – we do the best we can to give our children the best educational opportunities that the situation can allow.

Since the beginning of this pandemic, the city and the school system have been spinning their wheels trying to come to grips with how best to deliver a safe and viable plan for educating our children.

And with every step either forward or backward that the city takes in gaging the severity of case counts, the plans are repeatedly revised again and again.

Meanwhile, practically anyone who has a stake in this – parents, children, teachers, etc. – has strong opinions on whether in-class attendance or at-home learning, or some combination of the two, should prevail.

What seems obvious is that the situation is fluid. As case counts in the city fluctuate, it inevitably comes down to following whatever measures seem appropriate at any given time.

We want our teachers and students to stay safe and remain healthy. That's the bottom line. If home schooling is hard, rampant contagion is far worse.

#### two-year program will create a 14-week be subject to change, and city staff will combined language and civics class, procontinue to keep you updated via emails, vide naturalization workshops, and extheir website, and other outreach. Have pand related library materials offered at more questions about the vaccine? The each of Somerville's three branches. The Department of Public Health has a list naturalization workshop series will beof FAQs online and watch for a continugin in February, and the first cohort of ally updated list of more FAQs at somerup to 15 participants will begin English villema.gov/covidvaccine. and civics classes in March. All work-\*\*\*\*\* shops and classes will be held virtually

The city reports that in December, Somerville had at least 1,135 new COVID-19 cases. That's more cases than the three previous months combined, and that number may rise as end of the month tests are reported. As we move into our tenth month of dealing with this pandemic, it is vital that we all continue doing our part to stop the spread. That includes wearing a face covering that covers your noses and mouths whenever you're in public, not gathering with anyone you don't live with, and staying home if you feel ill or have been exposed as a close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Taking these steps helps protect you; your family, friends, and neighbors; essential workers; and those who are more vulnerable to COVID-19. As of January 7, a total of 3,474 Somerville residents have tested positive for COVID-19 since March, another 222 are considered probable positive cases (some current, some in the past), and sadly there have been 53 deaths. See more Somerville case data at somervillema.gov/covid-19dashboard.

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Our hearts go out to the Ferro family. Our own photographer, Claudia Ferro, and her family lost their home to a fire. The community has been stepping in and helping them out however they can, and for that the family expressed how grateful and overwhelmed with happiness they are towards everyone. If you would like to help out, a gofundme fundraiser for Claudia Ferro page has been set up by their granddaughter, Arianna Andujar: https://gofund.me/a0fcdde3. It also gives an address where things can be dropped off. They are also looking for temporary housing, if anyone knows of an apartment that is vacant.

best of birthdays.

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Attention dog owners: You are required to license your dog each year, so it's time to start thinking about it if you haven't already. Registering for a dog license has never been easier, with online licensing through our website and mobile app. You also get access to an online pet community, with lost-pet alerts and significant savings for your pet supplies and services. Learn more and license your dog at bit.ly/SomervilleDogs.

is launching a new **Pathways to Citizenship** program for English-language learners seeking U.S. citizenship. With funding provided by the **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners**, the teers from **St. Mark Community Ed**ucation Program. Registration is now open at tinyurl.com/beginneresolclass.

on Zoom, led by instructors and volun-

The first phase of COVID-19 vaccinations is underway. Somerville Public Safety personnel are getting vaccines next week. Cambridge Health Alliance has been steadily vaccinating health workers with success, and now the city has just received 500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine that were administered to first responders and 911 staff starting January 12 as part of Phase 1 vaccinations. For information on where you fall in the state's vaccine rollout plan, check the timeline on the state's website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ covid-19-vaccination-program. This is rapidly evolving information that may

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Somerville's Winter Farmer's Market takes place Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., through April 10, at 191 Highland Ave. Offering the best locally grown and produced agricultural items and more. Online pre-order market with a small outdoor "live" Continued on page 12 Ms. Cam's

mixture, hodgepodge

# **FUN & GAMES**

## The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Iron nails cannot be used in oak because the acid in the wood corrodes them. 2. The average cough comes out of your mouth at 60 miles per hour.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD SUPER BOWL

#### ACROSS

- 1. Starr of Super Bowl I and MVP
- 5. Epsom or ...vian-les-Bains
- 8. Mexican money
- 12. Gulf V.I.P.
- 13. Biblical pronoun
- 14. Competitive musher, e.g.
- 15. Saintly glow
- 16. From the sky and often damaging
- 17. Early anesthetic
- 18. Halftime show performer 20. Photo editing option
- 21. T. S., poet
- 22. Chi forerunner
- 23. Team with most consecutive Super
- Bowl appearances
- 25. Swindles
- 29. Even, to a poet
- 30. Slanting characters
- 33. Cough syrup balsam
- 34. Travels by air
- 36. "What's up \_\_\_\_\_?", asked by Bugs
- Bunny
- 37. Southeast Asia org.
- 38. German currency
- 39. Wb, pl.
- 41.9 to 5, e.g.
- 42. Substitute, two words
- 44. Express a thought
- 46. Hitherto
- 47. Winter "fever"?
- 49. Brown on "Doctor Who"
- 51. He has most Super Bowl appear-
- ances as a coach
- 55. Plural of #38 Across
- 56. Norse deity
- 57. Joie de vivre
- 58. 3-time Super Bowl champ, Russ
- 59. Pasturelands
- 60. Ready for picking
- 61. Black and white treat
- 62. Another form of Super Bowl enter-
- tainment

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guration was streamed

8. Whose inauguration

on the internet?

attend?

#764

1. Who is the is the only president to have been inaugurated in two separate cities?

2. Up until ratification of the 20th Amendment in 1933, what day was Inauguration Day?

3. Who was the first president to ask Congress for a Declaration of War?

4. Who was last president to wear a top hat at his inauguration?

5. What poet read at John F Kennedy's inauguration?

6. Who was the first president to be sworn in by a nickname?

7. Who was the first

- 45. Answer to "Where are you?", two
- 51. Cowboy's necktie
- 52. Pelvic parts
- 23. Knockout 24. Below, prefix

star on the Hollywood

11. Who was the first president to have his official photograph portrait taken with a digital camera?

12. Who was the first president to have been married 70 years?

Answers on page 10

- did singer Meatloaf
- 9. Who was the first president to pardon another president?

10. Who was the first president to have a Walk of Fame?

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

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

63. Command, with "at

DOWN

1. Thai currency

25. Player with most Super Bowl points 53. Big letters 54. Proposal joint scored 26. Warm down-slope wind 55. "I" mania 27. Distress signal

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

#### Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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#### Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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# The winners of The Somerville Times Reader's Choice results for THE BEST OF SOMERVILLE 2020

Congratulations to the winners! Please support their businesses and let them know you saw them in The Somerville Times

# Readers choices for 2020

## Best Idea in 2020:

Converting streets to outdoor dinning

Worst Idea in 2020: COVID-19 pandemic

# **Best Community pulling together during a crisis:** We Residents of Somerville!

#### Best Somerville Food & Restaurants: 😓

Somerville's most unique dining experience: Juliet, 21 Union Sq. Best Breakfast: Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St. Best Breakfast Sandwiches: 3 Little Figs, 278 Broadway Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Ball Sq. Cafe, 708 Broadway Best Italian Take Out Food: Mortadella Head, 20 College Ave. Best Italian Specialty Store: Capone Foods, 14 Bow St. Best Portuguese Restaurant: J and J Restaurant & Takeout, 157 Washington St. Best Brazilian Restaurant: Modelo's Market Café, 501 Medford St. Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave. Best Mexican Food: Don Julio Restaurant, 514 A Medford St. Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway Best Seafood Restaurant: Out of the Blue, 215 Elm St. Best Irish Pub: The Burren, 247 Elm St. Best Hamburger: RF O'Sullivan & Son, 282 Beacon St. Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Hot Box, 1 Bow Market Way Best Vegan Tacos: Taco Party, 711 Broadway Best Bar Food: Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave. Best Vegetarian Pizza: Veggie Crust, 445 Somerville Ave. Best Pizza: Ernesto, 641 Assembly Row Best Pan Pizza: Leone's, 292 Broadway Best Detroit style Pizza: Avenue Kitchen and Bar, 158 Boston Ave. Best Sub Shop: Leone's Sub and Pizza, 292 Broadway Best Sandwiches: Big Belly, 513B Medford St. Best Chocolate: gâté comme des filles, 1 Bow Market Way #8 Best Donuts: Davis Square Hand Crafted Donuts & Bagels, 377 Summer St. Best Muffins: Magnificent Muffin & Bagel Shoppe, 1118 Broadway Best Cakes: Elm Street Sweets, 381 Summer St. Best Cannoli: Mike's Pastry. 445 Revolution Dr. Best Half Moons: Lyndell's Bakery, 720 Broadway Best Pies: Petsi Pies, 285 Beacon St. Best Cheesecake: 7ATE9 Bakery, 199C Highland Ave. Best Local Coffee Shop: Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St. Best Bar for Bands: Once, 156 Highland Ave. Best Bar/Entertainment: Urban Axes Boston, 2 Union Square Best Brewery: Winter Hill Brewing Company, 328 Broadway Best Appetizers: Daddy Jones, 525 Medford St. Best local Bar: Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave. Best of Somerville Services: Best Doctor: Dr. Deborah Bershell, Davis Sq Family Practice Best Optometrists: Eye Associates of Somerville, 174 Broadway Best Medical Services: CHA Broadway Care Center, 300 Broadway Best Wellness Clinic: KenkoDo, 735 Broadway

Best Dentist: Dr. Dobrin, Dental Arts, Highland Ave. Best Electricians: Bent Electrical Contractors, 59A Inner Belt Rd. Best Plumbers: T.J. Sillari, Inc., 99 Albion St. Best Law Firm: Rumery & Smith 403 Highland Ave. Best Attorney: Sean O'Donovan, O'Donovan Law Office, 741 Broadway Best Paralegal: Paula LeBlanc, O'Donovan Law Office, 741 Broadway Best Insurance Agency: Wedgewood-Crane & Connolly, 19 College Ave. Best Bank: Winter Hill Bank, winterhillbank.com Best Bank President: Sandra L. McGoldrick, Winter Hill Bank Best Branch Manager: Lisa Ramos, Century Bank Best Teller: Brittany, Century Bank Best Real Estate Rental Agent: Bill Murphy, Colony Real Estate, 1242 Broadway Best Florist: Wagner Floral Designs, 508 Somerville Ave. Best Waiter/Waitress: Mount Vernon Waitstaff, 14 Broadway Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Sq Café, 708 Broadway Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St. Best Liquor Store: Ball Square Fine Wines,716 Broadway Best Barbershop: Alibrandi's Barber Shop, 194 Holland St. Best Hair Salon: HAIR by Christine & co, 290 Highland Ave. Best Hair Stylist: Lori Pino, Amal Niccoli, 731 Broadway Best Gas Station: Good Gas, 345 Medford St. Best Mechanic: Pat Lydon, Auto Plus, 229A Lowell St. Best Auto Body: A Plus Autobody,297 Medford St. Best Handyman: Bill Faber, Main St. Best Contractor: Bobby Potaris, Potaris Construction Best Pest Exterminator: Best Pest Control Services, 63 Elm St. Best Dry Cleaners: Family Dry Cleaners, 5 Main St. Best of Somerville Municipal Services: Best Somerville Department: Communication Dept. (in recognition of their excellence in handling the COVOD-19 crisis) Best Somerville DPW Supervisor: Tom Barry, DPW-Highway Best City Employee DPW: Jimmy DiFraia, DPW-Highway Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: Tie – Dave Keating and Joan Shute Best City Elected Politician: State Rep. Denise Provost

Best Nurse: Mary Hart, Cambridge Health Alliance Best Police Officer: Officer Timothy Sullivan Best Firefighter: Lt. Danielle O'Hearn Best of Somerville Arts/Entertainment: Best Artist: Charan Devereaux for "Faith in a City" at Somerville Museum Best Somerville Poet: Doug Holder Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro Best Food Columnist: Dorothy DiMarzo, Dorothy's Corner Best Local Columnist: William C. Shelton Best Somerville Stories: Jimmy Del Ponte Best Somerville Historian: Bob "Monty" Doherty Best Somerville Non-Profit Agency: Community Cooks, 337 Somerville Ave Best Somerville Charity: Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville, mutualaidmamas.com

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com

#### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elm Court, LLC, to Athas Capital Group, Inc., dated March 5, 2019, and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 72305, at page 398, as assigned to The Rama Fund, LLC, by assignment recorded on March 29, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72400, at page 204, and as further assigned to PS Funding, Inc., by assignment recorded on April 11, 2019, in said Deeds in Book 72443, at page 93, and as further assigned to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of MFRA TRUST 2016-1, by assignment dated July 21, 2020, recorded on August 10, 2020, in said Deeds in Book 75328, at page 438, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at One o'clock PM, on the 29th day of January A.D., 2021, on the premises below described being known as 111 Elm Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage as set forth below:

To wit: "A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon situated in the City of Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and being lot numbered 27 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Somerville, belonging to Timothy Tufts arranged and numbered by L.R.W., May 6, 1890" which plan is recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 62, Plan 39. Said land is bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Elm Street, eighty-six and 01/100 (86.01) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Wentworth, Trustee, fifty-one and 47/100 (51.47) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by lot numbered 26 on said plan, seventy-seven 88/100 (77.88) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Hancock Street, eighty-seven and 96/100 (87.96) feet. Containing 5,429 square feet more or less, according to said plan of land.

Subject to restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable, Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

#### APN: 030-C. 00019-000000

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 111 ELM STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02144"

The above premises will be sold subject as above and to the following: any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal assessments and liens; any and all outstanding water and/or sewer charges; any and all covenants, easements, restrictions, rights, reservations, conditions and/or other enforceable encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage; and to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession, if any of the aforesaid there be.

Terms: Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash or by certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the sale at the Law Offices of Ford & Paulekas, LLP, 280 Trumbull Street, Hartford, CT 06103. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

> WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2016-1 Present Holder of Said Mortgage

By: \_\_\_\_\_ David A. Hill, Jr. Its Attorney

Attorneys for Mortgagee: Ford & Paulekas, LLP 280 Trumbull Street Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 527-0400

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Dated: December 30, 2020 1/6/21, 1/13/21, 1/20/21 The Somerville Times

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City of Somerville PLANNING BOARD City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Planning Board (PB) will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00pm**. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar. TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1310069616441257744 Webinar ID: 735-427-067

**TO CALL IN** 

 Phone number:
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 Access code:
 715-571-128

The Planning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

337 Somerville Ave Union Square Ventures LLC seeks

modifications to the conditions of the previously issued special permits PB 2016-09 and PB 2016-09-R1-0317. Applicant will separately seek removal of the related condition imposed by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at

https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

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#### Community Outreach Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for <u>February 4, 2021 at</u> <u>6:00pm</u> via ZOOM Meetings. You can join the meeting by going to <u>https://zoom.us/j/96772126971</u> or dial 301.715.8592 and enter Meeting ID: 967 7212 6971. The proposed Cannabis Retail Facility is anticipated to be located at **255 Elm St. Somerville, MA 02144**. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Questions may also be sent in advance to info@theharvestclubs.com.

Applicant information can be obtained prior to the meeting by visiting:

https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/adult-use-marijuana-establishments

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#### Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via <u>www.storagetreasures.com</u> on <u>2/10/2021</u> <u>at 12:00 PM</u>. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Tyler Motes unit #317B. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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City of Somerville ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on <u>Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00pm</u>. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

#### The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar. TO USE A COMPUTER

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TO CALL IN Phone number: 1 (415) 930-5321 Access code: 763-863-522

The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

337 Somerville Ave Union Square Ventures LLC seeks

modifications to the conditions of the previously issued special permits ZBA 2016-116 and ZBA 2016-116-R1-0317. Applicant will separately seek removal of the related condition imposed by the Planning Board.

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#### **Community Outreach Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a Virtual Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Adult Use Marijuana Retail Establishment is scheduled for <u>Wednesday, January 27, 2021</u>. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and will include discussion about the proposed use in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 94G and the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's regulations at 935 CMR 500.000 and 935 CMR 501.000 *et seq.* 

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

Date: January 27, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Link: https://zoom.us/j/99217714808

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Webinar ID: 992 1771 4808

The proposed Adult Use Marijuana Retail Establishment for Sira Naturals is anticipated to be located at **240 Elm Street, Somerville, MA 01244**. Interested members of the community are encouraged to ask questions and receive answers from company representatives about the proposed facility and operations. Questions can be submitted in advance of the January 27 meeting to community@siranaturals.org. Responses to these questions will be provided at the meeting.

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



#### Answer.

From on page 8

| 1. George Washing- | 7. Bill Clinton                          |
|--------------------|--|
| 2. March 4         | 8. George W. Bush's inauguration in 2000 |
| 3. James Madison   | 9. Gerald Ford                           |
| 4. John F. Kennedy | 10. Ronald Reagan                        |
| 5. Robert Frost    | 11. Barack Obama                         |
| 6. Jimmy Carter    | 12. George H. W.<br>Bush                 |
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# Park at the former Powder House Community School now open

Somerville's newest green space at the former Powder House Community School is now open. The new park includes 16 new trees, many native plant species, the city's first public bike repair station, and seating and an amphitheater made from reused materials from the school building.

Along with the park, the pathway connecting Holland Street and Broadway has been reopened. The park adds an additional half an acre of open space to the city.

Design and construction of the park were carried out through a public-private partnership between the City of Somerville and Somerville-based development firm MarKa, which is redeveloping the former school. A robust community process helped guide the design of the park, and construction was funded in part by the Community Preservation Act.

The city's Memorialization Committee voted on the new park's official name at its meeting on January 19.



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shopping market. They offer a diverse range of local and New England produce, as well as cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. They feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment and activities. Check out the schedule and map here: http://maps.managemymarket.com/1610. They accept SNAP/ EBT, CREDIT and DEBIT cards. \$10 SNAP match for EBT customers. For market information visit: http://www. somwintermarket.org/

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Apply for small business relief funds. The City of Somerville has made \$5 million available to small businesses in its third round of the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund. Eligible businesses can apply for grants of up to \$25,000. Applications are now available and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Learn more about the funding, including eligibility requirements, or apply for funds online.

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The Pandemic – Electronic Transfer (P-EBT) Program created spring 2020 to provide eligible families funds to purchase food while schools were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic has been extended through the end of the 2020-21 school year. Visit https://www. map-ebt.org/home/#ihdtab for additional information.

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The city is still accepting homemade face masks as part of their 10,000 Mask Drive. They have passed the 5,000 mask milestone. Can you help get it to 10,000? If you're a crafty Somerville resident who has been sewing reusable face masks, please consider donating some to our 10,000 Mask Drive. After being laundered, masks are distributed to seniors and other vulnerable populations. If you would like to donate masks, put them in a sealed bag and bring them to the drop box at either the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave., or the East Branch Library, 115 Broadway.

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

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In collaboration with The Beautiful Stuff Project, the City of Somerville, and with generous support from Cradles to Crayons and individual donors, Somerville Family Learning Collaborative volunteers distribute free diapers to Somerville families every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., outside of the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., (Glen St. side) and West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powderhouse Blvd. Home deliveries will be provided for emergency and quarantined families. You can help raise awareness and resources to address diaper need by contributing here to The Beautiful Stuff Project's diaper wish list, or contacting SPS/SFLC Volunteer Coordinator JCapuano@k12.somerville. ma.us to volunteer or donate diapers.

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

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Hate incidents impact victims as well as the community. In an effort to make reporting hate incidents easier for the residents of Somerville, you may now report them using an online form. Visit the **Somerville Police website** under the Home tab and submit your Hate Incident report: www.somervillepd. com/home/.

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# January 20

On This Day in Histo

1783 – Britain signs a peace agreement with France and Spain, who allied against it in the American War of Independence.

**1908** – The Sullivan Ordinance bars women from smoking in public facilities in the United States.

**1930** – Charles Lindbergh arrives in New York, setting a cross country flying record of 14.75 hours.

1941 - Hitler meets with Mussolini and offers aid in Albania and Greece.

1945 – Franklin D. Roosevelt is inaugurated for his fourth term.

1946 – France's Charles DeGaulle hands in his resignation.

1954 – Over 22,000 anti-Communist prisoners are turned over to UN forces in Korea.

1977 – President Jimmy Carter is sworn in and then surprises the nation as he walks from the U.S. Capitol to the White House.

Wednesday, January 20

6:30am

8:00am

7:35pm 8:00pm

|                    |   |                  | SCATV Chan  | nel                | 3 Schedule                                 |                      |  |
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|                    | SCATV is part of Somerville                       | Media C          | Center, home to Boston Free                           | e Radio, S         | Somerville Neighborhood N                  | ews and              | SMC Youth Media!                                     |
| Join SMC           | C today to make your own TV or Radio Pr           | oduction, lea    | rn skills like editing and field production           | i and sign up      | for special media making workshops and     | d classes for        | youth and adults! somervillemedia.org                |
| Wednesda           | ay, January 20                                    | 3:00pm           | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                       | 8:00am             | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)            | 12:00am              | Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party                    |
| 12:00am            | Free Speech TV                                    | 4:00pm           | VOX POP: Somerville Connects                          | 9:00am             | SMC Youth Media                            | 5:00am               | Free Speech TV                                       |
| 6:00am             | NASA TV   | 4:30pm           | The Struggle<br>Somerville Neighborhood News          | 9:30am             | Science 360<br>Dead Air Live               | 6:00am               | NASA TV  |
| 7:00am             | Community Bulletin Board                          | 5:00pm<br>6:00pm | #AFAD   | 10:00am<br>11:00am | TeleGalaxie                                | 7:00am               | Somerville Storytellers                              |
| 7:30am             | DW In Good Shape                                  | 6:30pm           | #AFAD<br>#AFAD  | 12:00am            | Somerville Storytellers                    | 7:30am<br>8:00am     | Going Postal<br>Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)      |
| 8:00am             | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                   | 7:00pm           | Community Lens: SHC 5K Race                           | 1:00pm             | Tele Magazine                              | 9:00am               | Science 360  |
| 9:00am             | DW Global 3000                                    | 8:00pm           | LIVE - Our View                                       | 2:00pm             | Reeling Review                             | 10:00am              | Somerville Neighborhood News                         |
| 9:30am             | Both Sides of the Bars                            | 9:00pm           | PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony                          |                    | IA House of Representatives Formal Session | 11:00am              | Our View   |
| 10:00am            | Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer                    | 10:00pm          | Community Bulletin Board                              | 4:00pm             | Tele Kreyol                                | 12:00pm              | The Thom Hartman Show                                |
| 10:30am            | Somerville Neighborhood News                      | 10:30pm          | The World Fusion Show                                 | 5:00pm             | Henry Parker Presents                      | 1:00pm               | SOM ARTS   |
| 11:00am<br>11:30am | SNN Neighborhood Update<br>From My Heart to Yours | 11:00pm          | VOX POP Comedy Night                                  | 5:30pm             | Henry Parker Presents                      | 1:30pm               | Somerville Storytellers                              |
| 12:00pm            | The Thom Hartman Show                             | Friday, Jan      |   | 6:00pm             | Sómerville Pundits                         | 2:00pm               | NASA TV  |
| 1:00pm             | Somerville Neighborhood News                      | 12:00am          | Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party                     | 6:30pm             | The Somerville Labor Show                  | 3:00pm               | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                      |
| 1:30pm             | Somerville Neighborhood News                      | 1:00am           | SCATV Secret Stash                                    | 7:00pm             | BLOWW Show a Go Go                         | 4:00pm               | African Television Network                           |
| 2:00pm             | Colores Latinos                                   | 1:30am           | SCATV Secret Stash                                    | 7:30pm             | Somerville Neighborhood News               | 5:00pm               | Community Lens: SHC 5K Race                          |
| 3:00pm             | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                   | 2:00am           | Free Speech TV  | 8:00pm             | #AFAD                                      | 6:00pm               | LIVE from VOX POP                                    |
| 4:00pm             | DW Conflict Zone                                  | 6:00am           | NASA TV   | 9:00pm             | Nossa Gente e Costumes                     | 6:30pm               | Fur, Fins and Feathers                               |
|                    | tumn Reads with Somerville Public Library         | 7:00am           | The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)                  | 10:00pm            | Heavy Leather Music Video Show             | 7:00pm               | Tele Galaxie   |
| 5:00pm             | Hello Neighbór                                    | 8:00am           | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                       | 11:00pm<br>11:30pm | SCATV Secret Stash                         | 8:00pm               | LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction                |
| 5:30pm             | From My Heart to Yours                            | 9:00am           | DW Euromaxx   |                    | Queer Cats                                 | 9:00pm               | Dedilhando au Saudade                                |
| 6:00pm             | Somerville Neighborhood News                      | 9:30am           | Strata  |                    | anuary 24                                  | 10:0 <sup>0</sup> pm | Colores Latinos                                      |
| 6:30pm             | VOX POP: Somerville Connects                      | 10:00am          | NASA TV   | 12:00am            | Flotilla                                   | 11:00pm              | Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party                    |
| 7:00pm             | "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP              | 11:00am          | SOM ARTS  | 1:00am             | NASA TV                                    | Tuesday.             | January 26   |
| 7:30pm             | Sidewalks Entertainment                           | 11:30am          | Cambridge Calendar                                    | 1:30am             | NASA TV                                    | 12:00am              | Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing              |
| 8:00pm             | LIVE - Somerville Pundits<br>DW Euromaxx          | 12:00pm          | The Thom Hartman Show<br>Community Benefits Agreement | 2:00am             | NASA TV                                    | 6:00am               | NASA TV  |
| 8:30pm<br>9:00pm   | Revolution Awakening at VOX POP                   | 1:00pm<br>2:00pm | Somerville Pundits                                    | 3:00am<br>6:00am   | Free Speech TV<br>Bate Papo com Shirley    | 7:00am               | NASA TV  |
| 10:00pm            | LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party          |                  | umn Reads with Somerville Public Library              | 7:00am             | Nossa Gentes e Costumes                    | 8:00am               | Democracy Now!                                       |
| 11:00pm            | Flotilla  | 3:00pm           | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                       | 8:00am             | Effort Pour Christ                         | 9:00am               | The Chef's Table Series                              |
|                    |   | 4:00pm           | Gay USA   | 9:00am             | NASA TV                                    | 10:00am              | Strata   |
|                    | January 21  | 5:00pm           | DW Global 3000  | 10:00am            | Tele Krevol                                | 11:00am              | Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals                          |
| 12:30am            | SCATV Secret Stash                                | 5:30pm           | What's New Massachusetts?                             | 11:00am            | House of Representatives Formal Session    | 12:00pm              | The Thom Hartman Show                                |
| 1:00am<br>1:30am   | Free Speech TV<br>Free Speech TV                  | 6:00pm           | Grandstanders   | 12:00pm            | Sidewalks Entertainment                    | 1:00pm               | Revolution Awakening at VOX POP                      |
| 2:00am             | Free Speech TV                                    | 7:00pm           | Emergency Preparedness                                | 1:00pm             | SOM ARTS                                   | 2:00pm               | Somerville Overcoming Addiction                      |
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| 6:00am             | Bate Papo com Shirley                             | 8:00pm           | LIVE - Greater Somerville                             | 2:00pm             | Chico and B-Man                            | 4:00pm               | SMC Youth Media                                      |
| 7:00am             | DW Conflict Zone                                  | 8:30pm           | Greater Somerville                                    | 3:00pm             | African Television Network                 | 4:30pm               | Going Postal   |
| 7:30am             | DW Euromaxx                                       | 9:00pm           | Fur, Fins and Feathers                                | 4:00pm             | Dedilhando a Saudade                       | 5:00pm               | LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer                |
| 8:00am             | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)                   | 10:00pm          | Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party                     | 5:00pm             | Gay USA                                    | 5:30pm               | What's New Massachusetts?                            |
| 9:00am             | DW Tomorrow Today                                 | 11:00pm          | Heavy Leather Music Video Show                        | 6:00pm             | VOX POP: Somerville Connects               | 6:00pm               | Somerville Neighborhood News                         |
| 9:30am             | Hello Neighbór                                    | Saturday, J      |   | 6:30pm             | DW Tomorrow Today                          | 6:30pm               | From My Heart to Yours                               |
| 10:00am            | The Chef's Table Series                           | 12:00am          | VOX POP Comedy Night                                  | 7:00pm             | Emergency Preparedness                     | 7:00pm               | The Somerville Labor Show                            |
| 10:30am            | The Chef's Table Series                           | 1:00am           | Free Spéech TV  | 8:00pm<br>9:00pm   | Dead Air Live<br>Tele Magazine             | 7:30pm               | LIVE - Greater Somerville                            |
| 11:00am            | Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals                       | 2:00am           | Free Speech TV  | 10:00pm            | Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour       | 8:00pm               | LIVE - Dead Air Live                                 |
| 11:30am            | Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals                       | 3:00am           | Free Speech TV  | 11:00pm            | TUTV                                       | 9:00pm               | The World Fusion Show                                |
| 12:00pm            | The Thom Hartman Show                             | 5:00am           | Free Speech TV  | 11:30pm            | SCATV Secret Stash                         | 10:00pm              | Totally Working Out                                  |
| 1:00pm             | The Somerville Line                               | 6:00am           | DW Focus on Europe                                    |                    | January 25                                 | 11:00pm              | Box House Productions Presents<br>SCATV Secret Stash |
| 1:30pm             | The Somerville Line                               | 7:00am           | Effort Pour Christ                                    | monuay,            | January 23                                 | 11:30pm              | SCALA Secret Stash                                   |

# CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

| 021         | 6:30am   | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two            |
|-------------|----------|---|
| .21         | 7:30am   | City Council Organizational Meeting 1.4.21    |
| #3          | 8:10am   | First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill           |
| lies        | 8:50am   | SPL Cooking 14                                |
| .20         | 9:00am   | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021                  |
| ing         | 10:00am  | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two            |
| Hill        | 11:00am  | Fit 4 Life 2020 #4                            |
| /ers<br>.21 | 11:30am  | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips       |
| .∠1         | 12:00pm  | School Committee Meeting 1.11.21              |
|             | 3:00pm   | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?              |
| .21         | 4:00pm   | Fit 4 Life 2020 #5                            |
| lips        | 5:00pm   | The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism |
| taly        | 7:00pm   | School Committee Meeting 1.25.21              |
| ang         | 11:00pm  | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?              |
| ree         | Tuesday, | January 26                                    |
| ong<br>19?  | 12:00am  | City Council Meeting 1.14.20                  |
| ing         | 6:30am   | Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan                |
| oto         | 7:00am   | First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill           |
| ang         | 7:40am   | SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers            |
| #1          | 8:00am   | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice One            |
| /ers        | 8:40am   | Allen St. Playground Ribbon Cutting           |
| ion         | 9:00am   | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips       |
| ory         | 9:30am   | Saude Mental e Cuidados                       |
| .21         | 10:15am  | SPD Ride Along                                |
| )21         | 11:00am  | Fit 4 Life 2020 #3                            |
| Hill        | 11:30am  | City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang      |
| #4          | 12:00pm  | Senior Circuit: Nutrition                     |
| .21         | 12:31pm  | Mable & Jerry - Senior Story                  |
| ion         | 1:10pm   | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021                  |
| ory         | 2:00pm   | Land Use Committee Meeting 1.19.21            |
| )21         | 4:00pm   | Fit 4 Life 2020 #4                            |
| .21         | 4:30pm   | Raising Families                              |
|             | 5:00pm   | SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers            |
| ory         | 6:30pm   | Public Schools Re-Opening Town Hal            |
| /ers        | 10:00pm  | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips       |
| ing         | 10:30pm  | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?              |
| 11          | 11:15pm  | Allen St. Playground Ribbon Cutting           |
| .20         | 11:30pm  | SPD Ride Along                                |
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| 12:00pm<br>1:00pm<br>4:00pm<br>4:30pm<br>5:00pm<br>6:34pm<br>8:00pm<br>8:40pm  | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021<br>Legislative Matters Committee 1.21.21<br>Fit 4 Life 2020 #3<br>Raising Families<br>Arts Community Town Hall 12.8.20<br>Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing<br>First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill<br>SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers   |
|--|--|
| 9:00pm   | Legislative Matters Committee 1.21.21  |
|  | January 24   |
| 12:00am<br>3:00am<br>6:30am<br>7:30am<br>8:00am<br>9:00am<br>9:45am<br>10:00am<br>10:30am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>11:00am<br>12:31pm<br>1:06pm<br>2:00pm<br>4:00pm<br>4:30pm<br>7:31pm<br>8:06pm | School Committee Meeting 1.11.21<br>School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips<br>Return to Italy<br>City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang<br>Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three<br>SPD Ride Along<br>Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?<br>Allen St. Playground Ribbon Cutting<br>In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto<br>City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang<br>Fit 4 Life 2020 #1<br>SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers<br>Senior Circuit: Nutrition<br>Mable & Jerry - Senior Story<br>City Council Organizational Meeting 1.4.21<br>MLK Virtual Celebration 2021<br>First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill<br>Fit 4 Life 2020 #4<br>Legislative Matters Committee 1.21.21<br>Senior Circuit: Nutrition<br>Mable & Jerry - Senior Story<br>MLK Virtual Celebration 2021 |
| 9:00pm   | Land Use Committee Meeting 1.19.21   |
| Monday,<br>12:00am<br>12:34am<br>1:00am<br>1:15am<br>1:30am  | January 25<br>Mable & Jerry - Senior Story<br>SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers<br>Allen St. Playground Ribbon Cutting<br>SPL Cooking 11<br>Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20   |

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| 12:00am     | Land Use Committee Meeting 1.19.21            | 4:00p<br>4:30p |
| 3:00am      | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?              | 5:00p          |
| 6:30am      | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four           | 6:34p          |
| 7:15am      | Allen St. Playground Ribbon Cutting           | 8:00p          |
| 7:30am      | Return to Italy                               | 8:40p          |
| 8:30am      | City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang      | 9:00p          |
| 9:00am      | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips       |                |
| 9:30am      | Raising Families                              | Sund           |
| 10:00am     | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?              | 12:00          |
| 11:00am     | Fit 4 Life 2020 #3                            | 3:00a          |
| 11:30am     | Land Use Committee Meeting 1.19.21            | 6:30a          |
| 2:30pm      | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips       | 7:30a          |
| 3:00pm      | SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers            | 8:00a          |
| 3:30pm      | In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto       | 8:45a          |
| 4:00pm      | Fit 4 Life 2020 #5                            | 9:00a          |
| 4:30pm      | First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill           | 9:45a          |
| 5:10pm      | City Council Organizational Meeting 1.4.21    | 10:00          |
| 6:00pm      | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021                  | 10:30          |
| 7:00pm      | Mable & Jerry - Senior Story                  | 11:00          |
| 7:35pm      | SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers            | 11:30          |
| 8:00pm      | The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism | 12:00          |
| 9:16pm      | SPL Cooking 08                                | 12:31          |
| 9:30pm      | School Committee Update: Emily Ackman         | 1:06p          |
| 10:00pm     | Arts Community Town Hall 12.8.20              | 2:00p          |
| 11:34pm     | SPL Cooking 05 - Mocha Pudding Cake           | 3:00p          |
| Saturday    | /, January 23                                 | 4:00p          |
| 12:00am     | City Council Meeting 1.14.20                  | 4:30p          |
| 6:30am      | The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism | 7:00p          |
| 8:00am      | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021                  | 7:31p          |
| 8:50am      | SPL Cooking 11                                | 8:06p          |
| 9:00am      | In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto       | 9:00p          |
| 9:15am      | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips       | Mon            |
| 10:00am     | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Three          | 12:00          |
| 10:45am     | CDC Handwashing en Espanol PSA                | 12:34          |
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Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers

School Committee Meeting 1.11.21

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| 8:45am    | In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto  |
| 9:00am    | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?         |
| 10:00am   | City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang |
| 10:30am   | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips  |
| 11:00am   | Fit 4 Life 2020 #4                       |
| 11:30am   | City Council Meeting 1.14.20             |
| 4:00pm    | Fit 4 Life 2020 #4                       |
| 5:00pm    | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?         |
| 5:45pm    | In the Principal's Office - Glenda Soto  |
| 6:00pm    | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021             |
| 7:00pm    | Land Use Committee Meeting 1.19.21       |
| 10:00pm   | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips  |
| 10:30pm   | City Council Organizational Meeting      |
| 11:10pm   | Duvidas Sobre a Vacina COVID 19?         |
| Thursday, | January 21                               |
| 12:00am   | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021             |
| 1:00am    | School Committee Meeting 1.11.21         |
| 6:00am    | First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill      |
| 6:40am    | SPL Cooking 13                           |
| 6:45am    | SPL Cooking 12 - Lemon Squares           |
| 7:00am    | School Committee Update: Sarah Phillips  |
| 7:30am    | Mable & Jerry - Senior Story             |
| 8:10am    | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four      |
| 9:00am    | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Two       |
| 10:00am   | MLK Virtual Celebration 2021             |
| 11:00am   | Fit 4 Life 2020 #5                       |
| 11:30am   | City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang |
| 12:00pm   | Senior Circuit: Nutrition                |
| 12:31pm   | First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill      |
| 1:30pm    | School Committee Meeting 1.11.21         |
| 4:30pm    | Fit 4 Life 2020 #4                       |
| 5:00pm    | Traffic & Parking Committee 1.11.20      |
| 6:45pm    | Allen St. Playground Ribbon Cutting      |
| 7:00pm    | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice One       |
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Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice Four

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Wednesday, January 20

SPL Gardening w/Green City Growers MLK Virtual Celebration 2021

| 7:00am   | Virtual MLK Jr. Day Celebration          |
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| 8:00am   | School Committee Update - Sarah Phillips |
| 8:30am   | El Sistema Virtual Winter Concert 2020   |
| 9:00am   | In the Principal's Office: Glenda Soto   |
| 10:00am  | Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache   |
| 11:00am  | SHS Boys Basketball vs Winthrop 1.16.18  |
| 1:00pm   | SHS Girls Basketball vs Lynn C. 12.15.17 |
| 2:30pm   | El Sistema Virtual Winter Concert 2020   |
| 3:00pm   | SHS Hockey vs Lowell 2.27.20             |
| 4:30pm   | Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC 2.15.20      |
| 6:00pm   | Virtual MLK Jr. Day Celebration          |
| 7:00pm   | School Committee Update - Sarah Phillips |
| 7:30pm   | El Sistema Virtual Winter Concert 2020   |
| 8:00pm   | In the Principal's Office: Glenda Soto   |
| 9:00pm   | Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache   |
| 10:00pm  | SHS Boys Basketball vs Winthrop 1.16.18  |
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| 7:00am   | Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache   |
| 7:30am   | In the Principal's Office: Glenda Soto   |
| 8:00am   | Virtual MLK Jr. Day Celebration          |
| 9:00am   | Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice III       |
| 10:00am  | SPS Re-opening Town Hall 1.19.21         |
| 1:00pm   | School Committee Update - Sarah Phillips |
| 1:30pm   | Argenziano School Winter Concert 2019    |
| 2:30pm   | ESCS Winter Concert                      |
| 3:30pm   | SPL Cooking - White Bean Tuna Salad      |
| 4:00pm   | SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20             |
| 4:30pm   | SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20            |
| 5:00pm   | SFLC Friday Family Fun Night             |
| 6:00pm   | Highlander History - Moreira & Gamache   |
| 6:30pm   | In the Principal's Office: Glenda Soto   |

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| m               | SFLC Friday Family Fun Night           |
| m               | SHS Girls' Basketball 2019-20          |
| m               | SHS Boys' Basketball 2019-20           |
| m               | SPL Cooking - White Bean Tuna Salad    |
| m               | ESCS Winter Concert                    |

Argenziano School Winter Concert 2019

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# **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

# **Somerville artist Janeann Dill:** An animated painter, educator and filmmaker

This city offers a plethora of choices of talented artists to interview. Janeann Dill, caught my eye and interest, so I managed to catch up with her for an (online) interview.

**Doug Holder:** Can you tell us about your Somerville experience?

Janeann Dill: After relocating to the Boston area in 2011, I made a conscious choice to establish my studio in Somerville. When attending an ICA retrospective exhibition and memorial for an important experimental animation artist, Karen Aqua. As an experimental animation historian, I had been well aware of her artwork for years. I understood how influential and compelling her art films were for the City of Somerville as well as internationally. At this exhibition, I had the pleasure to meet and speak extensively with Karen's husband, Ken Field. Ken Field is also an internationally recognized and compelling jazz artist, musician, and composer. Longer story short, with Ken's generous help and suggestions, I was led to my artist studio at Miller Street in Somerville. I have worked in my studio and resided in Somerville for some seven years now and still believe that my decisions to live here were good ones! To name only one example among the many opportunities Somerville offers its artists, the Somerville Arts Council is an impressive arts organization with numerous successful programs for its artists and for Somerville's citizens at-large. https://www.janeanndill-artist. com/somervilleartscouncil.

**DH:** You are a painter and filmmaker. Which came first? And do they inform each other?

**JD:** I love this question! Thank you for asking. My first long-lasting professional career was as a painter of works on paper and paintings on canvas. Experimental animation came into my view years later when I realized that I wanted my paintings "to move in time" when an Artist In Residence at the American Center In Paris. Little had I realized the profound conceptual influence the animated film *Fantasia* would have on my paintings prior to living in Paris. I was, however, quite aware of the influences of music, poetic literature, and choreography on my paintings.

**DH:** You are a conceptual artist. You deal with the "action of thought." Can you explain this?

JD: I teach my students in higher education how vital it is to at least try to understand their singular



ence, writing poetry, theatrical performances, and any visual works of art. I hope this is helpful ...

**DH:** You directed an award-winning documentary about the noted experimental filmmaker Jules Engel. Can you talk a bit about his work and your relationship to him?

JD: I am the Authorized Biographer of Jules Engel (1909 - 2003). The biographical components yet to be distributed are a feature cinematic essay film (documentary) and book. The short film An Artist for All Seasons is in many ways a seven-minute introduction to the enormous and largely unknown art historical legacy of Engel and his art students. A consummate arts educator and mentor to four decades of artist-students, Engel was the Founding Director of the first animation program in America to award a higher education degree in Animation, California Institute of the Arts (CalArts). As one of his students and Engel as my Mentor at CalArts, Jules Engel's teachings are not only visible and tangible in Los Angeles, his far-reaching influences are evidenced in New England as well. http://www.Jules-Engel.com.

DH: I read he was also a poet.

**JD:** Jules Engel approached his experimental films and animations as a form of art founded on the principles of timing, rhythm, and personal expression. In much the same way, Engel's poems are extensions of capturing a gesture of sound and motion in words.

**DH:** Looking at your work on canvas it seems you use an orgasm of vivid colors--and they seem to project a certain energy--like the formation of a distant galaxy.

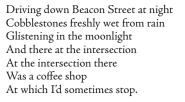
JD: I am blushing! I suppose remnants of my Southern upbringing are responding! Hahaha

I've never framed my paintings as 'orgasms' of color; in this same way, I've never considered the Big Bang an orgasmic event of our universe. That said, I understand how my paintings can be described in this way. I'm not offended by the comment. I did wonder, however, if this description would occur if these paintings had been created by a male artist? I ask out of curiosity. Do you think of the formation of a distant galaxy as an orgasm of color? The formation of galaxies has been described to me by an astrophysicist to whom I showed my work early in his career and mine as "a kindof colorful soup." I am, indeed, creating an animated short film that involves the combining of NASA images (Harvard website) and my original images in which I imagined what is on the other side of the sky. This series of paintings were created in the South of France prior to the launching of the Hubble Telescope for deep space exploration. These pre-Hubble works may be viewed virtually on my website: https:// www.janeanndill-artist.com/creation-of-a-universe-project. Continued on page 15

Jurical SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

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EPIPHANY AT TWIN DONUTS



Its flashing neon sign Blew my mind. It was a beacon Casting a sharp light Down Beacon Street. I thought it was neat How the sign, Lighting at different intervals, Made a kind Of urban poem From these two words alone:

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And the rhythm repeated And the rhythm repeated Again and again hypnotically, And I, a captive in the car, at the red light Counting the beats Intoning the words Chanting in the driver's seat On that moonlit night:

Twin Donuts

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And there and there and there I had an epiphany of sorts. Hot coffee steaming upwards, Perfect circular donuts Covered with powdered sugar. It was there I met Lord Buddha. It was there there there Under the flashing neon sign, My bodhi tree, Where Lord Buddha met me – At the Twin Donuts Past the Burger King Where greasy smoke would spill out. It was not a nice thing For the Day Care Center next door. But in places such as this, one can see more A kind of jazz in all things mundane -

#### They No longer Will look To me The same.

— Bill Falcetano

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu creative process as a disciplinary strategy in addition to being a medium or craft. I teach the importance of understanding what a concept is, and how to have one.

A concept is an idea. An idea comes into view through research. When research merges with intuition, creative intelligence informs and balances an artist's output. In other words, one must take action when a thought arrives to reveal itself to an artist. It is a fleeting moment and comes quietly. Thought is ethereal. The act of hearing/seeing/ sensing thought leads to another action, i.e., research. Research is meant to discern the impulse for idea. This takes work. Research is are acts of investigation to clarify an idea. For example, making a film is an arduous and laborious pursuit. Keeping a North Star of Idea in view during a lengthy creative process is essential to "remembering" why and how the artist decided to commit to this particular work of art in the first place. This is true for composing music, choreography, experiments in sci-

# What's going on at Somerville Media Center?

#### Mobile Producer Kits

Somerville Media Center members may borrow kits containing everything that enables them to produce at home. The three kits are:

- DSLR Kit containing a DSLR Camera, Microphone, Batteries
- XA35 Kit containing a XA35 Camcorder, Microphone, Batteries
- Editing Laptop with external Microphone and ready-to-go software: Zoom, Audacity, Final Cut ProX and DaVinci Resolve

### Upcoming Classes

- February 16 at 11:00 a.m. Using Canva for Marketing and Personal Use
- February 24 at 6:00 p.m. Recording Audio at Home (Registration starts Jan. 22)
- March 2 at 11:00 a.m. Digital Marketing with Social Media
- March 3 at 6:00 p.m. Audio Editing with Audacity (Registration starts Jan. 22)
- March 16 at 11:00 a.m. Build a User-Friendly Website with Wix

### **Boston Free Radio**

We are migrating podcasts onto our new hosting site, Pinecast, which will provide each show with a custom website, analytics, and will publish podcasts to Spotify and Apple Podcasts. This is available to all current SMC members who produce podcasts for BFR - either in-studio or at-home.

### Shows on SCATV

Even in these uncertain times, productions are still under way. Check out the work from these members:

- Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer Doug Holder interviews poet and writer Kevin Carey about his crime novel "Murder in the Marsh." Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.
- Dead Air Live JoJo LaRiccia continues her "Somerville Connects" video and podcast series with this newest interview with entrepreneur Bobby Allen from Thryv. Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Let's Talk About Race Diane Wong and Pharaoh Saunders continue their video and podcast series with a discussion about the Racial Justice Collaborative. Sundays at 8:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.
- The Somerville Labor Show This newest episode produced by Ed Halloran, Jude Sylvan and Greg Hill highlights the work of Cambridge-based Acme Dry Ice and the high demand for their product as the COVID-19 vaccine begins to be distributed. Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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# Pan damn it CONT. FROM PG 3

hospital ALONE and dying without a someone close to them. That's heartbreaking! Graduations, giving birth, college/high school ceremony, parties etc., can all be done (at a later time) bringing back a love one, saying goodbye to a love can never be done!"

Here are some more Covid

comments responding to the question "What is the worst part of the pandemic for you?"

"My son's wedding went from 300 people in Bar Harbor to 4 guests in California!"

"The massive number of deaths due to failure to accommodate human life by wearing a mask."

"Not spending Easter, Thanks-

giving, Christmas Eve and Christmas the way we used to. I'm healthy and no Covid yet so I am very grateful and look forward to a better 2021."

"Knowing 400,000 loved ones are being missed by someone here in America."

Our hearts go out to the many people who were lost in Somer-

ville or with connections to the city. We need to keep on wearing our masks and being extra sanitary. I miss hugging my kids. I miss playing piano and entertaining at nursing homes and assisted living centers. I worry constantly about friends and family getting sick.

Like everyone, I look forward heals from 45.

to a time when going to the super market isn't a dangerous task. I hope my family members and a couple of my friends continue to heal from the virus and that with the help of the vaccines we can all stay well. I'm praying that the world heals from 19 and that our country heals from 45.

# Somerville artist Janeann Dill CONT. FROM PG 14

**DH:** Is it hard painting intangible things rather than, let's say, having a bowl of fruit in front of you? You must be very intuitive.

JD: As mentioned, my view is that the intuitive is informed by intelligence, i.e., research! I teach a philosophical approach that is grounded in the discipline of an actual creative process ... after years of experience (or no experience at all) the challenge for any artist, young or old, is to remain committed to seeking new fields of inquiry (for themselves) when blockages show up. I can say with certainty, blockages or plateaus or detours and distractions will present themselves to the creative process. In terms of external or internal stimuli for an artist, the distinctions of painting a bowl of fruit in front of me and intangible evidence are both a kind of grappling with the blank canvas, or the piece of white paper in front of a poet. One learns to "kill the white" (canvas or paper) with differing strategies attached to outcomes. Idea is intangible but a bowl of fruit is not just a bowl of fruit. Not even in Photorealist art works. Lighting, placement, and choice of spatial relationships all exemplify the grappling of an idea. Skillful execution imposes a demand whether or not the object is seen in actuality or in the mind's eye.





DH: Why should people view your art?

JD: Why not? My paintings offer a sense of the mysterious and my experimental films offer a sense of inquiry and curiosity of the "in-between" of rhythm, timing, and pacing. Both challenge prior assumptions and evoke the viewer into the presence of the now - this is not something I consciously intended when emerging

as a young artist nor do I consciously intend it now as a mature artist. These are simply responses as the art work's first viewer.

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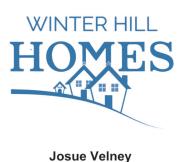
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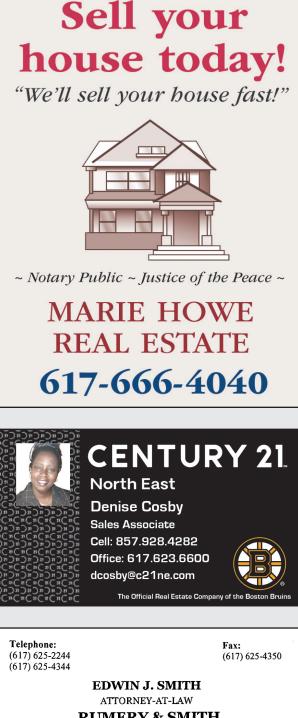
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