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Mayor Curtatone offered his views on the state of the city and how public policy should be shaped in the year to come at Monday night's inaugural ceremonies.

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville's governmental body emerged from its deep winter holiday break this week to forge ahead with the business of the city and its people.

Public officials gathered for an "organizational meeting" on Monday night in the city's Council Chambers to elect officers, adopt rules, and deliver addresses, all in the spirit of beginning the year anew, followed by the formal inaugural event held at the Somerville High School

At the City Council organizational meeting, the Election Commissioner submitted the results of the City Election held on November

Ward 1 Councilor Matthew McLaughlin was subsequently elected by the Council to serve as its President for the 2020 Continued on page 4

Somerville raises the flag on **Prospect Hill for the New Year**

By Shira Laucharoen

Ringing in the New Year with aplomb, the City of Somerville held its annual tradition of raising the Grand Union flag at Prospect Hill Tower, on January 1. The reenactment ceremony, which has been held since the year 2000, honored the 244th anniversary of the hoisting of the flag, which was said to have been the nation's first official one.

The commemoration began with a procession from City Hall, led by a costumed George Washington on horseback, up to Prospect Hill Park. There, Councilor At-Large Will Mbah described how the flag represents "a beautiful symbol" of history, offering inspiration, even in a contemporary context, and inviting spectators to remember the country's past.

"No matter how humble or how different our origins, if we keep our ideals and unity, then we shall indeed create a more perfect union," Continued on page 12 said Mbah.



The City of Somerville celebrated the 244th anniversary of the raising of the Grand Union Flag on Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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Congratulations to all our local public servants who were sworn in for another term this week. Let's wish them the best and hope that they serve all of our interests as fairly and effectively as possible.

Also, congratulations the winners of our Best of Somerville 2019 survey, as voted for by you, our readers (find the list of winners on page 13). They do indeed represent the best that the city has to offer. Be sure to partake of their products or services, and let them know you heard about their being honored here in The Somerville Times.

Please join the Somerville Public Space and Urban Forestry Division, and Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen on Wednesday evening, January 8, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community meeting to discuss the final landscape plan for the Central Hill Campus (Phase I). The meeting will be held in the Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave. Phase I of the Central Hill Campus Master Plan includes the renovation of Central Hill Playground and the installation of Memorial Walk East, a celebratory walk for the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, and a new Service Memorial. For more information about the project, visit www.somervillema. gov/departments/central-hill-plan, or contact Cortney Kirk at ckirk@somervillema.gov.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a good guy, Matt Hoey. We wish him the very best on this his birthday week. Happy birthday to former East Somerville, now Magoun Sq., sign guy, Dominick Silvestri Jr. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday to Theresa Rodriques, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Bonnie Raboin Carriger, who is also celebrating this week. We hope she enjoyed her day. Finally, to an all-around nice guy, Kevin O'Donovan. We wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: 2020 hindsight

Janet Macero says:

Don't ever stop writing your stories. I along with so many others, I'm sure, really enjoy reading your column. Thank you for giving us something enjoyable to read and remember! Janet M.

Steve says:

Always a great read, Jimmy. I check every week or so to see if there's a new column, but have you ever considered tweeting out a link to each new one to your Twitter account followers? That way, we'd be sure we don't miss them. Thanks and keep up the good work!

Response to: 'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Ville

Joe Sylva says:

this is really good! i loved reading it. Nerry Christmas to you and yours,

Chris K says:

Outstanding as always Jimmy!

Debby H says:

Always enjoy reading your articles! This one touches all the bases. Merry Christmas!!

Patti Byrnes says:

Merry Christmas Jimmy

Mary Teresa RENZI says:

Happy Healthy New Year 2020

I loved this as well as all the other articles makes me SMILE!!! Big hugs

Rick Carvalho says:

Excellent rendition! You always crack me up Jimmy.

Jimmy D says:

Thank you for all the nice comments! Happy 2020 to all!

Response to: This week in Somerville Neighborhood News

Really?? says:

The T has added bus trips to the two lightly scheduled bus routes merely because there is a 4-block bus lane? I'd love to see the documents from the T on that one. Speedier? It's already been reported that the buses are saving a minute or less per trip. Fewer vehicles? They're kidding themselves. Check the surrounding streets. People don't/can't change jobs or family obligations because the city creates a 'deterrent' to vehicles. The cars are still there, they are just avoiding Broadway when-

A Moore says:

It says enable, does not mean better or more. They cut out some bus stops. All I heard was a savings of 25 seconds. All they have done so far is create more congestion and cripple local businesses.

Response to: Poet Lyn Lifshin has passed at 77

Gaspar Fomento says:

She looks like all my ex-girlfriends rolled into one.

Response to: Somerville School Committee approves equity-focused long-term goals

Same old, same old says:

Improve diversity, hire more people of color. Once again disability is invisible to the city of Somerville. So sick of this. Color is the only thing that matters. Imagine students working with a teacher who has a disability. No, it'll never happen here. Happening many other cities, but not here

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Pats on caps



We're all a little bummed out that the Pats' season ended on a low note. But when I was a kid we had nothing like all the excitement the Patriots have given us over the past 20 years.

Growing up in the 60's we tossed a football around the yard after school. We had no Super Bowl runs, and the most thrills we got from football were the pickup games out in the middle of the street.

The Boston Patriots, as they were known back then, played their games at various venues.



They held games at BU's Nickerson Field, Fenway Park, and Harvard Stadium, eventually moving games to Schaefer Stadium and finally Gillette.

Back then the big name players weren't Tom Brady, Tedy Bruschi, and Rob Gronkowski. The stars of the old Boston Patriots were Babe Parilla, Nick Buonoconti, and Gino Cappelleti (Pisans!). As I said, we never had anything that even slightly resembled the incredible run of our modern day Patriots or other Boston teams. The closest we came was collecting bottle caps.

In the early 1960's the Coca Cola company sponsored a promotion involving bottle caps. About 35 Patriots players' likenesses were on the inside of Coke bottle caps. If you saved the entire set, pasted them on the official collector's sheet and turned it in you'd get a real leather football. Pretty sweet deal.

So how did my friends and I gather these special Patriots bottle caps? Well. we couldn't very well drink 35 bottles of Coke! But we could have all our aunts, uncles, cousins and friends (who weren't collecting themselves) save the caps for us.

The secret weapon to retrieving the sacred bottle caps was a magnet on a string. We would drop the magnet into the bottle receptacle and pull out the sticky caps. It was like fishing for gold! I'll never forget the feeling of excitement we had when we hooked a few treasured Patriots bottle caps.

The secret weapon to retrieving the sacred bottle caps was a magnet on a string

The completed set of bottle caps, when glued onto the official sheet could be cashed in for a football at the old Coca Cola Bottling Company on Memorial Drive.

We would hit all the local gas stations including Tony Bents, Bowie's Sunoco, and Tony Grasso's. My dad would even drive me around to gas stations in Medford, Arlington and Cam-



bridge seeking the valuable Coke bottle caps. Thanks to dad and my magnet on a string I ended up with about four full sets netting me four footballs.

Back in my youth, we had nothing like the string of professional sports championships. I still remember crying when I was 14 and the 1967 Red Sox lost the World Series. Thankfully, our great Boston teams made up for it big time. But I'll never forget

the kick I got when that magnet on a string pulled up a couple of Boston Patriots bottle caps that I needed to complete a set.

The thrill of the hunt, the smell of mucilage glue and a brand new free football was great!

And just for the record, I hope Tom Brady stays here in New England and retires after his seventh Super Bowl win. That would be the perfect way to ... cap off a stellar career.

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By Jim Clark

Crossing guard foils drug deal

On Friday, December 20, Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Mobil gas station at 360 Medford St. on reports of a drug related offense.

Officers located the suspect, later identified as John Aceto, and held inside the gas station as they investigated the situation.

A man, who is a crossing guard for the city of Somerville and was the reporting party, stated that he saw Aceto walk

up to a high school student and sell him drugs.

The reporting party then stated that he stopped the student and asked him what he just bought and the student showed him a small glassine bag of a brown powder substance, which was about the size of a dime.

The reporting party let the student leave the area and followed Aceto to the gas station, after which he informed police of what he saw.

The police officers asked Aceto to remove his hands from his pockets so they could see them. He reportedly stated that he did not have anything and would not remove his hands.

The officers then ordered him to take his hands out of his pockets, at which time he complied while stating that he had something in his pocket.

An officer conducted a pat

search of Aceto and felt some objects in both pockets of his pants. In his right pocket he had a cell phone and a plastic ID card, and in his left pocket he had two lighters, a small plastic green straw, and a piece of foil that was folded.

When the officer took the objects out of Aceto's pocket they fell on the ground. The officer picked up the objects and asked Aceto what he had

on him because he did not see anything.

Aceto reportedly stated that it was heroin and it was on the floor near the officer's foot. The officer picked up the folded piece of foil and found a small bag with a brown powdered substance inside it, which the officers believed to be heroin.

Aceto was subsequently placed under arrest on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

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Arrests:

Lindayanne Dasilva, of 23 Ferry St., Everett, December 30, 5:42 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

Everett, December 31, 2:48 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of Ave., Malden, January 2, 9:44

failure to stop or yield and un-Steven Shea, of 11 Avon St., licensed operation of a motor

Luis Felicier, of 72 Mountain

a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering and trespassing.

Ave., Quincy, January 3, 9:35 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of miscellaneous statutory violation and Abulaiti Adili, of 111 Elm cruelty to animal by custodian.

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session, after having previously served as Vice President.

Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti will serve as the City Council's Vice President for the 2020 session, the first time she has been elected to this position.

The organizational meeting for the School Committee took place immediately following the election of Council officers, followed by addresses by the elected officials, along with orders, ordinances, resolutions and motions put forward by

The Rules of the City Council for 2020 as approved on December 12, 2019 were then formally adopted, and the drawing of seats in the Council Chambers for each member took place.

The proceedings then moved to the Somerville High School Centennial Auditorium for the formal inauguration ceremonies, attended by members of the general public as well as local and state officials, and other notable guest speakers.

The city's elected officials were joined onstage by U.S. Senator Ed Markey, State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representatives Denise Provost and Mike Connolly, Cambridge Mayor Marc McGovern, Somerville Mayor Emeritus Gene Brune, and former Somerville Mayor the Honorable Dorothy Kelly Gay.

Also in attendance were School Superintendent Mary Skipper, Police Department Chief David Fallon, and Fire Department Chief Charles Breen.

After the official swearing in ceremony, speeches were given by newly appointed School Committee Chairperson Carrie Normand, City Council President Matt McLaughlin, and Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

A transcript of the mayor's full speech, as well as links to a video of the inaugural ceremonies can be found on the city's website at www.somervillema.gov.



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All Mod Cons bring it back home one last time

By Blake Maddux

Musician Glenn Matto, who has lived in Somerville for 20 years, remembers first hearing The Jam at the home of his friend and fellow Framingham High School classmate Barry Pugatch, whose parents and grandparents were Somerville natives. They were listening to the band's 1980 release, Sound Affects.

The Jam - which comprised lead singer/guitarist Paul Weller, bassist/vocalist Bruce Foxton, and drummer Rick Buckler - was the most popular British band of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Of the 18 top 40 singles that they scored in their native land from 1977-1982, four reached #1. However, the trio never achieved the renown in the U.S. that British contemporaries like The Clash and the Sex Pistols did. (Sound Affects, which soared to #2 in Great Britain, needed to reach only #72 in the America for it be the highest Billboard Top 200 entry of the band's career.)

Still, The Jam's respectably sized fan base in the States included many Boston musicians who enthusiastically welcomed them to The Rathskeller, the Paradise Rock Club, The Channel, and the Orpheum Theatre.

Matto and Pugatch wrote for and performed in several local bands throughout the 1980s. Despite not making it to any of The Jam's shows, they started a tribute group in 1989 called All Mod Cons (the name of the third Jam record) as a side

project. Together, they would gone on to play in non-New England cities such as New York, Philadelphia, and Las Vegas, tour England several times, and do a three-city Guinness-sponsored trek of Canada in 2000.

On Friday, Pugatch (lead vocals, guitar), Matto (bass, vocals), and AJ Beaulieu (drums) will play the final Boston area gig of their three-decade career at ONCE.

"You can only play a 20-year-old for so long!" says Matto. "We have one more show in Las Vegas that we're doing in March, and then I think we're good!" added Pugatch.

The two longtime friends spoke to The Somerville Times by phone in advance of their farewell gig, which has been moved from the ONCE Lounge to the Ballroom due to higher-thanplanned ticket demand.

The Somerville Times: What was it like to play five shows in England last

Barry Pugatch: It had been 15 years since we'd been in England, so it was great to have the opportunity to go back and play in London as well as other towns and actually have people show up. We had a guy show up wearing one of our T-shirts that he bought in 1994. That was a great thrill, to be 56 and still have the chance to play again in front of people that appreciated it.

TST: Other than The Fiery Bird in The Jam's hometown of Woking, were any venues particularly exciting to play?



All Mod Cons brings its tribute to the music of The Jam to ONCE Ballroom this coming Friday, January — Photo by Ivano Bonfanti

BP: Glenn and I both wanted to play the Hope & Anchor. The Jam had played there, and The Clash and the Sex Pistols used to play there, so it's kind of an English CBGB, if you will. We didn't realize the place holds maybe 125 people or something like that. It's not a huge club. So for us it was like, "Hey look, it's full!" My son's there and he's like, "Alright dad, it's a sell-out!" And it was so much fun. The best part of this particular tour was we saw a lot of people that had seen us 15, 20 years ago.

Glenn Matto: There was one guy at the Hastings show who said, "This is the fourth time I've seen you!"

TST: When did you first tour the UK? BP: We originally started doing The Jam stuff in England in '92; I think that was our first time over. And nobody had really done a Jam tribute in the U.K., let alone an American group. We had no idea if people would love it or hate it, so it was a test. We did four shows and they went really, really well. That opened the door for more tours. In '93, we were selling out

1,000-seat places.

GM: The big one was The Marquee. We sold out The Marquee.

TST: What would you say has kept people coming out in droves to see All Mod Cons over the decades?

BP: It's a great testament to these songs that people really love hearing them again. There are a lot of people in their 50s, but there are people still in their 20s. We even had some teenagers that were at a few of the shows. Ultimately, Glenn and I are fans. We don't do it for money. We're always happy to break even if possible.

GM: Or lose money!

TST: What have the members of The Jam themselves said about your band?

BP: The Jam have always been very supportive of us. We had Vic Coppersmith-Heaven, who produced All Mod Cons [and four other Jam albums], come to some shows. Rick Buckler, the drummer of The Jam, not only came to a show, he actually helped us carry our stuff.

GM: And went out for Chinese food with us later! Continued on page 17



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With today's edition, *The Somerville Times* begins coverage of the 2020 Massachusetts legislative session with our weekly *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of local state representatives and senators.

Beacon Hill Roll Call provides an unbiased summary of bills and amendments, arguments from floor debate on both sides of the issue and each legislator's vote or lack of vote on the matter. This information gives readers an opportunity to monitor their elected officials' actions on Beacon Hill. Many bills are reported on in their early stages, giving readers the opportunity to contact their legislators and express an opinion prior to the measure being brought up for final action.

The feature "Also Up on Beacon Hill" informs readers of other important matters at the Statehouse.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is written and provided by owner/publisher Bob Katzen, a former Boston radio talk show host at WRKO, WITS and WMRE. Bob has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the Bay State for 45 years since 1975.

Bob invented the "Bagel Route" when he was 10 years old. It's like a paper route but Bob took pre-orders from neighbors and delivered bagels every Sunday morning.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. The House and Senate began the 2020 legislative session last week with its usual ceremonies, always with much pomp and circumstance. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate. This week *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on how often local representatives voted with their party's leadership in 2019.

The votes of the 2019 membership of 31 Republicans were compared with those of GOP House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). The votes of the 2019 membership of 126 Democrats were compared to House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 121 votes from the 2019 House session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not quorum calls or votes on local issues.

A total of 82 (65 percent) of the 126 Democrats voted with DeLeo 100 percent of the time. That means that nearly two-thirds of the Democrats always voted with DeLeo.

The Democratic representative who voted the lowest percentage of times with DeLeo is Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut) who voted with DeLeo only 73.2 percent of the time. She is followed by Reps. Patrick Kearney (D-Scituate) 76.1 percent; Russell Holmes (D-Boston) 77.9 percent; Angelo Scaccia (D-Boston) 81.6 percent; Denise Provost (D-Somerville) 83 percent.

Only two (6.4 percent) of the 31 GOP members voted with Jones 100 percent of the time.

The Republican representative who voted the lowest percentage of times with Jones was Rep. Mike Soter (R-Bellingham) who voted with Jones only 88.5 percent of the time. He is followed by Reps. David DeCoste (R-Norwell) and Peter Durant (R-Spencer), both at 90 percent; and David Vieira (R Falmouth) and Tim Whelan (R-Brewster) both at 91.5 percent.

(D-Boston), Elizabeth Malia (D-Boston), Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy), Paul Mark (D-Peru), Christopher Markey (D-Dartmouth), Joseph McGonagle (D-Ev-

erett), Rady Mom (D-Lowell), Frank Moran (D-Lawrence), James Murphy (D-Weymouth), David Nangle (D-Lowell), Harold Naughton (D-Worcester), James O'Day (D-West Boylston), Jerald Parisella (D-Beverly), Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox), Dave Robertson (D-Tewksbury), Paul Schmid (D-Westport), Alan Silvia (D-Fall River), Theodore Speliotis (D-Danvers), Thomas Stanley (D-Waltham), Jose Tosado (D-Springfield), Paul Tucker (D-Salem), Chynah Tyler (D-Roxbury), Andres Xavier Vargas (D-Haverhill), Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke), John Velis (D-Westfield), RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere), Thomas Walsh (D-Peabody), Susannah Whipps (U-Athol).

Beacon Hill Roll Call sent an e-mail to and asked the opinion of the 94 representatives who had not switched their votes and seemed to vote "yes" from the beginning. Only three of those members responded. A veteran Statehouse observer, who spoke on condition of anonymity said that is not surprising because those 94 representatives do want to antagonize the speaker by talking about "Follow the Leader."

"Welcome to the House of Representatives," said Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston). "This is exactly how the House runs itself and the members should be ashamed. The speaker is like a shepherd leading a flock of sheep. Some members may have known what they were voting on and may have even agreed with Brad Jones. However, agreement with Brad does not matter if it conflicts with the speaker. This is particularly the case in the rules debate as the speaker has given orders to all Democrats that he wants no changes and that he is taking notice for consideration of leadership and committee assignments. We term the statements and speeches in rules debate as 'community auditions."

"The public is well informed," continued Holmes. "Many know that the only reason these Democrats changed their votes is because they await their instructions on all votes from the speaker. Members do not think of what is in the best interest of their districts but instead they consider what is in the best interest of themselves by voting with the speaker. This disenfranchises the voters who sent them to the Statehouse. I refuse to arrive in the building and hand over the voice and power of my constituents to the speaker. The best way to eliminate this hypocrisy is to bring pay equity to the building and pay all the members the same regardless of positions in leadership or committee. I was a 'yes' vote and voting with Brad before seeing how the speaker voted. Ideas should rule the day."

"I think that every representative has had the experience at one time or another of casting a vote only to have a colleague come and talk to them and explain an issue perhaps in different terms which may cause them to change their mind," said Rep. Joe McKenna (R-Webster). "I think that is okay. Unfortunately, what we saw during the rules debate is entirely different and is something that we have seen numerous times in my two-plus terms. It's simply a 'follow-the-leader' mentality where members seem to take their sole direction from the color of the light next to the speaker's name with apparently little awareness or concern for the matter being voted on or its content. Leaning on colleagues for guidance and advice is okay, but the type of blind following we saw takes it too far."

Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation: "Captured red-handed on video doing what The Best Legislators Money Can Buy do best – mindlessly following the leader. What a real-time votes tote board exposed through an embarrassing

glitch is revealing of what's so wrong on Beacon Hill. Good catch Beacon Hill Roll Call."

"Too often, House Democrats will vote in lockstep with the speaker, whether he's right or wrong, without doing their own due diligence about what they are, in fact, voting on," said Jonathan Cohn, Chair of the Issues Committee of Progressive Massachusetts. "Legislators should come to their own conclusions about bills and amendments based on their own promises and principles and the input from advocates, policy experts, and their own constituents — not just on how the speaker chooses to vote ... The House had a long debate about its rules, but for the rest of the session, there needs to be a serious debate about the norms by which the chamber operates and how badly they are in need of a change."

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

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

Some representatives voted on all 121 roll call votes. Others missed one or more roll call. The percentage for each representative is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Rep. Christine Barber 100 percent (0) Rep. Mike Connolly 85.1 percent (18) Rep. Denise Provost 83.0 percent (19)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PLASTIC STRAWS BY REQUEST ONLY (S 2450)

– The Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee endorsed a bill that would prohibit all Massachusetts businesses, including full-service restaurants, food trucks, self-service and fast-food establishments and convenience stores from distributing disposal plastic straws unless requested by the customer. Reusable drinking straws or a straw made of non-plastic or biodegradable materials including paper, pasta, sugar cane, wood or bamboo would be exempt from the proposed law.

"One of the Sierra Club's top priorities is reducing single-use plastic, especially at food service establishments," said Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter Director Deb Pasternak. "We applaud the committee for favorably reporting out this bill, which is essentially the same as those we have been supporting this session. We look forward to working with the committee on other opportunities to reduce solid waste."

"The release of the plastic straw bill is another great step taken towards reducing plastic waste in Massachusetts," said Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox), the House chair of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. "I was happy to file one of these plastic straw bills on behalf of a constituent of mine, who is in high school. I think it is extremely encouraging when young people are getting involved in the legislative process and stepping up to lead, especially when it comes to the important issue of waste reduction."

The National Federation of Independent Business's (NFIB) Massachusetts chapter opposes the bill and tweeted that the ban was "ridiculous." "Small businesses

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want to ensure the customer is always happy yet setting strict limits on the distribution of plastic straws is likely to ruin the experience for many consumers," said NFIB Massachusetts State Director Christopher Carlozzi. "While some more formal restaurant settings are conducive to a "by request" system for straws, it would be nearly impossible for many take-out and drive-through businesses not to hand out plastic straws with every beverage order. Customers will be upset if they drive away realizing they didn't request a straw for their iced coffee or milkshake. The alternatives allowed under this bill are far more costly and will negatively impact the operation of small restaurants that, for the most part, operate on razor-thin profit margin," concluded Carlozzi.

"Many restaurants have already moved to a straw only upon request standard already," said Bob Kuz President and CEO of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association. "We are not even certain a bill like this how this would be regulated – will there be undercover straw sting operations?"

STUDY ESTABLISHING A TIME LIMIT FOR

HANDICAPPED PARKING AT METERS (H 2963) – The Transportation Committee's hearing also included a bill that would create a special commission to conduct an investigation and study of the feasibility of allowing cities and towns to establish a time limit for handicapped parking placard use in metered spots. Under current law, a handicapped placard

The commission would be charged with examining and analyzing the potential benefits of allowing communities to establish a time limit as well as the potential

allows a driver to park for an unlimited time in a me-

implementation of a standard or reduced fee after the time limit expires.

House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of

Supporters said this is a law worth considering and noted the commission would invite comments and input from interested parties and receive testimony from experts and the general public, as well as look at the potential implementation of a standard or reduced fee after the time limit expires.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"There has been a surge in interest in refinancing this year, especially among younger homeowners who bought their homes during the times of higher interest rates. As we prepare for this New Year, it is a great time to start thinking about getting your finances in order and explore your options when it comes to refinancing.

— Secretary of State Bill Galvin urging any homeowners interested in refinancing their mortgage to use the calculator on his website www.sec.state.ma.us/rod/

"Our for-profit regulations protect students and ensure that schools are transparent about what they offer and about job placement figures so that students can make informed choices about their education. This settlement will provide hundreds of Bay State students who were harmed by the school's alleged practices with much-needed relief." — Attorney General Maura Healey announcing that Bay State College, a for-profit university will provide \$1.1 million in relief to hundreds of former students to resolve allegations that the school violated the attorney general's For-Profit School Regulations.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the

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

During the week of December 30-January 3, the House met for a total of one hour and two minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 20 minutes.

Mon. December 30 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Tues. December 31 No House session No Senate session

Wed. January 1 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:01 a.m. Senate 11:28 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.

Thurs. January 2 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:57 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:58 a.m.

Fri. January 3 No House session

No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:									
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price					
11 Ellsworth Street	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	17	\$550,000	\$530,000					
74 Derby Street	8 room 5 bed, 1f 1h bath	11	\$699,000	\$690,000					
19 Putnam Street	7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$850,000	\$825,000					
42 Berkeley	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$870,000	\$905,000					
24 Campbell Park	8 room, 4 bed, 1f bath	47	\$999,900	\$900,000					
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Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: MLS# **Address** Description **DOM List Price** Sale Price 25 Perry StU:25 6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath \$839,000 72583828 \$903,000 72580828 24 Newbury StU:24 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath 38 \$849,900 \$800,000 20 Lincoln Street U:1 6 room, 4 bed, 3f bath 72561816 93 \$859,000 \$832,000 72514729 111 \$895,000 \$890,000 229 Cedar Street U:B 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 75 Rush St U:3 8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath \$899,995 72578158 \$900,000 18 105 Willow Ave U:2 Square 72570161 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath 24 \$925,000 \$910,000 72514727 15 Murdock Street U:A 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 20 \$930,000 \$930,000 \$940,000 72586332 593 Somerville Ave U:2 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 17 \$905,000

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

KSL donation to Little Sisters of the Poor

On December 20, 2019, the members of King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM presented a donation of \$500 to Little Sisters of the Poor in Memory of Donald F. Norton.

Donald Norton, who passed away on October 9, 2019, was a long time benefactor of Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville. Donald was a member of King Solomon's Lodge for four decades, serving as their Secretary for nearly 30 years, and was a founder of the Highland Masonic Temple Association, the lodge's building association.

Members of King Solomon's Lodge, Master Zachary Atwell, Senior Warden John Kendzierski, Junior Warden Mark AuBuchon, President of the Highland Masonic Temple Association Chris Kenney presented a donation of \$500 from King Solomon's Lodge to Sister Patrice and Sister Ophelia of Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville.

These funds were raised by the brothers who attended the King Solomon's Lodge 2nd Annual Axe Throwing Night at Urban Axes in Union Square with the addition of a matching donation by anonymous members of the lodge. The sisters were delighted with the donation and thanked King Solomon's Lodge for its generosity.



 $L\ to\ R:\ Zachary\ Atwell,\ Sister\ Patrice,\ John\ Kendzierski,\ Mark\ AuBuchon.$



L to R: Chris Kenney, Zachary Atwell, Sister Ophelia, John Kendzierski, Mark AuBuchon.

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #195

King George

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

At the end of the victorious eight-year American Revolutionary War, some of his officers wanted to crown him "King." They had grown to love and respect their leader and wanted him to continue to lead the country that they had fought for. General George Washington, the object of their honor and devotion, resolutely turned them down. He reminded them that they had just fought and won a war for freedom, not for a monarchy.



Reflecting back to the war's beginning, his original directive had been to organize the first American Army, which was made up primarily of ragtag farmers and frontiersmen. He then rescued Boston, which was occupied by the British Army. From his headquarters in Cambridge and his Prospect Hill summit, he planned and executed what was to be his first famous victory ... the bloodless evacuation of Boston.

Who was he?

- At the early age of 16, this Virginian was already a gifted horseman. He later became the Assistant Surveyor of the Shenandoah Valley and the following year became its official Surveyor.
- He became part of the Virginia Militia, rose to the rank of Colonel, and was responsible for its frontier defenses. He joined the



staff of the British during the French and Indian War and tried to instruct them to fight like the Indians, instead of marching into battle in close formation wearing brilliantly colored uniforms.

- When fighting and bloodshed followed the passing of the Boston Port Bill, he told the Virginia Assembly, "I will raise one thousand men, subsist them at my own expense, and march, myself at their head, for the relief of Boston."
- He was forty-two and a Virginia delegate when the First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia on September 5, 1774. This meeting was three days after the British attack on our Powder House,

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Climate change and artificial turf not a good mix

By Renée Scott

Our region will feel many impacts from climate change in the coming years but the one we will all face, no matter how close we live to a flood zone, how much money we make, our access to health care, or our proximity to a highway, is heat. Since the 1980s, each successive decade has been warmer than any preceding decade since the 1850s. Worldwide (and in our region), July 2019 was the hottest month in recorded history.

The trend is not our friend on this statistic. Somerville's Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment says that in ten short years we will have 40 days each year over 90 degrees. Remember how hot it was in Somerville last summer? We had only ten days of 90 degrees or more. This will be an extraordinary increase in a very short time. The Urban Land Institute just released a report on living with heat in which

they look at four communities, including Somerville, and how they can best prepare and live with the extreme heat we will all feel. They quote the Union Of Concerned Scientists speaking about the urban implications of this increased heat, who say that "extreme heat is poised to rise steeply in frequency and severity over the coming decades, bringing unprecedented health risks for people and communities across the country." They explain that urban heat islands increase the heat because "on hot days, roof and pavement surface temperatures in metropolitan areas can be 50-90°F (27-50°C) hotter than the air, while those of nearby shaded or moist surfaces remain close to air temperatures."

This extreme heat, without relief, reduces the human body's ability to cool itself and can lead to heat exhaustion, confusion, heat stroke, and even death. Those most vulnerable to heat-related illness are children,

the elderly, people who work outdoors, athletes, and those with lower income who may not have access to air conditioning or other ways to stay cool. Unfortunately, the Living with Heat report explains that Somerville is especially vulnerable to urban heat island impacts because of our excessive pavement and lack of tree canopy and open spaces.

... when we cover a grass field with artificial turf, we not only add a very hot surface, we also take away a cool one

Despite these undisputed facts, our city continues to push to install artificial turf, replacing our grass fields. Artificial turf is frequently 40 to 70 degrees hotter than grass, which rarely gets over 100 degrees. The National Recreation and Park Association recommends that caution be taken with air temps over 80 degrees when playing on artificial turf and when 90 or higher, to avoid use between noon and 5pm. They also recommend signage, cautioning users to the potential for extreme heat on these surfaces.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has guidelines on avoiding heat-related illness in our young athletes. Their chart shows that at a humidity level of 65% or more, which is normal for our area in the summer months, air temps in the low to mid-80s create conditions where only fit and heat-acclimatized athletes should participate. But what happens when you consider the additional 40 to 70 degrees of heat from an artificial turf field? At 100 degrees there is no level of humidity where non-heat-acclimatized athletes should play.

Our children are already being impacted by heat on artificial turf here in Somerville. Youth athletes have already suffered heat stroke playing on the artificial turf surface at the Capuano School. Is your child's coach paying attention? Are they trained in monitoring the conditions as well as what to do if any of the kids in their charge show signs of heat-related illness? What if your kids have gone off on their own to play with friends, not monitored by a trained adult?

Now, if you don't have kids who play on these fields, you're probably wondering why you've read this far. Unfortunately, the decision to install artificial turf does not just affect those who use the fields. Adding insult to injury, when we cover a grass field with artificial turf, we not only add a very hot surface, we also take away a cool one. It's a double whammy.

So why are we still considering artificial turf fields? We are told that our grass fields can't take the use demanded of them and stay in good shape. We are told that our children deserve the best. But is scaldingly hot artificial turf really the best? Is the danger of heat stroke and hotter neighborhoods really worth the risk just so we don't have rainouts? Do we really understand the seriousness of the heat we will continue to experience with more and more frequency?

The fact that the city wants artificial turf on Conway says that we really do not get it. Our mayor says that climate change is the greatest existential threat we face, yet continues to plan for our cool grass fields to be covered in a plastic surface that can easily get to 150 degrees on a normal warm, sunny day. There is a role for artificial turf - it's a great surface for indoor, climate controlled, year-round athletic facilities. If we care about children's athletic opportunity and their safety, let's invest in creating that kind of facility. But we cannot replace our few remaining grass surfaces with artificial turf without making our heat issues worse and endangering our children.

We have to face reality. Our planet is heating up at historic rates. Our region is seeing increasingly hotter temperatures every year. Our city is one of the very hottest in the Greater Boston area. This is the reality. We do not have the luxury to delay. We do not have the luxury to choose the optimal surface for a particular sport given a particular weather condition. We do not have the luxury to do anything other than make our town as cool as possible to give our residents a fighting chance to be healthy and comfortable. It's no longer a discussion of which surface holds up best under extreme demand. The discussion needs to be which surface holds up under extreme heat. That surface is not artificial turf.

Renée Scott is a Somerville resident, mother, and co-founder of Green & Open Somerville.

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'If our values are under assault, then let's roll up our sleeves and fix it'



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Mayor Curtatone was sworn in for his ninth term on Monday, January 6. Below are excerpts from his inaugural address. You can find the full speech at www. somervillema.gov.

It is just as much of an honor to serve you now as it was back in 2004 when I was first sworn in.

The importance of the daily work we do to provide core services has not changed. Things like offering flu shots, picking up the garbage, stretching every dollar in the City budget, and educating our children. People are just as concerned about those things today as they were during my first campaign for Mayor.

And I'm still just as determined that Somerville does those things better than anyone else. We've been dubbed the Best Run City in Massachusetts and I aim to keep it that way...

But residents don't want us just to provide those core services; they also want us to defend our community's values...

I heard from so many who are worried, angry, or cynical, about how federal policy is failing us. Frankly, I'm angry too.

But the amazing thing - the thing that should make every one of us so proud to be in Somerville - is this. The message that came loud and clear from you wasn't defeat.

It was: If our values are under assault, then let's roll up our sleeves and fix it.

Housing

So, let's start with the housing crisis that has put all of greater Boston in jeopardy. Nothing else we do here matters for someone who can't afford to live here.

Costs are exploding in every city and town in this region. The

federal and state government have failed our residents on this front and it's up to us - the local officials, government employees, and residents, who are seeing this crisis play out in our neighborhoods - to do something.

In Somerville, we're lucky to have residents and a state delegation that understand the severity of the housing crisis. I want to thank the community for speaking up and Sen. Jehlen, and Representatives Barber, Connolly, and Provost for their tireless efforts on this issue.

Make no mistake, our representatives are fighting for us at the State House,

just as U.S. Senators Markey and Warren are fighting for us in Washington...

In the new session, I hope to see swift action on Rep. Connolly's bill to restore the ability of city government to implement rent control. California and Oregon recently passed statewide rent control measures because

All we're proposing in Massachusetts is the freedom to do it at the local level...

Renters need stability. They need immediate relief. And I'm confident that cities and towns can develop rent control policies that still allow landlords to protect their investments and earn rental income while also protecting our residents from steep rent increases.

And if the state is going to drag its feet on this, we need to take rent control to a statewide ballot.

Opioid Crisis

We need to think differently about addiction treatment and drug policy. We need to admit that what we've been doing is not working and look for new

We need to do things differently, but we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Outside of the U.S., several countries have adopted more humane drug policies.

I have to admit, I was a little skeptical when I started learning about some of their strategies around harm reduction, like supervised consumption sites.

But I learned that although people visit these sites to use drugs, there are people there who can intervene in case of an overdose. There are also people there who can point visitors to recovery services when they are ready.

And it turns out, when you treat people with compassion, show them you value their life, and try to understand their needs, they respond. Data from Canada and Europe show decreases in overdose deaths when a supervised consumption site is opened, as well as increases in people seeking treatment.

We've been dubbed the Best Run City in Massachusetts and I aim to keep it that way...

Just as we will continue to offer and expand our traditional recovery and support services, and just as we will continue to police with a focus on recovery, not criminalization, we are also moving with purpose toward having a supervised consumption facility in Somerville, hopefully this year.

Immigration

For anyone who insists their ancestors came here and followed the rules and it was fine, they didn't have rules like this. For anyone who says, "Why don't they stand in line like my ancestors did?" let me be clear - there is no line to stand in.

The rule now is the Trump administration wants you out, and however they've got to stack things against you to make that happen, that's what they'll do...

So that immigrants in our city and the rest of Massachusetts don't have to live in fear, it's time for the State to pass the Safe Communities Act.

We are going to continue to engage our immigrant residents in the neighborhoods where they

live and where their children attend school to make sure they're getting the support and services they need to stay - and contribute - in our community.

We're going to continue to help them open businesses, get job training, apply for housing, and find legal help when they need it.

We're going to ensure immigrants continue to breathe life and hope into the fabric of our city.

Climate Change

The time to shift to clean power generation is now.

The technology is here and the prices will continue to drop. There is no excuse to put it off. Fossil fuel is a relic of the past and one we cannot afford to keep around.

We also have to take on the gas leaks dotting our neighborhoods. For too long, natural gas leaks have been accepted. It would be easy to throw our hands up and say cities can't do anything about it, but we have to take a stand.

We will continue to work with advocates such as Mothers Out Front to push for an end to gas leaks, but also the outdated use of gas to heat our buildings.

This year, I will work with the City Council to create restrictions on new natural gas hookups - and we will create a model for doing this with an eye to equity. We can't live in a Somerville where clean, efficient homes are just for those who can afford it. Transportation

We'll be providing core transportation services while continuing to push for the big ideas - like free fares on public transit that could spark a huge mobility shift. It's time to figure out how to put big ideas into action.

To do that we need more resources and more staff working on transportation issues. We must match our investments to our values. I've heard that from you. I've seen it on our streets. Our City Council has voiced this. Our staff have studied this.

It's time to take this to the next level. I am calling for an unprecedented focus and investment in

safe and sustainable transportation in Somerville.

This year we will create a new Transportation Department that will put the best talent, the most effective solutions, the smartest mobility policies, and your input and ideas to work for us right here in Somerville.

We've made our Climate Forward commitment. Since the first days of Shape Up Somerville, we've been fighting for healthy options for how we get around. And we have joined roughly 40 other U.S. cities in vowing to pursue VisionZero, meaning we are striving to put an end to traffic deaths and serious injuries in our cities.

We must now match our resources to the enormity and the importance of those critical tasks.

College Tuition

For many, college can be a step in fighting back against a system stacked against them. But too many people are barred from higher education and economic opportunities because of the cost of college.

We must change this...

Our schools already strive for excellence in our vocational training, and we've launched programs so that our current students can take free college courses. That's a start. But right here, right now I'm proposing our next big opportunity to make a bold difference.

I am calling on us to make sure that any Somerville High School student who wants to attend college can do so. Last month, the Superintendent and I submitted a proposal to the city's Job Creation and Retention Trust, which is funded by developer fees. We've asked them to allocate funds to pay for community college tuition for any and all Somerville High School graduates who choose to go.

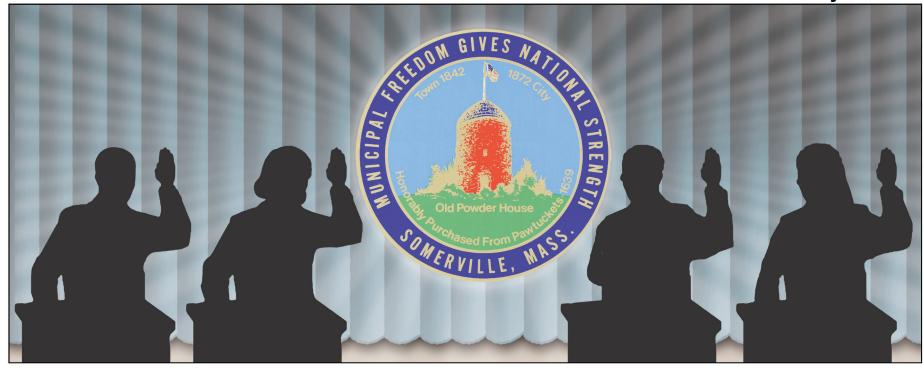
The outsize cost of college has been baking inequality into our society for far too long, but in Somerville, I say we can and will - ensure the door to higher ed is open for all of our graduates.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Congratulations to our freshly inaugurated city officials!

Our View Of The Times



In spite of the vastly divergent range of opinions held by all of us here in Somerville and in our neighboring communities, we can unite in the spirit of hope and bipartisanship as we congratulate and honor those who took their respective oaths of office this week.

It is so easy to sit back and play "armchair quarterback" as our city officials wrestle with the day-to-day and long term issues that impact our lives to greater or lesser degrees. We can question and kibitz and complain until we are blue in the face. At the end of the day, it is those men and women who have taken up the burden of leadership who must deliver on their promise to serve our best interests in the most efficient and productive ways possible.

It is an unenviable task that is always harder to achieve than is clearly imaginable by the average citizen. Before voicing any severe criticisms for policies advanced and propagated by these public servants, we would be well advised to give long and deliberate consideration to the actual challenges confronting them

as they do their jobs.

When all is said and done, we will choose sides, argue our personal points of view, and question authority appropriately. But let us now offer our sincere good wishes for positive results in the term to come for those who have chosen to serve as best they can. After all, where would we be without them?

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week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Mary-Louise A. (Gordon) Daly, who sadly passed away on January 1. Daly was extremely active in the community, being affiliated with many local non-profit and charitable organizations. She was recognized and honored by these groups and many more throughout her lifetime here in the city. She will be missed by all who knew her. Go to our website at www.the somervilletimes.com to read her full obituary.

It seems as though "Medford/Tufts" will be the name of the new Green Line station at the intersection of College and Boston Avenues in Medford following an agreement recently announced between Tufts University and the MBTA. The station, near the Medford/Somerville city line, will serve as the terminus for the Green Line extension project, scheduled to be completed in 2021. More information about the station and the name are available in the announcement here: https://now.tufts.edu/articles/new-mbta-green-line-station-be-named-medfordtufts.

Residents should be aware of new pol-

icies aimed at preventing displacement and informing those facing eviction of their rights. To learn about your rights and avoid violations, you can read a summary of the new rules at bit.ly/housingupdates. To make sure you don't miss important updates like this, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

We are happy to report that **the street sweepers** are officially in hibernation. Somerville street sweeping ended on December 31 and will resume on **April 1,2020**.

For those of you who may be property owners here in Somerville, Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti shared a link to the Assessor's Office, created to assist in answering any questions you may have regarding the tax bill mailed out this week: https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/assessing.

The City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department (HHS) and Somerville Media Center (SMC) are excited to announce the 2020 Screening Series of From My Heart to Yours. This short educational film provides an intimate look at how the avail-

ability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally and around the state. It also addresses various pathways to recovery and resources that exist to help the transition back into society. HHS and SMC partnered with local organizations to host free screenings of the short documentary (about 25 minutes) throughout the city with a Q&A with representatives from individuals who were part of production. Screening events are scheduled as follows: January 16, 6:30 p.m., at MOAR- Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, 9 New Washington St.; February 6, 5:00 p.m., at Council on Aging, 167 Holland St.; March 6, 6:30 p.m., at Connexion, 149 Broadway; and April 15, 6:00 p.m., Somerville Library, 79 Highland Ave.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somerville Health and Human Services Department and the Somerville Public Schools announce the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event, to be held on Monday, January 20. The annual event will be held at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., beginning at 10:00 a.m. The celebration will be emceed by Marcus Santos, and will feature musical performances by El

Sistema Somerville and the Somerville High School World Percussion Ensemble, as well as readings by the winners of the student essay contest. A keynote address will be given by Aba Taylor, a social justice educator, facilitator and organizer. Following the speaking program, the Beautiful Stuff Project will facilitate the creation of a community mosaic. This year, the Somerville Human Rights Commission will hold a drive to benefit Project Soup during the event. Attendees are invited to bring toiletries such as shampoos, toilet paper and soap.

Music Meeting: Reigniting the Boston Music Conversation will be held on January 23 at The Jungle Community Music Club, 6 Sanborn Ct., Somerville, which is relaunching a series of meeting/ meet-ups. In this first round, talk about the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) concept and working on a sustainable foundation; old favorites like promoting in the digital age, booking (uh-oh), and looking outside one's own genres. Guests will be with guests Edrie Edrie of Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys, Jenny Bergman of The Secret Bureau of Art & Design, Bridget Duggan of ONCE Somerville, Carissa Johnson of Fuel **Heart Productions** Continued on page 16

Somerville raises the flag on Prospect Hill for the New Year

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As militia men and participants in ment to independence. 18th century garb stood by, Chaplain Matthew Mees gave an invoca- be the country's first flag are still tion, while City Council President and Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Bal- Scholars like Peter Ansoff, who lantyne explained how the flag was wrote the paper The Flag on Prospect once "raised in a time of uncertainty, Hill, have questioned what flag dea symbol of hope for a better future." sign was actually flown, arguing that She said that it was important to it was actually most likely a British honor the tradition in modern times, flag and not the Grand Union Flag. while citizens are "fighting for values Ansoff studies primary sources, intoday, as ordinary people willing to cluding a letter by Washington himspeak out, to challenge injustice."

Preservation Commission Brandon Wilson introduced speakers who upholds the traditional history of elaborated on the historic back- the flag in his book The First Ameriground of the tradition.

On January 1, 1776, George Wash- at Prospect Hill. ington ordered the first American flag to be raised on the mast of a ship at Prospect Hill. The banner precedfeatured a British Union Jack in its Somerville. canton, accompanied by 13 red and white stripes.

their emancipation from England, be created. It was hoisted to repre- for being a community that likes to British of the new nation's commit-grams, and events."

The origins of what is believed to somewhat enveloped in mystery. self, to investigate the true identity Executive Director of the Historic of the flag that was raised in 1776. Meanwhile, author Byron DeLear can Flag: Revisiting the Grand Union

Wilson affirms that the ceremony, which was made possible with the support of Mayor Joseph Curtatone, ed the flag that we know today and still holds meaning for the city of

"It's a way to commemorate and celebrate the major contributions to Americans had been fighting for the creation of our nation," said Wilson. "It was a unifying symbol for the and the Siege of Boston had been beginning of our country, as separate going on for eight months, before from the British. It demonstrates Washington requested that the flag Somerville pride and our reputation sent colonial unity and remind the be pioneering in its policies, pro-



















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Readers choices for 2019

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Somerville municipal buildings being equipped with Narcan

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Best Italian Specialty Store: Capone Foods, 14 Bow St.

Best Portuguese Restaurant: J and J Restaurant & Takeout, 157 Washington St.

Best Brazilian Restaurant: Oliveira's Steak House, 120 Washington St.

Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave.

Best Mexican Food: Rincón Mexicano, 99 Broadway

Best Caribbean Restaurant: Sunrise Cuisine, 76 Middlesex Ave.

Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway

Best Seafood Restaurant: Out of the Blue, 215 Elm St.

Best Local Deli: Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway

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 Bar Food: Highland Kitchen, 150 Highland Ave.

Best Pizza: Mama Lisa's, 312 Broadway

Best Detroit style Pizza: Avenue Kitchen and Bar, 158 Boston Ave.

Best Sub Shop: Leone's Sub and Pizza, 292 Broadway

Best Sandwiches: Thurston Spa, 393 Medford St.

Best Chocolate: Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St.

Best Donuts: Davis Square Hand Crafted Donuts & Bagels, 377 Summer St.

Best Muffins: Magnificent Muffin & Bagel Shoppe, 1118 Broadway

Best Scones and Biscuits: 3 Little Figs, 278 Broadway

Best Bakery: Lyndell's, 720 Broadway

Best Pies: Petsi Pies, 285 Beacon St.

Best Cheesecake: **7ATE9 Bakery**, **199C Highland Ave**.

Best Local Coffee Shop: True Grounds, 717 Broadway

Best Bar for Bands: Once, 156 Highland Ave.

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Best Teacher: Victoria Macrokanis,

West Somerville Neighborhood School

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COMMENTARY

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Somerville teaching paraprofessionals seek higher wages

By Rami Bridge

Some of our most valued educators in Somerville, our paraprofessionals, are paid poverty-level wages, even while the cost of living in our area has skyrocketed. This is wrong and does not reflect our values. The Somerville Teachers Association (STA) is fighting for a contract that guarantees a respectful salary for all educators. The classrooms that I grew up in were led by a single teacher, usually standing in the front of the room leading the whole class in a single activity. In our schools today this is often no longer the case. We recognize that not all students learn the same way or at the same pace.

Meeting the needs of all of our students requires more educators in each classroom. Many students in our schools learn from lead teachers in conjunction with paraprofessionals. On a typical day paraprofessionals provide a range of vital classroom services, including: support to a small group of struggling readers, teaching class when the teacher is absent, helping dysregulated students while the class continues uninterrupted, working on a project with a small group of students in the hall while the rest of the class is working in the classroom, and providing special education support. They are the ones to find dry clothes

for students after bathroom accidents and take care of many other daily needs too.

Our educators are our schools. No educator in a class by themselves can give all their students the support they need. It takes a team of dedicated professionals. Paraprofessionals are the glue that holds the team together. Our schools would not function without them. And yet the starting salary of a paraprofessional in Somerville is \$20,680. The pay scale tops out at \$25,502, which is less than the federal poverty level for a family of four¹. Many paraprofessionals are forced to work second and third jobs to make ends meet. The STA is currently in negotiations with the Somerville School Committee for a new paraprofessional contract. We have proposed a starting salary of \$25,000. As a community we have an opportunity to address the injustice of paying full-time educators so little.

In his 2018 inaugural address², Mayor Joe Curtatone said, "Standing up for things based on our community values is what we do best here in Somerville. Nowhere will you find a better example than in our schools." And in many ways, this is true. Somerville is right to be proud of our schools. We do an excellent job of educating all of our students - because of our educators. While Mayor Curtatone has proudly stated that our school budget has increased more than 70 percent over his

time as mayor³, our paraprofessionals have not experienced the same investment. If the city had invested in their salaries at this same rate then their starting salary would be just under \$25,000, which is the STA's proposal. The School Committee has responded to our proposal by requesting a mediator from the Department of Labor Relations. This is a step taken in negotiations when the two sides cannot find common ground without outside help. Our elected officials are so opposed to a \$25,000 starting salary that they believe we cannot even talk to one another.

Somerville is thriving. Assembly Row has been transformed into a booming shopping and business center. Union Square is about to begin its own transformation, and the Green Line will connect Somerville to Boston like never before. Those of us fortunate enough to own homes in this city are benefitting exponentially from this amazing growth. In this moment where our city is changing dramatically, our choices define the values we hold as a community. It is up to us to decide who benefits from this growth and who is left behind.

Our paraprofessionals deserve to be compensated for the invaluable role they play in our schools. Our students deserve educators who come to school fresh and ready to teach. Educator working conditions are student learning conditions. If we truly are the community that

we say we are, we must come together to support the talented professionals that we are taking for granted.

Our schools belong to all of us. If you value the professionals who we entrust with our children, and if you believe that the prosperity of our city should be reinvested in the people who build it, then let School Committee know. Join me, wearing red, at the next Somerville School Committee Meeting at City Hall on Monday, January 13, at 6:45 p.m. Educators and community members will be speaking on behalf of paraprofessionals in advance of the next negotiation session. Call or email your representatives to the School Committee. Sign our pledge of support for paraprofessionals, which you can find at https://tinyurl.com/yzwp7o4v. Make your voice heard and tell our elected officials that everyone working in our schools deserves a respectful salary.

¹https://www.thebalance.com/federal-poverty-level-definition-guidelines-chart-3305843

²https://joecurtatone.com/2018-inaugural-address/

3https://drive.google.com/ file/d/17CpbpdjHp4bkDEePXGjgh-SHj1YH8oSKe/view

Rami Bridge is a Somerville Resident, 7th and 8th Grade Math Teacher at West Somerville Neighborhood School, and President of the Somerville Teachers Association. www.somervilleteachers.com.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is the Golden Globe awarded for?
- 2. What is the title of the person handing out the Golden Globe trophies?
- 3. What flavors was the 3 Musketeers candy bar made of orginially?
- 4. At what college would you find the Skull and Bones secret student society?
- 5. Which actress starred alongside Dustin Hoffman in the film *The* Graduate?
- 6. Red Vines is a brand of

what candy?

- 7. What is the medical definition of epiphora?
- 8. Who played the Joker in the 1960 in the TV series Batman?
- 9. What is the longest running radio show in the U.S.?
- 10. Who were the founders of McDonald's?
- 11. Keith Urban is a citizen of of what countries?
- 12. French blue cheese "Roquefort" is made from which animal milk?

Answers on page 23

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Final 'Topping Off' ceremony for SHS Building Project

Despite the bitter cold, the final Topping Off ceremony for the Somerville High School Building Project on December 19 signaled a time for celebration as the highest beam in the east wing of the project was set in place.

Guests had an opportunity to sign the beam before the start of the ceremony. Members of the Somerville High School band kicked off the ceremony with a brief rendition of "Somerville Leads the Way", following by the traditional Topping Off event in which the highest structural element is set into place.

A short speaking ceremony highlighted the importance of the project and paid tribute to Leo DeSimone, who unexpectedly passed away the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Mr. DeSimone was Associate Principal and Director of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Somerville High School. He was also the Somerville High School lead on the building project. CTE students engraved a metal plate bearing his signature, which was welded onto the beam.

You can watch the Topping Off ceremony at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVGuHiCRsd4.

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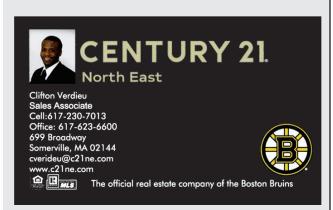


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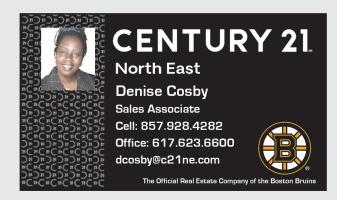
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> **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Clarendon Hill (North Street) Comprehensive Permit - Applicants, POAH, Redgate, and SCC, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Comprehensive Permit under M.G.L. Chapter 40B for an Inclusionary Housing Development. The proposal would create a total of 591 residential units spread throughout 4 new residential buildings and a cluster of townhouses. The project is a redevelopment of the existing 216-unit Somerville Housing Authority project. The Applicant is requesting waivers from various sections of the City's ordinances and requirements, including but not limited to waivers relating to the following sections of the SZO: maximum density; maximum height; minimum front, side, and rear setbacks; parking requirements. The Applicant is also seeking a waiver to have the review required by various sections of the Code of Ordinances to be conducted

327 Highland Avenue - Applicant, Alex Genovese, and Owner Nora LLC seek four (4) Hardship Variances under Article 15.2.3 to construct an awning with a nonconforming valance and with an awning sign with nonconforming valance lettering and signage on both closed ends. Neighborhood Residence District and Small Business Overlay District. Ward 6.

175 Beacon Street - Applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T"), and Owner, Beacon Associates, Inc., seek a Special Permit under Article 10.12 to modify and establish wireless communication antennas and structures. Urban Residence District and Small business Overlay District. Ward 2.

0 & 20 Inner Belt Rd and 56 Roland Street - Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owners, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall and the Somerville City Club c/o Frank Dardeno, Jr. Esq., seeks a time extension to variances granted on February 20, 2019 for minimum lot area per dwelling unit, maximum ground coverage, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a seven-story mixed use building that will include 205 residential units, a private, non-profit club or lodge for members only, and an attached shared parking garage. (Formerly BB / IA) CI Zone. Ward 1.

56 Roland Street - Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owner, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall, seeks a time extension to variances granted on February 20, 2019 for landscaped area, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a six-story 120-room extended stay hotel. (Formerly BB) CI Zone. Ward 1.

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

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

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 1/8/20 & 1/15/20

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An Open Letter to Mayor Curtatone: suggest that Somerville consider de-

An economically diverse community stimulates creativity, vitality and is essential to the functioning of the community. Clearly, economic diversity is one of the most important easons that Somerville is such a desirable place to live.

As there have been unremitting financial pressures which adversely impact our economic diversity, it is essential that we immediately institute policies which will stem this unfortunate trend.

Toward this end, I would like to

fining some occupations as "essential subsidies or allowances to the functioning of our city." This would include, but not be limited to postal workers, all people who are employed by the City of Somerville, nantly with the City of Somerville.

IF a person:

- 1. Works full-time in an occupation which is designated as "essential to the functioning of our city"
- 2. Has state taxable income and total wealth which is less than 50% of the median Somerville resident

- 3. Is the recipient of no housing
- 4. Promises to physically live in Somerville at least 11 months/year

5. Owns no real estate

THEN, that person would be and some employees who work for classified as an "essential city embusinesses who contract predomi- ployee" and this designation would qualify them to rent or purchase one of Somerville's "affordable" housing units.

> An economically diverse Somerville will benefit all Somervillians.

Hayward Zwerling Somerville



LEGAL NOTICE City of Somerville

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)

invites sealed proposals for the 2020-2021 HUD Action Plan for the: **Community Development Block Grant Program Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

Community Development Block Grant Program:

Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to lowand moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. RFP # 20-

Emergency Solutions Grant Program:

Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. RFP # 20-ESG1 CD

Request for Proposals will be available at 8:30 A.M. Monday, January 27, 2020 at somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/administration or may be picked up at Somerville City Hall, OSPCD, 93 Highland Avenue, Third Floor, Somerville, MA 02143

Proposers should submit an electronic PDF file to OSPCD@somervillema.gov and hard copies of proposal to address provided above no

11:00 A.M. Thursday, February 27, 2020 for Community Development Block Grant

1:00 P.M. Thursday, February 27, 2020 for Emergency Solutions Grant

For information and proposal please contact Nalani Brown, Program Compliance Officer NBrown@somervillema.gov

> **George Proakis Executive Director** 617-625-6600, x 2500

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 19W2021WD

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Eva P. Molina, Plaintiff

Marco J. Alvarado, Defendant

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, _ seeking <u>Custody/Support/Parenting Time</u>_

You are required to serve upon Eva P. Molina

-plantiff - whose address is 210 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143 your answer on or before January 15, 2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at **Cambridge**.

Witness, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 4th day of December, 2019

> Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate**

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and Steve Theo of Pirate Promotions. Music at 8:00 p.m. with The Shirts And Shoes, War On Alexandria, and Lay Low Moon. The meeting is free to all from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Live music is at 8:00 p.m. \$6 in advance, \$10 day of the show. For more info, visit www.thejunglemusicclub.com.

Writer's Den is a free weekly evening creative writing workshop open to all Somerville students in grades 4-8. Creative weekly activities and fun writing prompts, storytelling, script writing and more keep students eager to write and share their writing. Publishing opportunities and snacks. Co-Directors Alan Ball, Cara Feinberg, and Allyson Sherlock invite all students in grades 4-8 to join the fun. Parent/guardian permission required. Writer's Den takes place Wednesdays and some Mondays (ex-

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

Visiting Nurse Foundation to purchase Jeanne Jugan Residence

Linda S. Cornell, President and CEO, has announced that Visiting Nurse Foundation has reached an agreement with the Little Sisters of the Poor to purchase Jeanne Jugan Residence. The Little Sisters have operated the facility for more than a century, providing compassionate care to the elderly of modest means in Somerville, Massachusetts.

The Visiting Nurse Association has served the Somerville community continuously since 1906. Since 2000, the VNA has operating assisted living and senior living residences in Somerville, along with the community-based services for which the VNA is traditionally known. This purchase of Jeanne Jugan Residence will allow the Foundation to expand its services to Seniors needing skilled nursing and residential care living options.

"This is a truly exciting time for VNA" commented Ms. Cornell. "It is an opportunity for us to offer additional residen-

tial options for Seniors in our community. In addition, it is an honor to continue the tradition of compassionate care that has characterized the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor to their residents for well over a century The Little Sisters have rendered extraordinary service to the residents, their families and the community; we hope to continue that tradition of compassionate care to Seniors for many years to come."

The facility, situated on a 3.8acre campus on Highland Avenue in Somerville, is currently licensed for 26 skilled nursing beds and 58 residential care beds. In addition, the Home offers 27 independent living apartments. All of the current residents will be able to remain in their current residences.

"The Little Sisters of the Poor are delighted that the Visiting Nurse Foundation has agreed to purchase Jeanne Jugan Residence and to continue to ensure that it operates as a skilled nursing, residential care and indepen-



dent living facility for Seniors," commented Sister Maureen Weiss, L.S.P., Administrator of Jeanne Jugan Residence and Local Superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville. "As we have come to know the mission

of the Visiting Nurse Association and have visited their residential facilities, we have been so impressed by the quality of care provided to the residents and the dignity and respect afforded to the residents by the staff. We

believe that our residents will continue to receive excellent care after the transfer of the facility and for many years to come."

The transfer of ownership of the facility is slated for late spring 2020.

City of Somerville seeking Climate Forward Ambassadors

The City of Somerville is seeking community members interested in learning more about climate change, and the City's actions toward addressing its challenges. In 2019, the city's Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) launched a Climate Forward Ambassador Program, stemming from Somerville Climate Forward, the city's climate action plan, to educate residents about climate change and increase the community's capacity to engage in climate action. In 2020, OSE seeks to expand the program by offering the opportunity to a new cohort of climate ambassadors.



- Have you been hearing about climate change in the news and wondering what can be done about it?
- Do you find climate change too complex or intimidating to talk about?
- · Are you curious about what is happening in Somerville to address climate change and how you could play a meaningful role?
- Do you want to get more involved in your community and join a group of Somerville residents who are working on climate action together?

Become a Somerville Climate Forward Ambassador!

Up to 30 participants will be selected by OSE to train as ambassadors. The group will meet with OSE staff five times between February and May to learn together about climate change, including what is happening globally and locally in Somerville and what can be done about it. Each evening meeting will include a presentation and group discussion on a specific topic.

The program will wrap up with a public celebration where the ambassadors will briefly share topics and projects of their choosing. Ambassadors do not need any prior knowledge about climate change to participate – in fact, the ideal group will have a range of expertise and knowledge on the topic.

To learn more and to apply, visit www.somervillema.gov/cfa. Applications are due by Friday, January 17, 2020. For more information, contact Hannah Payne, Somerville Sustainability Coordinator at 617-625-660 x2422 or hpayne@somervillema.gov.

All Mod Cons bring it back home one last time CONT. FROM PG 5

BP: And we did get mentions in a couple of the Jam books [including Our Story by Bruce Foxton and Rick Buckler], which was nice. And in my dining room is an autographed picture of Paul Weller hanging behind my bust of Beethoven that says, "To Barry and All Mod Cons: Stay cool, won't you?"

TST: What were the prospects for a Jam cover band from Boston when you formed in 1989?

BP: It wasn't bad. We had some wonderful gigs. We've done the Middle East Downstairs. The first gig that we ever played was The Channel in Boston. We even played The Rathskeller Christmas Party, which is a big deal. To be the entertainment for all these famous real Boston musicians: The Neighborhoods and The Outlets and all these people.

GM: We actually saw Ben Orr from The Cars walk in that night.

BP: We also played Bunratty's, the Common Ground, The Phoenix Landing, The Abbey Lounge in Somerville...

GM: ...and Mama Kin.

TST: Your drummer, AJ Beaulieu, will be pulling double duty at the ONCE show, right?

BP: A] is also in one of the other bands that is playing called The Cretins. AJ is about 10 years younger than Glenn and

I. We've been playing with him for 16 years. A real key to our sound is that AJ is a tremendously awesome drummer. Getting AJ in the band was kind of like getting a fresh set of batteries. He hits incredibly hard. The fans love him. A journalist who saw us in Hastings said, "AJ is a better drummer than Rick Buckler ever was in his prime." We agree with that. People gravitate to watching AJ. He is just such a heavy player. Essentially, he's like punk rock drummer.

TST: The poster for the show says, "Plus Special Guests." Can you say anything about whom that might be?

GM: We've been friends with John Surette from Boys Life for a few years now. Boys Life opened for The Jam at The Channel and again at the Orpheum in '82, which was their final tour. So there's that connection. We figured that would be great to bring in to this because not everybody knows that. So we're going to pay a little bit of tribute to Boys Life because they were a great Boston band.

All Mod Cons with Didn't Planet and The Cretins. ONCE Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave., Somerville. Friday, January 10. Doors at 8:00 p.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|January 8

East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Somerville Positive Forces
1 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 9

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. Comic Book Drawing Workshop 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|January 10

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds

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

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

3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|/9 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 11

Central Library

Magic the Gathering Card Game 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|January 13

Central Library

Sing Along 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday January 14

Somerville Community Baptist Church

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

Central Library

Teen Empowerment 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library

Paws, to Read! 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday|January 15

East Branch Library

Music with Matt! PreK Sing-Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | January 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

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

Once Somerville

Toth Mal Devisa 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Redwood Rain

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Thursday|January 9

Sally O'Brien's

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Jessye DeSilva, CiCi Eberlee, Kerr Griffin, JBJ|7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

90's Tribute Night with Five Against None and Stone Temple Posers

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Abbie Barrett Band The Hats, Bearmonster 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music

Sober Curious Night with Elliot Wren and Henry McIntyre|6 p.m. The Endorphins, Heavy Hands, Year of the Clam|9 p.m. 6 Sanborn Ct

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Andrew Stern Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street **Friday|January 10**

Sally O'Brien's

Royer Family Band |6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents - \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Backroom| The Electric Heaters & The Derangers |7 p.m. Jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville

All Mod Cons The Cretins, Didn't Planet 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua TreeDJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Young Americans – A David Bowie Celebration

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co.**

Air Congo 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club

Gradient Descent, Rachel Alix, Entangled Mind 9 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct.

The Rockwell

Good Luck Comedy 10 p.m.|255 Elm St

Saturday|January 11

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Ween tribute band Joppa Road -\$10/\$15|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

• • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2

Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m. Back Room: Jeff Jam Family

Dance Party! |4 p.m.
Miriam, Creek River String Band
|7 p.m.

Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Pressure Cooker with special guests JSN Grooves!
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Space Age Exotica Lounge Party 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Amv Kucharik

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club Leir / The Cotones / Above The

7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Arts at the Armory

Din / We Are Space Horses

Irish Session 2 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|January 12

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

335 Somerville Ave|617-6 3589

The Burren

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

p.m.
"Let's Do Lunch" with Linda
Marks, Rick Drost, Mark Bishop
Evans, Craig Sonnenfeld |12 p.m.
Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas
|4 p.m./6:30 p.m.

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave
Once Somerville

Catch a Dinosaur The Deadliners Deadly Nightshade Family 6:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Americana Picnic: Hillbilly Holiday with Justine's Threads 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Jungle Community Music Club

Sleen / Ignis / Austin Bullock / DNA's Evolution at The Jungle 8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct Monday|January 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m. Back Room:Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville Toddlerbilly Takeover |5 p.m. Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz at

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Board Game Bonanza

ONCE Lounge 7 p.m.

156 Highland Ave

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music
Club

Will Roos / Rasputin / The Daily Pravda / Ben Hoke 7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct.

Tuesday|January 14

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers | 8:30 p.m.
Backroom | Silver Arrow Band | 8

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville

Ave|617-440-6045

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

Thunder Road

Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Intimacy: Ezra Furman Residency w/Haus of Delicious (hosted by Monstera)

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Wednesday|January 15

Sally O'Brien's Bar free poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m

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156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Matt Heaton & the Electric Heaters

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|January 8

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. P2P Technologies: A Series 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Thursday|January 9

Ciampa Manor

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

Central Library

Graduates of Climate Forward

Learn English with the Library!

Ambassadors Meeting 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|January 11

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 p.m.- 2 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave Bagel Bards

meet weekly to discuss their work

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain 18-48 Holland St

Somerville Writers and Poets

Sunday|January 12Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Unity Church of God

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

basement Monday|Janaury 13

Central Library

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!

4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Yoga at the library

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave East Branch Library

Learn English at the Library!

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

Tuesday|January 14

Central Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday January 15

Central LibraryDrop in Knitting and Needlecraft

12 p.m.-2 p.m. Gerrior Square Annual Home Owners Association Meeting 5:15 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

CENTER SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

Holland Street Senior Center: 167 Holland Street (Between Davis Square and Teele Square)

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

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

(East Somerville)

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

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

Fax: 617-625-1414

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

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

617-666-5223

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRIPS

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

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

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

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

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

Pizza and a Movie – Tuesday, January 14 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center, Atrium. We will be showing Jack Frost and pizza to follow. \$3 per person. Payment due at time of reservation. To RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Live YOUR Life Well – Tuesday, January 21 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. To help us all live our best lives. Please join the celebration and register for the course by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

Food Stamp Application Walk-In-Hours – Monday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. The Department of Transitional Assistance has placed a food stamp application Kiosk at the Holland Street Center which takes the place of

going to the DTA office to enroll in benefits. The SCOA's Social Workers will be hosting walk-in-hours to help facilitate applications. No appointment necessary, please bring a valid ID and proof of income. For questions or additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Valentine's Day Super Bingo – Thursday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. \$14 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Come and have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation. For more information please Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Caregivers Series For Those Who Live Independently – each Thursday in February from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information.

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

Powers Music School – Tuesday, February 11 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Featuring the Andromedia Quintet. Lunch and bingo to follow. To RSVP call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movie & Pizza Day – Tuesday, February 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. This month's movie is Driving Miss Daisy. Pizza to follow movie. \$3 per person due at time of reservation. For more information or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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LGBTQ EVENTS

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

Monday:

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

Tai Chi - 11:30 a.m. (H) - On Hiatus Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

SHS trio places third at 2019 Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge



Somerville High School's Personal Finance class team of Joseph Carey, Jonathan Chan, and Theo Tourlentes placed third out of 35 teams at the Junior Achievement's Stock Market Challenge held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the new headquarters for State Street Corporation in Boston.

Also making a good showing at the competition were the Somerville High School teams of Eric Lemus, Michael Rivillas Escalante, and Marco White, who finished fourteenth in the competition; as well as Joseph Amari, Erik (Matteus) Anell, and Andrew DaCosta who placed twenty-third.

The Stock Market Challenge is a fast-paced competition in which students use their collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills to achieve the greatest rate of return on their investments over a 60-day market cycle.

Each team begins with a hypothetical account balance of \$500,000. Somerville's winning team was among the top five spots from the beginning of the competition and ended with a portfolio value of \$619,669.

Students interested in more information on how to get involved in next year's competition are encouraged to contact Business Teacher, Michele Harney (mharney@k12.somerville.ma.us).

Brown School first-graders share bridge building project with families

Just before the winter recess, first grade students at the Benjamin G. Brown School proudly displayed the bridges they had been busy designing, building, and writing about. As a culminating activity of this project-based learning experience, students enjoyed a Bridge Breakfast publishing party with their families the Thursday before the break.



Their bridges were on display, and students had an opportunity to share their work and their thought process with their parents.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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'From My Heart to Yours' Screening Series

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS

The City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department (HHS) and Somerville Media Center (SMC) are excited to announce the 2020 Screening Series of From My Heart to Yours.

This short educational film provides an intimate look at how the availability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally and around the state. It also addresses various pathways to recovery and resources that exist to help the transition back into society.

HHS and SMC partnered with local organizations to host free screenings of the short documentary (about 25 minutes) throughout the city with a Q&A with representatives from individuals who were part of production.

Screening events are scheduled as follows:

January 16, 6:30 p.m., at MOAR- Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, 9 New Washington St.

February 6, 5:00 p.m., at Council on Aging, 167 Holland St.

March 6, 6:30 p.m., at Connexion, 149 Broadway

April 15, 6:00 p.m., Somerville Library, 79 Highland Ave.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



which drew over twenty thousand armed patriots to the location. It proved to be the dress rehearsal of the Concord and Lexington Battle eight months later.

• On hearing reports of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, Washington originally refused to lead the Patriots. He viewed the conflict as a skirmish. But after hearing the results of the Battle of Bunker Hill, he agreed to lead them.

• On arrival in Massachusetts, he wanted to see the view of Boston from Prospect Hill before he met with colonial

leaders at Cambridge. Six months later on January 1, 1776, he raised the first American flag on that site.

It is said that King George III stated that General Washington would be "The greatest man in the world" if he retired after the Revolutionary War. Americans agreed and elected him our first President. He is considered the father of our country.

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Wednesd	ay, January 8	1:30pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Monday,	January 13
12:00am	Free Speech TV	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
6:00am	NASA TV	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	5:00am	Free Speech TV
7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360	6:00am	NASA TV
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live	7:00am	Somerville Storytellers
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie	7:30am	Going Postal
9:00am	DW Global 3000	6:30pm	#AFAD	12:00pm	Somerville Storytellers	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	9:00am	Science 360
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View	2:00pm	Reeling Review	10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony	3:00pm M	A House of Representatives Formal Session	10:00am	Our View
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	Tele Kreyol	12:00am	The Thom Hartman Show
11:30am		10:30pm	The World Fusion Show	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	SOM ARTS
12:00pm	From My Heart to Yours The Thom Hartman Show	11:00pm	VOX POP Comedy Night	5:30pm	Henry Parker Presents		Somerville Storytellers
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2:00pm	Colores Latinos	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm	African Television Network
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	#AFAD	5:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
4:00pm	DW Conflict Zone	2:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	LIVE from VOX POP
	utumn Reads with Somerville Public Library	6:00am	NASA TV	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Music Video Show	6:30pm	Fur, Fins and Feathers
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Tele Galaxie
5:30pm	From My Heart to Yours	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:30pm	Queer Cats	8:00pm	LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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7:30pm	Sidewalks Entertainment	11:00am	SOM ARTS	1:00am	NASA TV	Tuesday,	January 14
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	11:30am	Cambridge Calendar	1:30am	NASA TV	12:00am	Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
8:30pm	DW Euromaxx	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	NASA TV	6:00am	NASA TV
9:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP	1:00pm	Community Benefits Agreement	3:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00am	NASA TV
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits	6:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley	8:00am	Democracy Now!
11:00pm	Flotilla		umn Reads with Somerville Public Library	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
Thursday	, January 9	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	10:00am	Strata
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	4:00pm	Gay USA	9:00am	NASA TV	11:00am	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	5:00pm	DW Global 3000	10:00am	Tele Kreyol	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
1:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?		A House of Representatives Formal Session	1:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
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11:30am	Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals	3:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour	10:00pm	Totally Working Out
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	5:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	TUTV	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	6:00am	DW Focus on Europe	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash
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Talking Business

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12:00am City Hall Menorah Lighting 2019

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1:00am 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2:03am Land Use Joint Meeting w/Planning Board 7:30am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019 9:00am Senior Circuit - December 2019 9:30am 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20 11:00am 12:00pm Senior Circuit - December 2019 12:30pm 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies 3:00pm SomerViva em Português 3:15pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda City Council Meeting - LIVE 4:00pm 7:00pm

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City Council Meeting - 12.12.19 City Hall Menorah Lighting 2019 SHS Topping Off Ceremony 12.19.19 Flood & Stormwater PSA 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill MassWorks Infrastructure Grant

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Sunday, January 12 12:00am

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12:00am 12:30am

2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill Dance for Dignity MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

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SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020

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Transgender Day of Remembrance

SPD Ride Along

Wednesday, January 15

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Wednesday, January 8

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We took our winter to the river walk; seagulls mingled with wood ducks, and a cormorant declared an island of driftwood, all night wings to the farthest. I'm keeping this mark for you. A mirror-forest with no leaves, or memory, revels in the wake.

— Meg Smith

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville's Matthew Martino:

Approaches his work with 'Savage Grace'



Matthew Martino at the Bloc 11 Cafe.

I met lighting designer, filmmaker Matthew Martino at my backroom respite in the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville. Martino, a 40ish man, brought an abundance of energy and focus to our interview, and certainly these same qualities inform his work for his production company, Savage Grace Entertainment, based at 545 McGrath Highway in our city.

Martino is a fourth generation Somervillian. He recently purchased a building in Somerville that houses both him and his production studio for his business. Martino told me that, "Since rents are skyrocketing in the city, the only way to stay here was to buy a building." And so now Martino's feet are firmly place on the ground, here in our burg.

Martino has long been involved in the Somerville arts scene. His has worked with the Somerville Arts Council's ArtBeat Festival, he has brought "movie nights" to the city, and has been involved with Carnavale, a multicultural street festival, that is very popular in our neck of the woods.

Martino has an interesting background. Back in the day, he helped with the lighting of The Mikado at the North Shore Music Festival, as well as Death and the Powers: The Robots' Opera with Tod Machover and Robert Pinsky, working under my own Tony Award winning lighting designer brother Don Holder.

Martino cut his teeth with the iconoclastic, indie film company Troma Entertainment based in New York City. Many well-known actors who were just starting out passed through there. "One that comes to mind is Kevin Costner," Martino said. One of Troma's noted movies it produced was The Toxic Avenger. This film was first ignored because of its

violence, but then went on to be a cult favorite. It was a regular midnight feature at the Bleecker Street Cinemas in New York City in 1985. The operation was run by director Lloyd Kaufman, an "old hippie kind of guy," according to Martino. Martino continued, "The movies he produced were horror films that were cheap to make. They were filled with ample doses of sex, schlock, and had a consistently low budget." Martino did many things there, including managing human chickens - people made up to look like chickens - with makeup and the appointment of these strange birds in their cages.

Martino said it is hard to make a living as a theatrical lighting designer in Boston, so to make the daily nut he works as a corporate lighting designer. He lights events, meeting, award ceremonies for many major lights in the corporate world in these parts.

Martino has finished producing and releasing a movie, Chainsaw Maidens from Hell, and is in the planning stages for a sequel. He is proud how his movie Chainsaw... has reached certain filmmaker industry benchmarks. His company has a strong educational component as well. He teaches basic stage combat techniques, has educational outreach in large swaths of the state, and is available to help stage, produce, light, etc., a wide variety of productions. He is well known for his work with youth organizations.

Martino said, "I want more local producers on the scene here, instead of the all folks from Los Angeles who come here, make a movie, and then go back to L.A."

And indeed Martino is determined to make that a reality, here, in the "Paris of New England."

