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Somerville Public Schools to maintain mask mandate



Although mask mandates in schools across the Commonwealth will be eased at the end of the month, Somerville public schools will continue its masking protocols for the near future.

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Last week the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley, announced updates to mask mandates in schools across the Commonwealth. In a statement released by DESE on February 9, the department announced that mask mandates in K-12 schools would be lifted after February 28. The mandate was first implemented back in August 2021.

According to vaccination statistics from the CDC, about 78 percent of all Massachusetts residents are fully vaccinated, this rate makes the Commonwealth one of the most vaccinated populations in the United States.

Governor Baker echoed these sentiments in his reasoning for lifting mask mandates in schools. "With Massachusetts a national leader in vaccinating kids, combined Continued on page 4

Sweet City: Highlights from the latest 'Bittersweet' event

By Ryan DiLello

The Somerville Museum released a recording of the latest event for its ongoing Bittersweet exhibit. The virtual event, which examined the modern history of candy manufacturers in the greater Boston metro area, centered around a presentation from Jeremy Spindler, co-founder of Spindler Confections in North Cambridge. In addition to churning out an impressive assortment of sugary goods, Spindler and his partner Jeremy Meyers take pride in owning more than 300 artifacts linked to the candy industry.

The meeting kicked off with an introduction from Bittersweet curator, Santiago Montoya. Co-curator, Jose Falconi, was unable to attend the evening's event. Montoya provided a brief overview of the exhibit before Jeremy Spindler launched into his presentation. Readers can learn more about the Bittersweet project at: http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/114638.



The virtual "Bittersweet" event hosted by the Somerville Museum explores the rich history of candy production and consumption in Somerville and its environs.

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Four Somerville High School seniors have set an impressive tone early in the 2022 college scholarship season, each earning multi-year awards to continue their education. Edrick Pacheco earned the prestigious full four-year QuestBridge Scholarship to attend Tufts University starting this fall. Nathalya Castillo is the recipient of a full-tuition Posse Leadership Scholarship and will attend Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. JC Welch was awarded a \$27,000 Presidential Scholarship at Pace University's New York City Campus that is renewable for four years, for a potential total award of \$108,000. And Aidan O'Donovan, a 3-time Greater Boston League MVP in golf and a five-time League All-Star received a full golf scholarship to the University of Rhode Island. Aidan won the 2021 GBL Golf Championship in November to wrap up an impressive senior season, and was also named to the Boston Herald HS All-Scholarship Golf Team.

The Somerville Arts Council and Nave Somerville present From the Inside Out Exhibition at Nave Gallery, 155 Powder House Blvd. through February 27. Our world shrunk during COVID. Like others whose work or schooling moved to their living spaces, many artists turned their focus inward. Some, fearing possible contamination of shared studio spaces or public transportation, moved their creative practice into their homes as well. It was a time of reflection. Relationships between interior and exterior shifted. New perspectives affected artist's work and lifestyle. For more information visit https:// somervilleartscouncil.org.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to Sean Fitzgerald, who is celebrating this week. We wish Sean a great day. Happy birthday to Nancy Trane, a great person. We hope she has a great day for herself as well. Happy birthday to City Councilor Kristen Strezo, we wish her a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to Christine Resmini. We hope she has a great day as well. Happy birthday to Continued on page 7

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of February 16 – February 22 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
	Wednesday February 23	Partly Cloudy	65°/26°	11%	8%	WSW 15 mph
Š	Thursday February 24	Partly Cloudy	34°/29°	0%	0%	NW 8 mph
÷	Friday February 25	Snow	36°/15°	82%	73%	ENE 14 mph
*	Saturday February 26	Sunny	32°/16°	10%	6%	WNW 9 mph
*	Sunday February 27	Sunny	40°/26°	13%	9%	WSW 12 mph
	Monday February 28	Partly Cloudy	30°/11°	25%	16%	WNW 15 mph
C	Tuesday March 1	Partly Cloudy	27°/20°	5%	2%	W 12 mph

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville writer Steven Beeber: Finding the bagels, knishes and schmaltz in Punk Rock

Thelma says:

Thanks Steve.

Wasn't it the youngest child, not the Wicked Son, who asks the 4 Questions?

Response to: Mayor Ballantyne announces plan to make city boards and commissions more inclusive

TheoNa says:

Perhaps we can get a motorist on the Traffic Commission.

Sean Cryts says:

I agree

Response to: Somerville School Committee discusses Brown **School renovations**

Tom says:

The infrastructure of this City is deplorable, knock this school to the ground. Look at city hall, DPW, And fire stations. They should all be condemned

Response to: City creates liaison and subcommittee for seniors

Claude Grant says:

Are there any new developments coming available in Union Square? If so, are there any which are affordable for senior citizens?

Response to: Phone home

enjoyed this very much

Joe

Response to: Tying up some loose ends

harry w says:

Great analysis as always Ken. Keep it going.

Log onto The Somerville Times.com to leave your own comments

Life in the Jimmy Del Ponte

Dream team



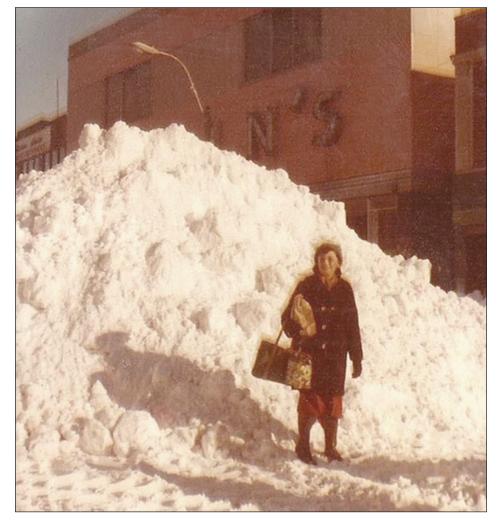
I just had a very nice visit with my mother and father ... in a dream. They have both been gone for way over 20 years and I'm just trying to figure out what

they were trying to tell me.

I asked my father if he wanted to be buried with his Yankees hat and he said yes. Well, that didn't happen because I still have the hat.

Dad was in the kitchen making some eggs and toast then all of a sudden, he came and sat in the living room and I said what happened to your breakfast? And he said he didn't like the way the toast tasted with the butter that was in the fridge. So, I went to the fridge and got him the "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!" and told him it tasted better than the whipped butter that he used.

My mother really didn't say much. There was a puddle near the sink and she got a cloth and sopped it up. Dad found



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CALL FOR INITIAL FREE CONSULTATION 617 629-8888 FAX 617 623-7990 an old note that had fallen behind something and it said, "Call Louise Scott." Louise was the landlady and our good friend when we lived on Pearson Ave. up until 1961, when we bought the Hall Ave. house. I had spoken to Louise's daughter Paula yesterday.

Then my father came and sat in the chair that I'm looking at right now. I remember touching his cheek. And that's when I asked if he wanted to be buried in his Yankees hat. He suggested changing the subject.

It's only the second time I had a dream about my father and mother since they passed away in 1987 and 1994. It was really nice to see him and mom. I really miss them.

Since then, I haven't dreamed of my parents. I have an annoying recurring nightmare involving one of my old bosses. He's been renting space in my subconscious since the first day he fired me. I wish they would stop. He annoyed me enough in real life and now he's annoying me in my sleep!

Once a while back I had a dream. I was in Davis Square back working at Woolworths, where I worked in 1969. I was behind the luncheonette counter again making grilled cheese sandwiches, hot dogs and frappes, and all the other goodies. That was a great dream. I woke up craving a grilled frankfurter, free of course.

Wouldn't it be great if you could actually go back in time to the place is that we loved? That would certainly be a dream come true. Two-way traffic in Davis Square, tons of bars, two five and ten stores and all the other stores we loved, like Gorin's and Parke Snows.

The photos are my mom in front of Gorin's after the Blizzard of 78, and dad in our kitchen. I miss all the old stores but I miss mom and dad more. Thank goodness for precious photos and priceless memories. What I wouldn't give to join my mother and father for a nice lunch at the Waldorf. Maybe that will be my next dream!

Safe Routes to School, Student **Pedestrian Safety Trainings**

Looking for a fun and valuable way to serve students outdoors? Come help bring walking safety strategies to Somerville second graders.

The City of Somerville and Somerville Public Schools welcomes volunteers to help lead district-wide pedestrian safety trainings. Trained volunteers lead or assist students



outside as they practice Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Guide lessons, such as: how to use a crosswalk, how to navigate a parking lot and how to be more observant when navigating streets.

Trainings to be held in March, for more information volunteers should contact Lisa Robinson lrobinson@somervillema.gov or 781-747-8502.

Somerville Public Schools to maintain mask mandate

with our robust testing programs, it is time to lift the mask mandate in schools and give students and staff a sense of normalcy after dealing with enormous challenges over the past two years." Governor Baker said.

Although the mask mandate in schools is to be lifted, a new testing program is slated to remain in place. "Massachusetts also has nation-leading school testing programs, including a newly launched at-home testing program for students and educators. These testing options will remain in place," according to the statement.

Currently in the Commonwealth there are three different ways for K-12 students to be tested for COVID. With At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing, Diagnostic Testing and Pool testing being these options.

Although this update was released by a state agency, individual school districts can continue to require masks in schools. One of the school districts that will continue to require masks in schools is in Somerville.

In an email, Somerville Public Schools (SPS) stated their

intention to maintain mask mandates in schools. "Currently, Somerville Public School's COVID-19 mitigations remain unchanged, including mask requirements," the email stated. "We'll continue to evaluate local, state, and national guidance, and modify our safety measures according to community data and expert recommendations."

In another email sent to SPS staff, the district expressed cautious optimism at the current state of COVID across the district. "We are fortunately seeing a rapid decline in COVID cases across SPS and Somerville. SPS is now back to pre-Thanksgiving levels in terms of weekly cases," the email said. "While the district will continue multi-layered mitigation, we will be adjusting some protocols to align with lower transmission rates."

According to the City of Somerville, in the previous 10 days, there have been 275 confirmed cases across the city. Also, according to the same statistics, about 61,000 people in the city are fully vaccinated with all three doses.

In the same email sent to staff,



the district outlined mask requirements for sporting events in the future. "In that spirit, SPS is reopening athletic events to spectators next week and we have updated our testing protocols to align with DESE's updated testing program. The indoor mask requirement at athletic and school events will remain for now," according to the email.

COVID testing in the dis-

trict is slated to be mostly

done though at-home antigen tests, these test kits are named iHealth kits. The district is expecting for students to receive these kits late this week.

According to protocols, students and staff are asked to use these kits every Sunday before the beginning of the school week.

Looking towards the future, the City of Somerville and Somerville Public Schools will keep adjusting mask mandates in schools. "The School Committee and Board of Health will have to vote on changing their respective mask policies. We will be working with the School Committee to address this important issue, but do not anticipate a change in school masking requirements on February 28 directly after February break," according to the staff email.

Sweet City: Highlights from the latest 'Bittersweet' event CONT. FROM PG 1

"When you walk around Boston today, unless you know the history and you know what to look for, you would have no idea the [candy] industry existed here," Spindler began.

According to Spindler, the Boston area was home to 140 candy factories. "These were not cute mom and pop shops," Spindler clarified, "these were multi-level factories."

Data from the New England Manufacturing Confectioners Association provided a breakdown of candy production sales on a yearly basis. As Spindler noted, differences in currency conversions from then to today vary due to inflation.

- * 1889: \$5,800,000.00 (ca. 196 million today)
- + 1913: \$20,000,000.00 (ca. 550 million today)
- + 1926: \$50,000,000.00 (760 million today)
- + 1965: \$188,00,00.00 (ca. 1.6 billion today)

Spindler said the candy industry in the greater Boston area peaked around 1965, with over 360 million pounds of products. Around that time, the largest factories could push out up to 300,00 pounds of product a day, or 90,000,000 pounds per year at capacity (such as around the holiday season).

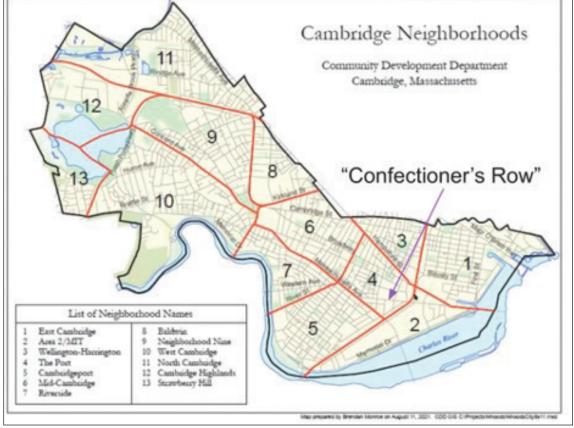
But why was candy such a popular product in Boston and its

neighboring cities? Spindler provided several reasons. The first "Puritans had a sweet tooth." When they came over to the States, they were determined to keep satisfying it. Perhaps more pragmatically speaking, the Boston area was a central port for imported goods, making it a hotbed for industrial development. And interestingly, climate played an important role as chocolate production necessitated cold weather. In New England, candy manufacturers could produce 10 months a year - that wasn't possible in the South.

Thus, in 1764, the first chocolate mill in the country opened in Dorchester, Massachusetts, followed by the first refinery in 1834 in East Boston. Then 1847 the first candy making machine was invented in Boston, then that same inventor started Chase & Co. in 1847, the first confectionery company in the country. By 1878, according to the Boston Business Directory List, there were 39 confectionery manufacturers, 2 chocolate manufacturers, and 80 confectionery shops.

Spindler discussed the history of a few prominent shops beginning with those in Cambridge, followed by Boston and then Somerville.

Cambridge boasted "Confectioner's Row," a stretch about



Confectioner's Row in Cambridge.

three quarters of a mile from Central to Kendall, teaming with candy manufacturers, wholesalers, shops, and packaging centers.

Between 1953-1954, Cambridge had 38 manufacturers, 8 wholesalers, and 37 chocolate shops and ice cream parlors. Today, the city has only one manufacturer (which makes Junior Mints), and 8 chocolate shops. "I think we've had a shift in culture," Spindler said, and noted coffee has taken over with 33 coffee

shops in Cambridge alone. Just short of half are Dunkin' Donuts.

Cambridge was home to many candy establishments, but Page and Shaw was a major one. Founded in 1888 as a small shop in Boston, the company moved to a larger factory in 1911, located on Ames Street, right off of Main Street.

In 1920, an investor named Otis Emerson acquired control of the company and grew it into one of the largest in the world with locations in the bustling city centers of London, Paris, Montreal, and New York. Sales peaked in 1924 then suffered a steep decline as demand for chocolate fell during the depression.

In 1930, the U.S. Federal Government found Otis Emerson and two fellow stock brokers guilty of fraud. They were issuing legitimate stock at two dollars a share, then pocketing the money. A year later, Dagget, a candy manufacturer who happened to be next-door neighbors with Page and Continued on page 9

City to test SMART system to help control rodent infestation

By Kyle Dante

Pest control is an issue faced by many communities. Somerville is no exception, having experienced a significant rodent problem for years.

Last year parallels the spike of 2019: 28.07% of the 2021 rodent infestation occurred during the summer, with nearly 41% representing the 2019 spike. Despite the percentage difference, both indicate a large number of rodents. As evidenced by the data, the infestation is bad.

Thankfully, there is a plan in motion. Somerville residents made 1,172 phone calls via 311 in 2021. In total, 335 properties received monitoring information in addition to bait over a three-week period. Most of the rodent concentration calls came from MacArthur St. and Broadway.

On February 15, the Somerville City Council met regarding the SMART Pilot Program. SMART is a data-driven method for rodent control. It uses GPS devices above and underground for collecting data. SMART collects the

following data: rodent movement, hitting the rodents, and capturing them. Two specific methods were covered: hammer strikes in the sewer system and rodent boxes that give off an electrical charge.

Both methods will aid in studying rodent movements and their subsequent decline. The hammer strikes, for example, provide a tech hit when a rodent gets attacked by the hammer. A heat signature emits from the hammer strike before the rodent is captured. It will pinpoint the location in aiding the pest control.

On the other hand, the box capture is an update to baiting. The rodent will eat the bait, setting off an electrical charge. As a result, it will catch the rodents in a box equivalent to the size of a paper shredder.

For the pilot run of SMART, there are four Somerville residences as targets. The selected areas are Davis Square, MacArthur St., Lexington Ave., and Guillemette St. According to the program presentation, these areas are among the most frequented.

		Seas	sonal	%		
Seasonal comparison by	year, % of yearly tot	al				
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
spring	21.29	27.79	15.21	20.06	18.41	54.86
summer	41.80	40.71	40.05	40.96	44-77	28.07
fall	24.61	24.60	28.35	23.39	24,20	13.31
winter	12.30	6.90	16.38	15-59	12.62	3-75
	100	100	100	100	100	100

Seasonal comparison by year.

A new plan is in place for 2022. Residents will continue to receive information and make phone calls for any pest sightings. In addition, there will be a press release, flyer, social media post, and installation video forthcoming. These will inform Somerville about how SMART operates in order to keep them safe. Residential postcards, which played an active role in informing the public of pest infestations, will be increased in March.

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

has requested that a Rodent Control Inspector position be created for the team. Ballantyne sent a funding request with a decision for late February or March in mind. This will assist in creating a dedicated body to regulate pest control.

Dorothy's Corner

This past New Years Eve, I made a prime rib along with a few sides, including haricot verts, roasted brussel sprouts, corn casserole and a copious amount of mashed potatoes. Leftover mashed potatoes can be used in many different ways. For example, a Shepherd's Pie, potato croquettes, creamy potato soup, potato pancakes, potato gnocchi, and even potato waffles. This time around, I chose to make waffles. The waffles came out slightly crispy on the outside and had a creamy texture in the middle. They were a huge hit in my house!

Cheddar Mashed

Potato Waffles

Waffles

2 cups of leftover mashed potatoes 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese 2 eggs

1/4 cup flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black

In a medium bowl, mix all the above ingredients until well blended. Prepare your waffle iron according to the manufacturer's instructions. Once the iron is ready, place 1/2 cup plus 1tablespoon of the mixture onto the center of the iron. The waffles will take between 2-1/2 -3 minutes to cook. Serve each waffle with a couple of poached or fried eggs, a dollop of sour cream, garnished with chives or fresh parsley. These waffles are not just limited to breakfast. You can add sliced beef with gravy, chicken cutlets, or anything you like to accompany your potato waffle. Serves 4 people.

Mashed Potatoes

5 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes (peeled and cubed into uniform size, 1"X1") 1 stick of unsalted butter, cubed 1/2 cup sour cream 1/4 - 1/2 cup milk 1 head roasted garlic, mashed into a paste *see note below 2 teaspoons kosher salt 1 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

In a 6-8 quart pot, add the peeled, cubed potatoes and cover with cold water by about 3 inches. Bring to a



boil and cook the potatoes until they are fork tender, about 20-25 minutes. Drain the water, return the potatoes to the same pot, add the butter, sour cream, 1/4 cup milk (add additional 1/4 cup milk if the potatoes are too thick), roasted garlic, salt and pepper. Use a masher or hand mixer to blend the ingredients. Stir in the parsley. Serve immediately.

*Roasted garlic - cut a whole head of

garlic in half and place the two halves in a piece of aluminum foil and drizzle with about a teaspoon of olive oil. Wrap it tightly and place in a 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes, until the garlic is tender. Once cooled, squeeze out the cloves and mash with a fork, making it into a paste.

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of February 14-18. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR UNDOCUMENTED **IMMIGRANTS (H 4461)**

House 120-36, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow people who are unable to prove lawful presence in the United States to apply for a Massachusetts driver's license by providing two documents. The first document is a valid unexpired foreign passport or valid unexpired consular ID. The second is a valid non-Massachusetts U.S. driver's license, birth certificate, valid foreign national ID card, valid foreign driver's license or a marriage certificate or divorce decree. The measure also provides that when processing an application for a Massachusetts license, the registry is prohibited from inquiring about or creating a record of an applicant's citizenship or immigration status.

"In line with the 16 other states that have passed laws offering standard licenses to those providing secure identification documents, this carefully crafted public safety legislation will mean that all drivers using our roads are identifiable, competent and insured," said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House Chair of the Committee on Transportation.

"I oppose this legislation as it creates an incentive and encourages more illegal immigration to Massachusetts by allowing those who are undocumented and here illegally to get a driver's license," said Rep. Paul Frost (R-Auburn). "The federal government must address the matter of those who are here illegally and tackle the flow of illegal immigration into the country before we start giving out government issued IDs to undocumented individuals here illegally in Massachusetts. It sends a wrong message to those who are going through the intended process of legally immigrating to the country."

"The [bill] will make Massachusetts roads safer and more accessible for all, ensuring all drivers have the same safety training, standardized identification and insurance," said Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), sponsor of the original version of the measure.

"I could not support the bill because I have serious concerns about the message it sends, how it will be enforced and whether it will truly improve road safety as its proponents have claimed," said GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "Making driver's licenses available to undocumented immigrants is unfair to those individuals who have followed the law to secure lawful presence status or citizenship. I'm also concerned that many individuals who will now be eligible for a license will instead continue to drive without a license and without insurance, either because they distrust the government and won't come forward to apply or because they don't want to pay the added costs of carrying insurance."

"I filed this bill to enable all residents, regardless of immigration status, to apply for a driver's license so they can get to work, take their children to school and doctor appointments and buy groceries," said Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville), another sponsor of the original bill.

"The idea that individuals can cut in line and illegally enter the United States of America, then be rewarded with the privilege of obtaining a Massachusetts driver's license, shows yet again just how far left the state Legislature has become," said Massachusetts Republican Party Chairman Jim Lyons. "This new law will only serve to encourage more illegal immigration and make the problem much worse."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes

REQUIRE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CITIES AND TOWNS (H 4441)

House 31-125, rejected an amendment to a section of the bill that prohibits the Registry of Motor Vehicles from disclosing personally identifying information and communications regarding any applicant for a Massachusetts driver's license or learner's permit, "including failure to provide proof of lawful presence in the United States," unless specifically authorized to do so under regulations that are to be drafted by the attorney general's office.

The amendment would make this information automatically available to municipal clerks attempting to verify the identity and eligibility of someone using a Massachusetts license to vote or to register to vote.

"I think it's perfectly reasonable for these regulations to include, at a minimum, language that will ensure the sharing of information with municipal clerks seeking to verify a voter's identity and eligibility, and with law enforcement officials conducting an investigation," said amendment sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading.)

Rep. Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield) said she opposed the amendment due to the violation of privacy that would occur had it been adopted not just for immigrants without legal status who would newly be applying for standard driver's licenses, but also for all license applicants. "[The bill] was carefully drafted to protect the privacy of all who are applying for licenses in Massachusetts and ensure immigrants without status would trust that their legal status would not be disclosed beyond the standards for all current license holders i.e. for law enforcement investigations or insurance purposes," said Bouvier.

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

> Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

THE 2022 STATE ELECTION BEGINS - Secretary of State Bill Galvin announced that nomination papers can now be picked up by candidates who are planning to run for office in the September 6th primaries and the November 8th general election. Offices on the 2022 ballot this year include Congress, state senator, state representative, governor, lt. governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, governor's councilor, district attorney and sheriff.

Division at One Ashburton Place in Boston, at his regional offices in Springfield and Fall River and select city and town election offices across the state. Candidates who are unable to pick their papers up in person may call 617-727-2828 or 1-800-462-VOTE (8683) to request to receive their nomination papers by mail.

Depending on the office sought, candidates must collect between 150 signatures (for state representative) and 10,000 signatures (for governor and lt. governor) from registered voters to be eligible for their names to be put on the ballot.

The deadlines for filing the signatures also vary depending on the office being sought. More information is available by calling 617-727-2828 or 1-800-462-VOTE (8683) or by visiting www.sec.state.ma.us/ele.

\$101 MILLION FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

(H 4430) - Gov. Baker signed into law a \$101 million COVID-19 response bill. Key provisions include increasing the number of COVID-19 testing sites and COVID-19 tests; the acquisition and distribution of high-quality personal protective masks, including N95s and KN95s, to be distributed to health care workers and children and faculty in elementary and secondary public-school districts; increasing vaccination rates among kids ages five to 11 whose vaccination rates remain low in comparison to older residents; and recapitalizing the COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Program. The measure also mandates that the Baker administration pursue the highest allowable rate of federal reimbursement for the \$101 million package.

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 February 14-18, the House met for a total of six hours and 33 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 50 minutes.

House 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Mon. Feb. 14

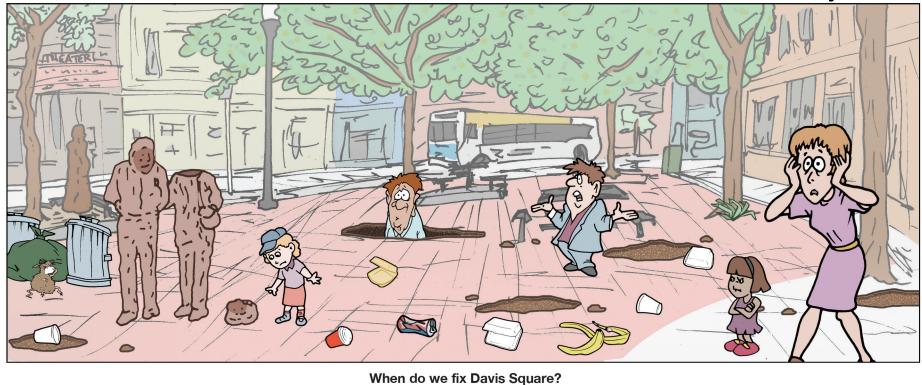
	Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
Tues. Feb. 15	House 11:20 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. No Senate session
Wed. Feb. 16	House 11:02 a.m. to 4:57 p.m, No Senate session
Thurs. Feb. 17	House 11:02 a.m. to 11;13 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:54 a.m.
Fri. Feb. 18	No House session No Senate session

Nomination papers are available at Galvin's Elections Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Our View Of The Times

When so many people start complaining and raising the alarms about how badly our beloved Davis Square is doing in terms of upkeep and infrastructure, we all need to wake up and pay attention.

While the city has invested heavily in the development and promotion of various areas such as Assembly Row and Union Square – and justifiably so – the very heart of the downtown community, Davis, has quietly been suffering a slow death of a thousand cuts.

Broken up walkways, damaged lamp posts, peeling paint, etc. It's enough to make a lifelong resident wonder how things have gone so far.

It seems to be a matter of setting priorities and following through on plans and promises. Citizen action groups like DavisNow have been shedding light on the

issues while urging city government to take notice and act accordingly for some three years now.

However, their efforts seem to be yielding few results. City officials and staff have heard the message and have promised to do more to restore the Square to its former glory, but little to nothing has actually been done so far.

The city often cites a failure to secure

bids from contractors that meet their budgetary limits as the main contributor to the delays.

As host to many traditional events, as well as casual days and exciting nights on the town, the Square deserves to shine like the jewel it once was. It stands to reason that any further delays in its renovation will be a grave disappointment to many who long for its long-awaited revival.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Steven Buckley of East Somerville. We hope Steve has a great day. Happy birthday to great guy, Eamon Fee, who celebrates this week. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to another good guy, Rod Kreimeyer. We hope Rod has a great day. Happy birthday to David Mangan. We hope David has a great day for himself as well. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Celia Taylor, David Tiger Williams, Lauren Daddio, Las Carolinas, Wayne A. Fournier, Ann Bourque, David Mangan, Sarah Marcone, and Lu Alves a very happy birthday. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish a happy birthday.

We want to congratulate Tommy Barry on is retirement from the DPW. Tommy retired 2 weeks ago after being a loyal DPW employee for 40 years. He worked under five different mayors going back to Mayor August, Mayor Brune, Mayor Capuano, Mayor Roche and Mayor Curtatone. Tommy had a long, distinguished career for over 40 years in the DPW for the City of Somerville, in which he worked tirelessly and effortlessly to help as many residents and constituents as possible. We wish him the

The CHA Somerville Vaccine Center is now accepting walk-ins, as supply allows. The center is open to all, five days a week and some Saturdays. You can get booster shots for ages 12+ and initial vaccines for ages 5+. The vaccines are free, regardless of immigration or health insurance status, and you don't need to show ID. Full hours and details are here: challiance.org/vaccine. You can still make an appointment at tinyurl.com/ metronorthyaccine. If you're a CHA patient you can also make an appointment through MyChart: challiance.org/ mychart. If you need assistance finding a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, you can call 3-1-1 (617-666-3311).

Massachusetts has established a temporary program requiring employers make paid leave time available for employees impacted by COVID or who have side effects from vaccination. Learn more: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-temporary-emergency-paid-sick-leave-program.

MassDOT will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, March 2, at

6:00 p.m. regarding the Superstructure Replacement of Maffa Way and Mystic Avenue over the Orange Line and MBTA/BMRR project. More information can be found here: https://www.mass.gov/event/bostonsomerville-superstructure-replacement-of-maffa-way-and-mystic-avenue-over-orange-line-and-mbtabmrr-project-20 22-03-02t180000-0500-2022-03-0-2t200000-0500

Somerville Prevention (@somervilleprevention) will be hosting two focus group opportunities for Somerville adult/caregiver community members to give feedback about youth substance misuse prevention efforts via Zoom. The focus groups are scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Participants will receive a \$25 Target gift card for participation in the one-hour discussion. For more information and to sign up, visit https://bit.ly/3qBYfMW.

If your child or teen is struggling with stress or anxiety, you can help by reaching out, listening, understanding, offering support, and connecting the student with key staff at school. Learn

more about the **#SomervilleTogether** campaign for youth mental health at http://bit.ly/3s5uMfu.

Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. They have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

Live music is back at Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., Somerville. Visit www.sallyobriensbar.com for a full list of future shows.

Two volunteers are being sought to help supervise indoor basketball for grades 7 and 8 students as part of the Becoming a Man Program. Basketball and/or coaching skills nice but not necessary. Wednesdays, 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. at Healey School, 5 Meacham St. Contact Alex Bermejo if Continued on page 11

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. What are the colors associated with Mardi Gras?
- 2. What is the most famous slogan of Mardi Gras?
- 3. When is Fat Tuesday celebrated?
- 4. What are the groups that organize New Orleans Mardi Gras parades called?
- 5. In what year was Jackie Gleason in the Krewe of the Bacchus Mardi Gras parade?
- 6. What famous father and son were each crowned King Bacchus at New Orleans Mardi Gras?

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- 7. What was the first all-female New Orleans Mardi Gras krewe?
- 8. What is the signature Mardi Gras dessert?
- 9. What is traditionally hidden inside a king cake?
- 10. What time does New Orleans law require masks to be removed on Mardi Gras?
- 11. When the 2021 Mardi Gras parade was cancelled because of COVID-19 what was decorated instead of floats?
- 12. What states recognize Fat Tuesday as a holiday?

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Answers on page 11

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- 2. Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THE 1940s

ACROSS

- 1. Decree
- 6. U.S./U.S.S.R.'s cold one
- 9. Harry Potter's mark
- 13. Syrup flavor
- 14. ____ Khan
- 15. Bird of prey's nest
- 16. Lieu
- 17. H+, e.g.
- 18. Bashful or Happy
- 19. "1984" author George
- 21. Best-selling pop artist Bing
- 23. Writer ____ Monk Kidd
- 24. Genghis or Kubla
- 25. Cranberry habitat
- 28. Not nice
- 30. Saddle holders
- 35. Boris Karloff's movie "The _
- 37. Actress Barrymore
- 39. Asian goat antelope
- 40. Supernatural life force
- 41. Seethes
- 43. South African antelope
- 44. Cook from above
- 46. Rotisserie part
- 47. Not odd
- 48. Italy in Italian
- 50. What snob puts on 52..0000001 joule
- 53. Sound of a dropped tome
- 55. Beer acronym
- ___ Doctrine, U.S. foreign policy
- 60. "How Green Was My_
- 63. Another word for nutria
- 64. Ciao in the U.S.
- 66. Trip guide
- 68. Surveyor's maps
- 69. Afflict
- 70. Will alternative
- 71. Additionally
- 72. Nucleic acid
- 73. Term of endearment

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- 1. Emergency acronym
- 2. 1949 international org.
- 3. Copycat

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- 4. Chicken feet
- 5. Christian hymn (2 words)
- 6. Graveside sound
- 7. Gone by
- 8. TV's Yellowstone, e.g.
- 9. Uses a Singer
- 10. Underwater hermit
- 11. Ethereal
- 12. Gridiron official, for short
- 15. Apollo Creed's son
- 20. City in northern England
- 22. Old towel, e.g.
- 24. Rollerskater's protector (2 words)
- 25. Disney's 1942 orphan
- 26. Abstractionism using optical illu-
- sion
- 27. Kind of salami
- 29. Crafts' companion 31. Network of nerves
- 32. Treasure collection

- 33. Dreamer?
- 34. *Popular music style
- 36. Ship canvas
- 38. 1939-1945
- 42. Parallel grooves
- 45. Acid turns it red
- 49. "Bingo!" 51. Daryl Hannah's 1984 movie
- 54. Open up
- 56. In spite of the fact, arch.
- 57. Church sound
- 58. Swedish shag rugs
- 59. Plotting 60. Velum, pl.
- 61. Zeal
- 62. New Haven University
- 63. IRS employee?
- 65. Yang's opposite 67. Canny
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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Envisioning 90 Washington Street

'Continuing the Conversation'

By Jim Clark

The second virtual meeting to envision a new 90 Washington Street, the future home of the Public Safety Building (PSB) and the Washington Street Redevelopment Parcels, took place on Wednesday, February 16.

The project team provided updates on the PSB project and showed options for future development based on the feedback received at the December meeting.

Ted Fields, Senior Planner in the Economic Development Division of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), led off the meeting by introducing team members and describing their various functions within the project. He then explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to follow-up on the first meeting held in December of 2021, when participants stated what they wanted to see on the Washington Street site, what sort of new land uses like stores, affordable housing, etc., were desired, along with the proposed safety building. The follow-up was intended to ask participants specifically where they wanted these uses located on the site, including the new Public Safety Building.

OSPCD Director of Capital Projects Melissa Woods provided background information on the acquisition of the site and thanked those who offered input on the results of the December 13, 2021, meeting. "I spent a lot of time over the past six weeks thinking about how to best summarize what this is about," said Woods. "And I've really settled on the analogy of being in a horse race. Now, you may have heard the Kentucky Derby called the most exciting two minutes in sports, or something like that. Our racetrack is a little bit bigger than that. It's going to take us a few years to circle this racetrack. But for any true fans of horse racing the most important thing is that all horses finish the race. And that is the most important thing about the 90 Washington Street project."

Woods continued by reminding participants of the meeting that the City Council and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority took the property be-



The second virtual meeting on the 90 Washington Street project drew together project team members, associated project stakeholders and the general public to review and look forward to the future of the project as it develops.

cause they saw value in having a site that could not only host the Public Safety Building, but also include a community vision. "There's enough opportunity on this site for the Public Safety Building and the implementation of a community vision," Woods said.

Director of Racial and Social Justice Department (RSJ) Denise Molina Capers, Esq., also a member of the Public Safety Building Committee, offered her views on the project saying, "Part of the work that the RSJ Department is doing is making sure that we are closely connected with the different steps and details of the Public Safety Building as far as Capital Projects is concerned. And so, a critical component that the RSJ Department is partaking in is with the staffing and operations analysis of the Somerville Police Department, which includes the fleet concerns that were mentioned in December and doing a study that will inform that."

Molina Capers emphasized that those interested in learning how the Police Department operates should reach out to the RSJ Department.

A number of sketches and design concepts for the Public Safety Building, adjacent facilities and public spaces were shown to and discussed by participants of the meeting.

Following the main virtual meeting, several breakout rooms were set up for participants to use for general discussion and asking questions of the various team members.

The meeting video can be viewed at https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=YOCemPXtzAQ&t=6s.

Sweet City: Highlights from the latest 'Bittersweet' event **CONT. FROM PG 4**

Shaw, bought the company out but continued making their products. 30 years later, in 1960, Necco purchased Dagget and discontinued the Page and Shaw product line. Page and Shaw were just one of many companies Necco purchased, revived, then took down with them. In 2018, Necco shut down its own production and sold off its intellectual property.

Squirrel Nut Company was another iconic manufacturer which made nut-based sweets. "If you grew up in the [Cambridge] area, I guarantee you knew the Squirrel nut brand," Spindler said.

The building still exists today, now serving as a condominium residence, but developers preserved the original signage.

Founded in 1888 as the Austin T. Merrill Company, Squirrel Nut Company rebranded in 1899. In 1903, the company relocated to Cambridge and thrived for nearly 100 years. In 1999, Southern Style Nuts, a company based in Texas, bought out the Squirrel brand. Only 4 years later, Necco purchased the company. Then, in 2018, John B. Sanflippo & Sons purchased the intellectual property at auction and still make Squirrel Brand nuts today.

Boston-based Schrafft's was the largest candy factory in the world at 1,600 employees. Founded by William Schrafft in 1861, the company made candies, chocolates, and cakes - operating through stores, ice cream parlors and even restaurants. The company evolved into a social establishment, complete with a club, frequent exclusive parties, and events featuring original musicals. Schrafft's also outsourced marketing initiatives to journalists that compiled 30-35-page long news briefs that featured updates from the company.

The company went through several owners before closing in March of 1981 due to a recession. Over 800 workers lost their jobs.

Other honorable mentions included Lovell and Covel, originally located on 122-140 Fulton Street in Boston in 1922 before moving to 254 Massachusetts Ave in Cambridge in 1954. F.H. Roberts, which made Apollo Chocolates, was located on 128 Cross Street



SCHRAFFTS SOCIAL CLUB WOMEN'S CLUB Annual Banquet Annual Banquet

in Boston. Necco eventually purchased both companies.

As for confectioneries in Somerville, "There were not very many," Spindler said. "We know of two." Those are the New England Maple Syrup Company and a bigger manufacturer, Kemps, which was located on 19 Walnut Street in Somerville and founded in 1912. That building still remains.

Somerville does, however, have a considerable claim to fame: Archibalt Query invented Fluff in the city in 1917.

By the 1940s, Daggett and Necco owned all the companies in Cambridge (where the majority of candy manufacturers were based) and manufacturing in New England was declining. Air conditioning and growing international trade allowed manufacturing to expand across the globe, and history saw the rise of mega producers like M&M/ Mars, Hersheys, Nestle, Cadbury, and others.

Today, the charm of candies

exists within smaller brick-andmortar shops like Spindler's own. Spindler and his coworkers churn out sweets made by hand, and are eager to discuss and share their accumulated artifacts with customers. Spindler welcomes you to stop by the shop, located at 2257 Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge.

For more information and to see additional photos, watch Spindler's presentation here: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=HbPgBFE4r1g.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial court
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10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA. 01801

Docket No. MI22P0615PM

(Person to be Protected/Minor)

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTED ORDER PURSUANT TO G. L c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

In the matter of: Manuel J Goncalves

RESPONDENT

Of: Somerville, MA.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Maria D Goncalves of Somerville, MA
Susana M Jacobsen of Whitman, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Manuel J Goncalves** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

Maria D Goncalves of Somerville, M Susana M Jacobsen of Whitman, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve ${\bf Without\ Surety}$ on the bond.

The petition ask the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day 03/10/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness: WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 10, 2022

Tara E. Di Cristofaro Register of Probate

ORDER OF NOTICE

It is **ORDERED** that a copy of this citation be:

Served, with a copy of the Petition, in hand to **Manuel J Goncalves** by a disinterested person at least <u>Fourteen (14)</u> prior to the return date; or if applicable, pursuant to G.L. c. 190B, \$5-405, by leaving a copy of the petition and citation at the Respondent's last and usual place of abode: **and**

Served on the Department of Developmental Services and/or the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs, if interested, and served on all other interested persons as defined in G.L. c. 190B, §5-304(a) and §5-206(b), at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date by delivering in hand or by mailing by certified, registered, or first-class mail as described in G.L. c. 190B, §1-401; or

by publishing a copy of the citation once in <u>The Somerville Times</u>, publication to be at least <u>Seven (7)</u> days prior to the return date.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court

Date: <u>February 10, 2022</u>

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Trial court
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Woburn, MA. 01801

Docket No. MI22P0614GD

(Alleged Incapacitated Person)

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of: Manuel J Goncalves

RESPONDENT

Of: Somerville, MA.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Maria D Goncalves of Somerville, MA
Susana M Jacobsen of Whitman, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Manuel J Goncalves** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Maria D Goncalves of Somerville, MA
Susana M Jacobsen of Whitman, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day 03/10/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness: WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court.

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by publishing a copy of the citation once in <u>The Somerville Times</u>, publication to be at least <u>Seven (7)</u> days prior to the return date.

See Standing Order 03-09: Notice in Guardianship of Incapacitated Persons and Conservatorship Matters

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court

Date: <u>February 10, 2022</u>

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Division

Docket No. 21D1296DR

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
FATIMA AL-REKABI, Plaintiff
V.
AHMED AL-ZEYADI, Defendant

To the above names Defendant:

A Complaint for separate support has been presented to the Court by the Plaintiff

FATIMA AL-REKABI

You are required to serve upon **FATIMA AL-REKABI** whose address is 100 Copeland Street Quincy, MA 02169 your answer on or before <u>4/21/2022</u>. 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 **CANTON**.

Witness, **Patricia Gorman**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at **CAN-TON**, this 22nd day of February 2022.

Colleen M. Brierley Register of Probate

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http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress on or after: Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: 2:00 pm, Wednesday, March 16th, 2022.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any minor informality in the IFB process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

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Thupten Chukhatsang Senior Procurement Manager 617-625-6600 x3400

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City of Somerville ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, March 02, 2022**, at 6:00pm through GotoWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

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

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

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S.H.A. Job No. P-R-22022

The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from Vendors to supply and delivery of New Refrigerators and New Stoves to our Somerville, Massachusetts location/s, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No. **P-R-22022**.

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Sealed Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., on March 9, 2022,

opened forthwith.

If mailed, bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, Attention Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road,

Chasing Department, Attention Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified.

Bid Forms and Specification Documents will be available for download on the Somerville Housing Authority's, web site www.sha-web.org

under our opportunities tab after 11:00 A.M., on February 23, 2022 If bidding you must register with Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org and leave a contact email to receive change notices, or updates. If an email is received you will receive confirmation of reception via reply to your email. The SHA, any of its employees or officers will not be held responsible for bids not received or received late.

All inquiries regarding this bid shall be directed to the Purchasing Department by email to Tonyc@sha-web.org within 7 days of bid opening date.

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Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for <u>March 10th 2022 at</u> 7PM at

https://zoom.us/i/91216919984?pwd=aXR40EFMVHlianhBNW11d3FZMUJDUT09
The proposed Adult Use Retail Marijuana Establishment is anticipated
to be located at 620 Broadway Somerville MA 02144. There will be an
opportunity for the public to ask questions

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 - 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

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ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2022.03 - 15 Campbell Park

Applicant: Mike Tokatlyan Owner: Victor Del Porto

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by replacing the existing driveway material with brick pavers.

<u>HPC.ALT 2022.09 – 17-19 Aldersey Street</u>

Applicant: Paul Morgan

Owner: ZD Aldersey, LLC (Paul Morgan & Carrie Endries)

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by altering the masonry of the front façade, replacing the garage doors, and adding a roof deck to an existing detached garage.

<u>HPC.ALT 2022.11 – 145 Central Street</u>

Applicant: Josh Safdie

Owner: Same as applicant

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by installing two new windows on the left elevation.

HPC.ALT 2022.14 - 74 Mount Vernon Street

Applicant: Eddie & Melody Giron

Owner: Eddie Giron

The Applicant seeks to alter an LHD property by replacing extant windows with vinyl windows and to unify the style of window trim throughout the building.

<u>Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLIT</u>ION **REVIEW PROCESS)**

HPC.DMO 2022.04 - 9 Taylor Street

Applicant: 9 Taylor Street, LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.05 - 15 Taylor Street Applicant: Taylor Mystic, LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)

HPC.DMO 2021.29 - 722 Broadway

Applicant: Di Camillo Associates, LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.01 - 51 Broadway Applicant: Ben Rogan

Owner: CDA Realty, LLC

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.02 - 53 Broadway Applicant: Ben Rogan

Owner: CDA Realty, LLC

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HPC.DMO 2022.03 - 11 Benedict Avenue

Applicant: Ben Rogan

Owner: Christopher & Loren Galvin

The Applicant seeks to demolish a principal structure constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

While City Hall continues to be closed in response to the COVID19 pandemic, case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the

 $\underline{https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases.}$ Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email <u>historic@somervillema.gov</u> to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Note: Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov NO LATER THAN NOON one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with

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Traffic Board Public Hearing on Central Hill Parking Changes, February 24

The City of Somerville Traffic Board will hold a virtual public hearing on Thursday, February 24, 2022, regarding the Somerville Traffic Commission November 18, 2021, actions making regulatory changes, for a period of one year, relative to parking regulations for City and school staff on Central Hill, near City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Central Library (Agenda Items 5 a - d, and 6).

The public hearing will begin promptly at 6 p.m. The public hearing will open with a brief presentation by City staff on the project history and objectives. Following the presentation, members of the public will be invited to speak. The typical two-minute time limit will be enforced.

The hearing will be hosted on Zoom. To join online, copy and paste the following URL and enter passcode 651411.

https://bit.ly/350W11w

To join by phone, dial 646-558-8656 and enter Meeting ID 895 8360 5004. The public hearing will be recorded and rebroadcast on GovTV (channel 13 on RCN, channel 22 on Comcast) and on the City's You-Tube channel, youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV

Written testimony will also be accepted until 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Written testimony can be emailed to

transportation@somervillema.gov or mailed to: Mobility Division, ATTN: Hearing, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, or Nepali may be available upon advance request by contacting the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somerviva@somervillema.gov or calling 311 at 617-666-3311.

Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville should please contact Adrienne Pomeroy at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or ADA@somervillema.gov.

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2. Laissez les bons temps rouler

3. The day before Ash Wednesday

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5. 1975

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8. King cake

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10. 6:00 p.m.

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interested: abermejo@youth-guidance.org. For all in-person volunteering, volunteer must have an approved CORI (background check) and provide proof of full vaccination for COVID-19. Please contact SPS Volunteer Coordinator Jcapuano@k12.Somerville. ma.us if interested.

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If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should get tested. Find a testing site near you or where to get an athome test kit at somervillema.gov/ covidtesting. If you test positive: The CDC advises to isolate for at

least five days.

Prepare for the 2021/2022 snow season by reviewing parking rules and signing up for alerts. Because this winter begins in an odd-numbered year, snow emergency parking will be on the odd side of the street all winter, unless posted signage says differently. Check streets signs in your neighborhood so you know where you can park ahead of

winter weather. You can also learn more about the city's snow policies at somervillema.gov/snow. *******

Somerville's Winter Farmers Market takes place Saturdays, 9:30 - 1:30 p.m., through April 16, at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. Offering the best locally grown and produced agricultural items and more. They offer a diverse range of local and New England produce, as well as cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, pastries, chocolate, and wine. They feature rotating guest vendors each week, as well as live entertainment and activities. Check out the schedule and map at www.somwintermarket.org. They accept SNAP/EBT & HIP, CREDIT and DEBIT cards. \$15 SNAP match for EBT customers.

After a long three-year hiatus, the Somerville Homeless Coalition is very excited to announce that its Spring into Action event is returning the evening of Thursday, March 24. This year they are bringing the fun and energy to the Somerville Theatre's newly refurbished Crystal Ballroom. Join them for an evening of cocktails, live jazz, passed apps, local bites and live music. All proceeds from this event will benefit Somerville Homeless Coalition clients facing homelessness, eviction and food insecurity. They look forward to sharing news about their work in the community and how you help them to continue advancing their mission of finding everyone a home. Single ticket price: \$125. Discounts are available for bulk ticket orders. For more information, visit their event page https://igfn.us/e/TRWwTw. ******

If you are unable to access a COVID-19 vaccine due to transportation challenges, but otherwise are able to leave your home, please call 3-1-1 to get connected to transportation assistance.

Individuals who are homebound are encouraged to schedule an in-home COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the state's COVID-19 In-Home Vaccination Program. The program is open to all individuals who are homebound, including 5- to 11-year-olds, and individuals seeking both initial or booster doses. To schedule an appointment, call the In-Home Vaccination Central In-take Line at (833) 983-0485. The Intake Line is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Representatives are available in both English and Spanish, and also have access to translators for over 100 languages. Due to high demand, the current estimated wait time for an inhome vaccination appointment is 4-6 weeks.

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Representative Barber's driver's license bill passes in landmark House vote

On February 16, 2022 the Massachusetts House of Representatives voted to pass bill H.4461 the Work and Family Mobility Act, filed by Representative Christine Barber of Somerville and Medford and Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, enabling all state residents to apply for a standard MA driver's license or identification card regardless of immigration status.

The historic vote comes after a 17 year-long fight from advocates, bill sponsors, and the Driving Families Forward Coalition to get this commonsense bill across the finish line. If enacted, Massachusetts would join 16 other states who have expanded access to driver's licenses to immigrants without

status, including Connecticut and Vermont.

"I am incredibly proud and grateful for the tremendous and persistent work of bill sponsors, advocates, and the Driving Families Forward Coalition, along with leadership from Speaker Mariano and Chairman Straus who were instrumental in the passage of this bill," said Representative Christine Barber. "This has been a multi-year long fight for immigrant justice. All parents should be able to take their children to the doctor, safely and without fear of being pulled over for driving without a license."

H.4461 would allow all qualified Massachusetts residents, regardless of immigration status, to apply for standard Massachu-

setts driver's licenses using valid documents. Driving is a key tool of economic mobility, and having a driver's license allows people to safely get to work, drive their kids to school, and participate in their community.

"Passing the Work and Family Mobility Act is one of the most important steps the state can take to improve road safety and ensure all residents feel safe and can access necessary services and health care," said Representative Christine Barber. "This bill will have an immediate impact on the lives and success of immigrant families in our state."

This bill will benefit public safety in the Commonwealth by ensuring more drivers on the roads are properly trained, tested, and insured. With more drivers on the road with insurance, this will bring down the cost of auto insurance for all drivers.

COVID-19 increases the urgency for passing this legislation. Without access to driver's licenses, immigrants without status are at increased risk of contracting the virus while taking public transit or carpooling with others while going to work. A driver's license would provide all residents, regardless of immigration status, more reliable access to healthcare and health services, including COVID-19 vaccinations and testing. With the health of our whole community at risk, it is essential that everyone has access to medical care.



34th Middlesex District State Representative Christine Barber.

Being able to navigate your home safely is crucial for wellbeing. This legislation enables all state residents to get from home to work safely and without unnecessary risk or fear.

The bill passed the House of Representatives with a 120–36 vote. It now goes to the Senate.

Retirement sendoff for Rudy Revilla







Somerville Firefighter Rudy Revilla retired last month after working 30 years with the Somerville Fire Department.

Friends gave him send off with a cake at the Medford Sons of Italy on Wednesday, February 16.

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1861 - Texas becomes the seventh state to secede from the Union.

1921 – An airmail plane sets a record of 33 hours and 20 minutes from San Francisco to New York.

1926 – President Calvin Coolidge opposes a large air force, believing it would be a menace to world peace.

1945 – U.S. Marines plant an American flag atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima.

1954 – Mass innoculation begins as Salk's polio vaccine is given to children for first time.

1972 – Black activist Angela Davis is released from jail where she was held for kidnapping, conspiracy and murder.

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Wednesday, February 23 6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV Chair Yoga w Chris 7:00am West Branch Library Ribbon Cutting 7:30am 8:00am City Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield 8:30am Conway Park Ribbon Cutting 12-9-21 8:51am Mental Health Resources 9:00am Congressional Update 10:00am Mayor's Farewell Address 11:00am Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7 City Council Meeting 2-10-22 11:30am Congressional Update 3:30pm Fit-4-Life Video #4 4:00pm 4:30pm Town Hall with COVID-19 Response Team Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services 5:30pm 6:00pm Bittersweet Curator Tour 6:35pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021 Museum of Bad Art Tour 7:00pm 8:00pm Congressional Update 8:30pm 2022 Mayoral Inauguration SPD Ride Along 9:45pm 10:00pm School Committee Meeting 2-7-22 11:34pm SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake 11:47pm SPL Cooking - Orange Cornmeal Cake

Thursday, February 24

Congressional Update 12:00am City Council Meeting 2-10-22 12:30am Let's Talk About a Poem - Herbert "Flowers" 6:00am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy 7:30am 8:00am Mayor's Farewell Address 8:45am SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake 2022 Mayoral Inauguration 9:00am 10:13am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV 11:00am Fit-4-Life Video #4 Congressional Update 11:30am 12:00pm Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services 12:30pm Bittersweet Curator Tour 1:05pm 2022 Mayoral Inauguration

2:30pm The Bilingual Brain Benefits of Bilingualism Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 4:00pm 7:00pm City Council Meeting- LIVE

Friday, February 25

12:30am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services 12:55am Mabel And Jerry - Senior Story 1:30am Bittersweet Curator Tour 2:05am Museum of Bad Art Tour 6:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice II 7:00am Museum of Bad Art Tour Town Hall with COVID-19 Response Team 8:00am Bittersweet Curator Tour 9:00am 10:00am Chair Yoga w Chris 10:30am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy 11:00am Fit 4 Life Home Workout #7 11:30amCity Council Spotlight - Judy Pineda Neufield 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 2-22-22 3:00pm COVID Vaccine Portuguese Dr Kris CHA 4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 Museum of Bad Art Tour 4:30pm 5:30pm Raising Families- Vaping 6:00pm School Committee Meeting 2-7-22 7:35pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021 8:00pm **Congressional Update** 8:30pm Bittersweet Curator Tour Finance Committee Meeting 2-22-22

Saturday, February 26

9:05pm

First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2022 12:00am Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope 1:05am 2:00am Museum of Bad Art Tour 6:30am Chair Yoga w/ Janine Duffy 7:00am 2022 Mayoral Inauguration 8:15am SPL Cooking - Simple Chocolate Cake Congressional Update Roundhouse and the Architecture of Hope 9:00am Yoga with Jenn Falk - Practice IV 10:00am 11:00am Chair Yoga w Chris 11:30am Transgender Day of Remembrance 2021

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Monday, February 28

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Wednesday, March 2

12:00am Senior Circuit: Veterans' Services 12:30am Traffic & Parking Committee 2-28-22

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Wednesday, February 23

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Houlihan has noted Steffen's intimate portraits, sense of history, surprising wit and the play of dark and light...the striking combination of the everyday and the transcendent.

Dear Friend

This morning couldn't help thinking of you and your Romaine salads, the scallion roots you'd start to grow in the tall glasses of water giving yourself over to the honest labor of transplanting the long translucent "fingers" as you called them into the peat and perlite of the window planter. There are all sorts of these things by habit we throw away we can recycle gardening our garbage, our treasures—the hours I might have composted sleeping in this morning. Thoreau, remember? How to kill a little time without injuring eternity? I stand on the shore of that ocean of time which your recent move has placed between us, shipwrecked as I feel looking for your reflection in the kitchen window with a glimpse of the city's rooftops leafing into light. I have some bread left I've put in the oven for croutons. There's vinegar. Oil, garlic, the peppery mustard and sour cream for the dressing with its mixture of tang and spice like differences in friendship to waken the tongue, blanketed in the pearl of whatever it is, a little mute, wholly mutual that sends you this good morning and its pathway hunger to share with you, all with a noon's menu.

— Michael Todd Steffen

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OFF THE SHELF

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Carolynn Kingyens' 'Coupling'

Art as a Means of Survival

Poetry Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Ed Meek

Coupling by Carolynn Kingyens Kelsay Books, 68 pages, \$16.50.

In this collection, Carolynn Kingyens discloses what lies behind the veneer of our relationships.

Art is a survival tool. It helps us make meaning of our lives by providing us with aesthetic pleasure, much as the beauty of nature does. The mainstream media titillates us with disconnected, mostly fragmented negative narratives.

The language of art peels back the curtain of confusion and shows us the wizard, for better or worse. *Coupling*, Carolynn Kingyens' second book of poems, goes about disclosing what lies behind the veneer of our relationships. She draws from her past and invites us to share revelations that are both humorous and troubling.

Kingyens is particularly good at dramatizing paradoxes we cling to in everyday life. We are influenced by the beliefs we grew up with – even when we no longer entirely believe them.

"Each chore/ around your house-/a station of the cross:/that's how far gone I was/that's how good you were/in bed." Like Lena Dunham in the series *Girls*, the narrator of Kingyens' poems finds herself stuck in relationships that she's both surprised and appalled by.

In *Alone Now*, Kingyens invites us to Imagine for a moment being trapped on a long flight to Tibet;

a kind stranger in the seat beside you- who never shuts up.

By the fifth hour, your neck begins to hurt from all the nodding.

Readers will no doubt nod along in amused agreement, while having to acknowledge at the same time that its true – these situations drive us crazy. And the weird part is they happen to all of us all the time.

A few stanzas later she says:

Imagine, for a moment, your head in your hands. The serious turn in the poem is so emotionally effective because the horror was prefaced by humor. She suggests that we live lives filled with tragicomedy.

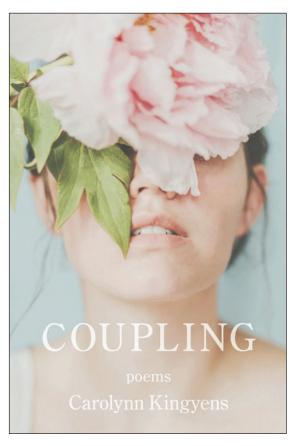
Kingyens' comment on marriage partakes of that clear-eyed vision:

No one warns you about the movement in marriage, that slow-motion drift toward indifference "Write about the things that bother you. The experiences that don't go away," poet Richard Hugo once said. Kingyens tells us about a friend who remains in her thoughts.

Jimmy Russo told me six months before he jumped off the George Washington Bridge that my problem was I didn't know myself; that... and I talked too much.

Kingyens taps into how we remember odd details about friends who are no longer with us.

In the title poem, Coupling, Kingyens contrasts the story her husband tells others about how they



met with the real story. She hones in on how we present better versions of ourselves and our relationships to others. We hide the self that exists beneath the reassuring social façade. You need to do no more than check out all the testifying that takes place on Facebook around anniversaries.

Your version of events were tidy and clean, When you said you knew I was the woman you were destined to marry the moment you saw me...
But the truth was:

you had no interest in wanting to marry me the day I showed up in your messy doorway...

I was ripe, hot, willing to please— not the bitch you would later marry.

One of Kingyens' strengths is her ability to view, with skepticism, her religious upbringing. Here is her experience of *Vacation Bible School*:

We sang songs at Vacation Bible School about how Jesus loved the little children of the world... All of us, soldiers for Christ.

We drank Jim Jones-colored punch and ate no frills butter cookies...

The Jim Jones reference emphasizes the cult like atmosphere. As children, many of us believed these myths. Kingyens then shocks us with how some of her bible schoolmates turned out:

Years later, Timmy Ainsley would shoot himself in the mouth after he came out to his parents...

And I heard little Regina Hopely, Bethel's Christmas Pageant Mary, became a meth addict...

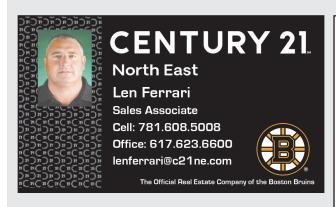
Taking a poetic approach similar to that of Hugo, Joseph Lawrence, and Doug Holder, Kingyens zeroes in on stories and experiences that stick with her. She shares them with us, prompting us to take a closer – perhaps braver – look at our own lives and relationships. Her poems are rife with the contradictions we all live with; she reminds us that we need good poetry to make sense of our lives.

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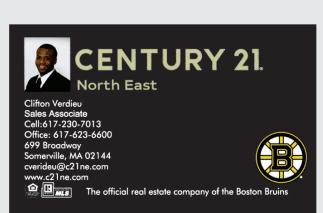
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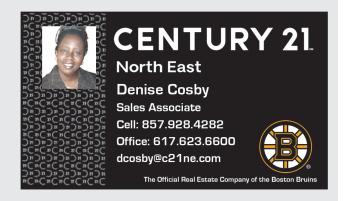
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