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# Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance details addressed by City Council



The Somerville City Council is looking into various issues governed by the current Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance, including disclosure of ownership and the removal of the local preference provision.

#### By Jim Clark

At the latest meeting of the City of Somerville City Council, orders were put forward seeking to clarify and refine the current Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance.

One order asks the City Solicitor to draft proposed language to amend the ordinance to require, in any application, full disclosure of all ownership interests, including names and percentage interest of all owners or shareholders in LLCs, corporations, or any other ownership entities.

Regarding the order, Ward 5 Council Mark Niedergang said, "In the applications for the marijuana licenses there are often LLCs, corporations. We really don't know who's behind these entities, and I think it's really important for the Licensing Commission, the Zoning Board and the public to 

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## Somerville restaurant, chef named James Beard Award semifinalists

## By Shira Laucharoen

Somerville restaurant Tanam and chef Cassie Piuma of Sarma were nominated as semifinalists for the 2020 James Beard Foundation Awards, as announced on February 26. Tanam was named for the category "Best New Restaurant," while Piuma was selected for the section "Best Chef: Northeast." The prestigious awards are presented annually to recognize those in the culinary arts in the United States.

Tanam is a worker-owned restaurant that features Filipino cuisine, tucked away in Union Square's Bow Market. To be chosen as a semifinalist for the James Beard Awards is a tremendous honor and affirms the work the restaurant's creators have done, said chef and art director Ellie Tiglao.

"It's been hard to get a grasp on what we are really creating here, and it feels like appreciation that the James Beard Foundation sees how we're pushing boundaries Continued on page 8



Worker-owners Sasha Coleman, Ellie Tiglao, and Kyisha Davenport had their restaurant, Tanam, recognized by the James Beard Foundation Awards.

— Photo by Shira Laucharoen

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We want to remind all of our valued readers - and everyone else, of course - to keep washing their hands and take all suitable precautions while risks of exposure to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) still exists. The city's website has a lot of valuable updated information on the virus and SCAT TV will be running podcasts in the next few days with information from the CDC. We will also be updating our website with any new updates and will run the podcasts.

A big thanks from all of us to Jackie Rosetti, who leaving her job as Deputy Director of Communications for the City of Somerville. She will be missed, and everyone will miss those robo-calls from here whenever there is something going on in the city. We wish her the best with her new job at Medford City Hall.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day, also known as Evacuation Day here in the Greater Boston area. We hope everyone has a great holiday and a great time with all the celebrations A lot of people are disappointed with the canceling of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston due to the fear of spreading the Coronavirus through the large crowds. Everyone will still be celebrating in their own way. Here in Somerville, Liam at Sally O'Brien's and Bob McWatters invite the public to join them on St. Patrick's Day at Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., to hoist a pint of Guinness and enjoy some Irish music. We know that other well-known Irish pub's here in the city will also be celebrating, so enjoy, have a good time - and wash your hands!

The Somerville Garden Club March meeting will take place tonight, Wednesday, March 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The program will include short demonstrations on the growing and care of some "easy to care for" and some "not so easy to care for" houseplants. There will be a demonstration and discussion on the care of orchids by Bill Bennett, and the manager of the greenhouse at Pembertons will talk about Continued on page 11

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## Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 1 – March 17 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday March 11	Partly Cloudy	52°/33°	0%	33%	WNW 12 mph
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Friday March 13	Rain	59°/38°	80%	70%	S 16 mph
Saturday March 14	Sunny	52°/33°	0%	34%	W 18 mph
Sunday March 15	Partly Cloudy	47°/30°	0%	36%	NNW 11 mph
Monday March 16	Sunny	44°/34°	0%	37%	E 9 mph
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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: Gravy or sauce?

#### Saucy says:

A gravy is a type of sauce that results from cooking meats. You could say all gravies are sauces, but not all sauces are gravies. While I'm not Italian myself, I've never in my life heard "gravy" used for a pasta sauce of any sort. Actually, I take that back: I've heard a few first generation Italians make fun of gringos who refer to sauce as gravy ("pasta with sauce" vs "noodles with sauce"). Furthermore, neither "sauce" nor "gravy" is Italian, so it's a question of which English word Italians adopted for the sauce / gravy when they arrived here.

## Response to: Farewell to Erica Jones

## George Landers says:

I had the pleasure of working w/Erica during a little film shoot w/Roberta Robinson last year, and I found her to be an incredibly lovely person and a consummate professionalisms. She made us feel like we were sitting in our living room having a nice conversation. I wish Erica and Vanessa the very best in their new adventure. Thanks again for the fun.

## J. Brandon Wilson says:

What a huge loss not only for SCAT, now Somerville Media Center, but also the City as a whole! Her passion and enthusiasm for inspiring new projects, facilitating partnerships, and doing outreach across the spectrum was contagious. I will really miss working with her on a variety of projects over the years, but wish her the best finding her way and building new connections in the Big City!

## Response to: Thank you and goodbye from Jackie Rossetti

## Courtney O'Keefe says:

Somerville's loss is certainly Medford's gain! Thanks for being a great contact at City Hall. You will definitely be missed, Jackie

## Dave says:

This is going to be particularly difficult for me. For years Jackie has been calling my house and leaving me (and only me) little sweet nothings – a little reminder about snow, parking, road races - anything that might inconvenience me. Why she did this I do not know - I've never met her, but she clearly fancies me. Now I'll have to rely on the news or internet or whatever it is the rest of you people have been using

## Paul J Upton says:

Good luck in your new position Jackie. Lots of great people in Medford and I know that you will be welcomed. It was always a pleasure to work with you on various projects, especially when crafting Connect CTY messages.

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



## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

## **Blarney Stoned**



St. Patrick's Day is one of my favorite times of the year. It's not just the boiled dinners and everyone wearing something green, it's

more. It's the classic historic songs, the parades, and the general happy atmosphere that the day brings.

It's true that everyone's Irish on St. Paddy's Day. Even though I'm 100% Italian, I rank St. Patrick's Day right up there with Christmas and Halloween. Somerville folks have always celebrated the wearing of the green in style.

Lots of places around the city will be having festivities on and around St. Patrick's Day. The list is long ranging from local breweries holding parties to family celebrations. How about a Millennium Age Party at Fenway Johnnies on Brookline Ave. in Boston? No thanks. A Weekend Disco Party at Florian Hall in Boston with a live band and ... Deney Terrio? Boy, nothing says St. Patty's Day like an aging disco icon and disco music.

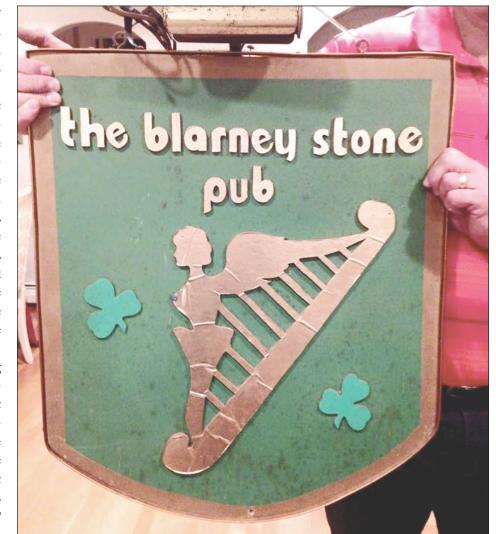
Maybe you're in the mood for a St. Patrick's Day cruise on the Spirit of Boston? I'm sure lots of local Somerville establishments will be hosting events including The Burren in Davis Square.

There used to be a great place to celebrate St Patrick's Day right around the corner, within stumbling distance of my house. It was The Blarney Stone Pub in the basement of the old Woodbridge Inn on College Ave., where Ciampa Manor is now. Here are some remembrances:

"I saw my first pitcher of green beer at The Woodbridge Inn. It was in the downstairs lounge known as The Blarney Stone Pub." Here is how one Somerville guy remembers the Blarney Stone: "It was The Blarney Stone that helped me through my early college years. Just a great place, and, if memory serves me, never once did I see an outbreak of problems (fights, etc.). We all went, sang along and drank heartily. And those of us who were male patrons were grateful we never had to use the women's room after hearing the tale of Seven Old Ladies."

He is referring to the Irish sing-along that tells of the seven ladies who unfortunately got stuck in the lava'try. That was one of the many songs that Somerville legend Jim Plunkett used to have the packed crowds singing along with at the top of their lungs. He and his guitar got that place rocking. Another favorite was Charlie on the MTA. Did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown. He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston, he's the man who never returned."

I know a guy who remembers when some of the well lubed patrons would



actually dance on the tables. Someone recalled being at the Pub with Plunkett and singing Irish songs the night Richard Nixon resigned. I'll have to do an entire a story on my friend Jim Plunkett someday. He is still performing around and he is as good as ever.

Some (retired) teachers from different schools around the city used to meet there on Friday afternoons after a long week. They were such good customers that they often got free appetizers. They also reminded us that The Blarney Stone had one of the best jukeboxes evah!

Another friend says, "I worked upstairs and drank downstairs and then walked home. Those were the days!" A friend adds, "Sitting up front where the band was on a Friday night was the place to be in the day. Jerry ran a great place and we often talk about those days."

Many times patrons would get a true taste of Ireland if they tripped on that last step and may have kissed the Blarney Stone's ... sidewalk. Gosh and Begorrah!

The Woodbridge was destroyed by fires in 1979 and 1980. There's a shocker! Suspicious fires I might add. I guess it was cheaper than just bulldozing the old place.

Hardcore St. Patrick's Day party people insist on celebrating in Charlestown or Southie. I'll be singing and playing piano at a few parties. Some of my favorite Irish ditties are Whiskey in the Jar, Clancy, and The Wild Rover ( "...for it's no, nay, never!") The following is a parody I wrote to the tune of Dear Old Donegal. An Irish/ Italian tune.

"You know that I ain't Irish, I'm as Italian as can be

I lived in the North End I used to work at Polcari's

But some of my friends are Irish, like

And on St Patrick's Day my goombas and me we go down to Southie ... hey

There's Anthony, Vinnie, Salvatore, Joey, Carmen and Rocco, Frankie and Bo

Pasquale and Dominic, Lenny and Pau-

Mario, Richie, Bo Bo and Itchy, Ricky

Vito and Gino and Big Angelo

Chickie and Nicky the Thumb

No Nose and and Big Nose Pig Foot and One Ear

Chubby and Guido and Tony the Tongue

I'll wear a green carnation on my Tellos

My girlfriend Mona wears a shamrock on her mini skirt.

I'll sing a song of Ireland, I'll drink some Guinness too, then I'll eat some green linguini, corned beef and pasta fazool!"

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Please celebrate safely.



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# By Jim Clark

## Tin banger with too many nips

A "be on the lookout" alert was issued to Somerville Police officers on patrol last Sunday afternoon, alerting them to a possible drunk driver.

The vehicle operator, Edward Atwell, of Medford, was believed to be intoxicated. Atwell's license was also known to be suspended.

Patrol officers located Atwell's car operating on Broadway and stopped him. While approaching Atwell, officers immediately noticed his eyes to be blood shot and glossy, and his eyelids were also droopy.

Atwell was asked if he would consent to sobriety tests and he reportedly agreed. When they first started speaking to him they noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from him and as he stood and walked towards them he was unsteady on his feet.

During their conversation, the officers asked Atwell if he had had anything to drink that day and he reportedly said he had been drinking the night prior. He stated he stopped drinking at around 6:00 a.m. that morning. When asked what his drink of choice was, he reportedly stated Captain Morgan.

The officers first asked Atwell if he had any injuries to his back or lower body and he told them no, that he just had soreness from his job. They asked what he did and reportedly he told them he was a "tin banger," explaining that he worked with metals and did construction. He also reportedly stated he had good balance and walked on beams at work.

The officers noted that Atwell was wearing sneakers, about which he stated they

were comfortable and he got them for Christmas.

Each sobriety test was explained and demonstrated for Atwell, and he was also given the opportunity to ask for clarification prior to each test. The area used for this was the sidewalk. It was flat, dry, and clear of debris. The line for the walk and turn was the bisection in the cross walk.

After reportedly scoring poorly on the field sobriety tests, Atwell consented to a department issued portable breath test, which scored a .205

At this time, the officers requested the prisoner transport vehicle and Atwell was transported back to the station by where he was booked on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

A search of Atwell's car turned up several empty "nip" bottles of Captain Morgan and Fireball. One bottle was found in a lunch box on the front seat and the rest were found in the center console.

## Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-721

#### **Arrests**:

Juan Martinez, March 4, 2:59 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat,

receiving stolen property under \$1200, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Akbar Rashada, March 4, 5:43 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Luciano Castro, March 5, 5:43 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, and ence of liquor second offense assault and battery.

Edward Atwell, March 8, 2:11 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influ-

and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Edwin Burns, March 8, 3:21 p.m., arrested at Elm on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

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## Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance details addressed by City Council

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understand who are really the owners of these potential licensees."

Niedergang said that he would like the matter to be presented to the Legislative Matters Committee for further consideration. "I think it's actually time to look at the ordinance that we passed about a year and a half ago and see about some possible revisions to it," said the Councilor.

The order was subsequently referred to the Legislative Matters Committee.

In a related matter, an order was put forward asking that the City Council consider amending the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance to remove Somerville residency as a qualifier for being a priority applicant in Group A, in order to prioritize Economic Empowerment applicants.

Speaking again in favor of this

order, Councilor Niedergang said, "When we worked on this ordinance and passed it, I believe that the Council's priority was to enable economic empowerment applicants to get licenses. And so far of the first three that have been sent forward by the Mayor's Advisory Committee, two of them are local business owners who are quite well off. Wonderful people. Nothing negative to say about them. But very prosperous and successful of businessmen. And the third is a combination of an economic empowerment applicant and very successful local business owners."

"So all three of the licenses so far that have been allowed to go forward by the Mayor's Advisory Committee, and that have appeared before the Licensing Commission, basically have very

strong connections to prosperous local businessmen," Niedergang continued. "And that's not what I think we intended."

Niedergang stated that he wants to review the way the ordinance was structured and discuss whether the local preference should be removed from the ordinance. He said that it seems to be going to businessmen who who are not victims of the war on drugs and ho do not really need the economic advantages that a marijuana retail license confers upon them.

As with the previous order, Niedergang requested this to be referred to the Legislative Matters Committee, which was subsequently approved by the Council.

An additional related order was put forward asking the Executive Director of the Of-



Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang is leading the effort to revise and improve the Adult Use Marijuana Ordinance.

fice of Strategic Planning and Community Development list the members of the Marijuana Advisory Committee on the Somerville City website in the interest of transparency and for the public to see who is

making decisions about which applications for retail marijuana licenses are being permitted to move forward.

This item was approved and the request was forwarded to the OSPCD.

## Jason James joins the celebration of Elvis

#### By Blake Maddux

With his own versions of classic and highly familiar songs like Folsom Prison Blues, Rocket 88, and Highway 61 Revisited, singer, pianist, and guitarist Jason James demonstrates that interpretation is a talent akin to songwriting itself.

James was born in Boston. He describes his grandfather, William Clifford, as "a Golden Gloves boxer from South Boston [who] worked for Joe Kennedy." Although he studied metal fabrication welding and maintenance mechanics at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School, he had been enamored of music from a young age.

This was evident by the fact that he was barely in his teens at the time of his first paying gig. After that auspicious beginning, he played venues throughout New England with the band that he started in high school. Since striking out on his own, he has formed personal and professional relationships with some of rock 'n' roll's pioneering figures while living in some of the hottest musical spots in the country.

On March 18, James, Boston's Tsunami of Sound, Nashville's

Edge of Reality Band, and other guests will commemorate the revitalization of Elvis Presley's career that followed a televised live performance in 1968.

The Somerville Times: What were some of the formative musical experiences that you had growing up in Boston?

Jason James: Getting on the train and going to record stores like Cheapo Records, Skippy White's, and Stereo Jack's and trying to sneak into clubs that were playing blues. I saw Ike Turner & the Kings of Rhythm at the original House of Blues in Harvard Square.

TST: What was the first instrument that you played and how old were you at the time?

JJ: Originally, I wanted to get on a piano at age five. I couldn't get a hold of one, so I got a guitar at about age 11. I played my first show at 13 professionally. I've been doing it ever since. I didn't start playing piano until 10 years ago.

TST: Did you play in bands when you were a teenager?

II: We started a band in high school in 1989, Jason James & the Bay State HouseRockers. We played any gig you could imagine. I think we've pretty much done it all. I remember



Jason James will be playing in the Once Upon a Time in Graceland show on Wednesday, March 18, at ONCE Lounge.

getting my driver's license and Worcester County. driving to shows when I was 16. The clubs thought I was 21!

TST: How geographically widespread were the venues that you played?

JJ: All over New England. Everywhere from Charlie O's in Montpelier down to New Haven, to Bangor, ME, and out to

TST: When did you first move out of Boston and which other cities have you called home?

JJ: As soon as I got out of high school I was gone. I've lived on and off in Los Angeles for about six years. I lived in Nashville for two years. When I was living in New Jersey, Les Paul's son was

my bass player. I was Bo Diddley's guitar player on an East Coast tour in the '90s. We got hired to be the backup band, so we would open the shows for him when he came to New England and then we'd back him up.

TST: Is Memphis your main base of operation?

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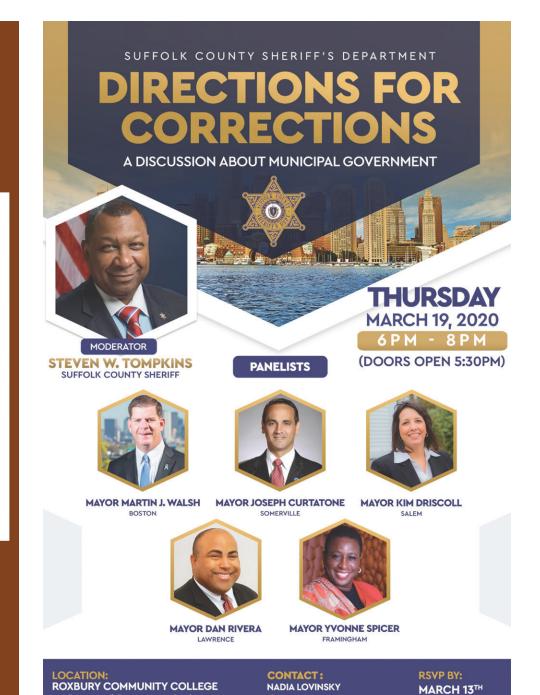
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## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records votes of local representatives from the week of March 2-6. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

## ESTIMATED \$18 BILLION IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (H 4506)

House 150-1, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$18 billion bond bill authorizing spending on transportation projects and infrastructure over the next ten years. Provisions include \$5.6 billion for federal highway system projects, \$1.75 billion for the design, construction and repair of non-federally aided roadway and bridge projects and another \$1.25 billion for construction, resurfacing and improvements of bridges and approaches. The bill also increases Chapter 90 funding to cities and towns for road and bridge repairs from \$200 million to \$300 million. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

The package includes earmarks for hundreds of millions of dollars for hundreds of projects in legislators' districts across the state — many of which will never be funded. The Baker administration is required to adhere to the state's annual bond borrowing cap and ultimately decides which projects are affordable and actually get funded.

Sometimes a legislator will immediately tout the inclusion of local projects in these types pf bond bills, especially in an election year to show he or she "brought home the bacon." But be warned that none of the projects in this package have yet been funded and most will end up never being funded because of the borrowing cap and the power of the governor's office to pick whiich projects actually get the green light.

"The House's transportation funding package is an important step forward in fixing the commonwealth's transportation crisis," said Chris Dempsey, Director of the Transportation for Massachusetts coalition. "We applaud House members for taking a balanced approach to addressing transportation needs and ensuring that statewide investments will improve daily commutes in every city and town. We've dug ourselves a big hole and this bill is an important step to help us climb out."

"The transportation bond bill was an earmarked-filled document which is being treated as one Democratic chairman noted, as "Monopoly money," said Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica), the lone opponent of the measure. "Massachusetts already has the largest per capita debt in the nation and some of the highest cost per highway mile in the nation. We need to do better."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

## ESTIMATED \$522 MILLION TO \$600 MILLION TAX HIKE FOR TRANSPORTATION (H 4508)

House 113-40, approved and sent to the Senate an estimated \$522 million to \$600 million tax hike package to fund improvements to the state's transportation system. Hikes include a 5 cents-per-gallon increase in the motor vehicle gas excise tax; a 9 cents-per-gallon increase in the diesel fuel tax; an increase in the aviation fuel tax from 5 percent of the average price per gallon to 7.5 percent of the average price per gallon; elimination of the sales

tax exemption on vehicle purchases for traditional rental car companies; replacing the current flat \$456 minimum corporate excise tax with a nine-tiered sliding scale ranging from \$456 if the corporation's total sales are less than \$1 million to \$150,000 if the corporation's sales total \$1 billion; and increasing the 20 cents-per-trip flat fee to \$1.20 for each non-shared Uber and Lyft ride and \$2.20 for every luxury ride. The bill includes language aimed at preventing Uber and Lyft from passing those hikes directly onto riders.

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes

## NO TAX HIKES IF MILLIONAIRE'S TAX IS APPROVED (H 4508)

House 36-118, rejected an amendment that would repeal all the tax increases, except the one on Lyft and Uber, if the proposed Millionaire's Tax ballot question is approved by Massachusetts voters in November of 2022. The tax, estimated to raise up to \$2 billion per year, would allow a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5.1 percent tax, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million. Language in the amendment requires that "subject to appropriation" the revenue will go to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

"Speaker DeLeo has said repeatedly that the transportation finance bill is a 'bridge' to the Millionaire's Tax, which is projected to generate \$2 billion in new revenues for education and transportation," said Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading), the sponsor of the amendment. "If the money from the ballot question is really going to be spent on transportation, then I think it's only fair the tax increases contained in this bill be sunset once those new revenues start coming in."

Amendment opponents said the House should not tie the hands of future legislatures by tying the current tax hike package to the Millionaire's Tax. They noted the two are separate proposals and noted the Millionaire's Tax is not even guaranteed to be on the 2022 ballot.

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

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

## STUDY/DELAY TAX HIKES (H 4508)

House 35-119, rejected an amendment that would indefinitely delay the implementation of the tax hikes until Gov. Charlie Baker's Office of Administration and Finance and the Department of Revenue furnish a study of the taxes' impact on the state's economy and on cities and towns. The study would include an analysis of the impact on taxpayers of varying income levels, current practices of other states and any anticipated changes in employment and ancillary economic activity resulting from the tax increases.

"This study language is identical to what the Democratic leadership has used many times in the past to block Republican-sponsored amendments during floor debate," said Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading), the amendment's sponsor. "I say what's good for the goose is good for the gander. Collectively, these tax increases will cost

the state's taxpayers and employers more than \$600 million, which is reason enough to conduct a study of the long-term implications of these tax proposals before they're implemented."

Opponents of the study said it is craftily worded to simply kill the tax hikes. They noted the study is assigned to the Baker administration which is opposed to many of these tax hikes and is unlikely to ever conduct the study.

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

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

## STRIKE THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM CORPORATION TAX (H 4508)

House 35-119, rejected an amendment that would strike a section of the bill that would replace the current flat \$456 minimum corporate excise tax with a nine-tiered sliding scale ranging from \$456 if the corporation's total sales are less than \$1 million to \$150,000 if the corporation's sales total \$1 billion.

"The proposed changes to the corporate minimum excise tax would put Massachusetts employers at a competitive disadvantage, hurt job growth and make it even more difficult to attract new businesses to the state," said the amendment's sponsor Rep. Liz Poirier (R-North Attleboro). "The advocates who are pushing for this new tax structure haven't taken into consideration online retail sales tax collections, combined reporting and other major business tax policy changes that have been implemented over the last decade."

Supporters of the new tiering system said this sliding scale protects small businesses but also makes sure that large companies pay their share into the state's transportation system.

(The roll call was on striking the increase. Therefore a "Yes" vote is AGAINST the increase in the current \$456 minimum corporate tax. A "No" vote is FOR the increase.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

## EXEMPT CITIES AND TOWNS FROM GAS TAX (H 4508)

House 36-118, rejected an amendment that would exempt cities and towns' vehicle fuel purchases from the state's gas tax. Some state agencies are currently either exempt from the gas tax or receive a rebate, including regional transportation authorities, the MBTA, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and Massport.

"Municipal budgets are already under an enormous strain, and this exemption would help to ease the financial burden on cities and towns by freeing up resources they can allocate to support essential municipal services," said Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading), the amendment's sponsor.

Opponents of the exemption said it would result in a loss of tax revenue and weakens the bill. They noted that cities and towns will be benefitting from all the tax hikes, including the gas tax. They argued Chapter 90 funds for maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges will also increase by 50 percent.

## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

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

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REFUSING TO STOP FOR A POLICE OFFICER (H 2150) – The House gave initial approval to a bill that would impose up to a two-year prison sentence and \$2,500 fine on any person who refuses to stop when signaled to do so by any uniformed police officer.

"This bill aims to make 'refusing to stop for a police officer' or 'initiating a police pursuit,' a felony," said the proposal's sponsor Rep. Tim Whelan (R-Brewster). "We believe that the current misdemeanor penalties for this crime do not provide sufficient consequences and has resulted in too many persons taking off from the police and driving at high speeds, significantly endangering the public. These enhanced penalties will afford a judge, in their review of the facts of an individual case, to apply these higher sanctions as they deem warranted by those facts."

### HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (H 1794)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require cities and towns to reserve 5 percent of on-street parking spaces for handicapped parking.

"The absence of a law on the number of on-street handicapped parking spaces increases the challenges and uncertainty persons with disabilities face when they leave their homes," said the measure's sponsor Rep. Jonathan Hecht (D-Watertown). "We all need to go from place to place to shop, see doctors, enjoy cultural events or have dinner out with friends. This legislation would create consistency across cities and towns and give persons with disabilities confidence they will have access to adequate handicapped parking when they drive to another community."

PROTECT DISABLED PERSONS – "NICKY'S BILL"(H 4296) – Last week Gov. Baker held a "ceremonial signing" of a new law that would establish a registry that identifies individuals who have been found to have committed abuse against persons with disabilities. The governor originally signed the bill on February 13 so this ceremonial signing has no real effect and is staged for public relations purposes. The new law takes effect in January 2021.

The measure was filed by Sen. Mike Moore (D-Millbury) at the request of a constituent who is the mother of Nicky, an intellectually disabled and non-verbal individual. Nicky had been inappropriately restrained and struck multiple times by her caretaker. Under current law, unless the offender is criminally convicted, no system exists to identify caretakers and prevent them from finding employment with another provider licensed by the state.

"I am incredibly happy and proud that today Nicky's Law was officially signed into effect by the governor," said Moore. "Of course this would not be possible without the incredible work of individuals and organizations that pushed for this bill and worked behind the scenes to get us where we are today. I think this is a real testament to the power that advocacy can have in the legislative process and it's because of these advocates that we were able to get this commonsense legislation pushed

through and provide the commonwealth's most vulnerable population the protections they deserve."

"Protecting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities is vitally important, and I want to thank the family members, advocates and our legislative colleagues for their work to pass this bill," said Gov. Baker. "The new registry established in Nicky's Law will provide an additional safeguard against abuse and further improve the safety and quality of services provided to some of the commonwealth's most vulnerable residents."

BAKER SIGNS \$122 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4502) – The governor signed a \$122 million fiscal 2020 supplemental budget. Key provisions provide \$15 million for heating energy assistance to help low-income seniors, working families and other households pay winter heating bills; a provision that ensures that the Healthy Incentives Program which provides fruit and vegetables to recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly the food stamp program) is available all year round; and \$2 million for smoking prevention and cessation programs.

Other provisions provide \$300,000 for the Cannabis Control Commission; \$2.8 million for the Early Intervention Program for families of children up to three years of age who have developmental difficulties because of health or environmental conditions; and up to \$95,000 for the surveillance, treatment, containment or prevention of the coronavirus.

Supporters said the budget is necessary to cover expenses and to fund various state programs and agencies that are running out of money. They Continued on page 17

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MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
72600031	17 Norwood Avenue U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	21	\$899,900	\$872,500				
72594528	12 Glen St U:12	7 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	34	\$899,900	\$877,000				
72580729	7Tennyson U:B	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath	52	\$899,998	\$900,000				
72402527	260 Beacon Street U:106	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	165	\$929,000	\$900,000				
72578129	75 Rush St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 4f 1h bath	54	\$975,995	\$926,100				
72577338	56 Bartlett St U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	57	\$979,000	\$955,000				
72420027	260 Beacon Street U:208	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	411	\$989,000	\$975,000				
72513805	27 Murdock Street U:1	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	154	\$995,000	\$990,000				
72592071	10 Wheatland St U:10	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	40	\$999,900	\$999,900				
72591842	233 Willow Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	9	\$1,095,000	\$1,129,000				
72584541	55 Prescott St	0 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath	45	\$1,134,900	\$1,135,000				
72468925	88-1 Irving St U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	279	\$1,147,900	\$1,098,950				

	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:								
	MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price			
	72552398	6-8 Endicott St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	115	\$930,000	\$825,000			
П	72586548	11-11A Eliot St	2 unit, 8 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	34	\$935,000	\$885,000			
	72590071	190-192 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	21	\$1,000,000	\$900,000			
	72597647	122 Central St	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	7	\$1,049,000	\$1,075,000			
	72594588	121 Lowell St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	16	\$1,059,000	\$1,111,000			
	72545646	23 Wisconsin Ave	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	168	\$1,245,000	\$1,050,000			
	72605471	18-20 Oxford	3 unit, 16 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	1	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000			
	72594642	103 Bartlett	4 unit, 16 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	32	\$1,471,000	\$1,277,250			
	72550339	21 Cutter Ave	3 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	81	\$1,585,000	\$1,590,000			
П	72560072	64 Derby St	6 unit, 24 total rooms, 12 total bedrooms	65	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000			
	72574496	23 Cottage Ave	3 unit, 19 total rooms, 13 total bedrooms	49	\$2,650,000	\$2,600,000			

## Somerville restaurant, chef named James Beard Award semifinalists

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and seeing and telling stories, that they see who can make amazing food and beverage and create something world class," said Tiglao.

The inspiration for Tanam came from its predecessor, a popup called Pamangan, which translates from the Filipino dialect Kapampangan as "something to eat," an idea that was conceived of in 2014 by Tiglao and her brother.

Tanam emerged in its permanent home at the start of 2019,

growing out of the concept that a group of ten or fewer people could enjoy "narrative cuisine," food that tells stories. The restaurant is operated by Tiglao, chef and kitchen manager Sasha Coleman, and bar director and front of house manager Kyisha Davenport.

The structure of Tanam is non-hierarchical, and each of the three worker-owners have equal responsibility and decision making powers. The restaurant carries a commitment to fair labor practices and sustainable sourcing, and as a space that is run by three women of color, Tanam identifies with a mission of bringing social justice to the table.

"We talk a lot about transformative justice in mission driven spaces. ... How do you change the way a restaurant works, how do you change the way you live your life in hospitality?" said Davenport. "We get people around this table, and we tell these stories. When people come here as strangers and leave as friends, it is very clearly possible."

Part of the creative vision behind Tanam is to tell marginalized stories, stories that do not often get told, said Coleman. As dishes are being served, the chefs and worker-owners will relate the history and culture behind the meal, which serves as an expression of identity.

On Wednesdays and Sundays, they present Kamayan, an elaborate eat with your hands feast, with highlights such as daing, marinated and pan fried baby milkfish, and lumpiang shanghai, ground pork spring rolls. On Fridays and Saturdays, Tanam currently showcases a menu by Coleman, "From Moonshine to Massachusetts," inspired by the Great Migration from the south, in the United States.

Somerville restaurant Sarma is overseen by Piuma, who modeled the eatery after the traditional meyhanes of Turkey, or lively, bustling neighborhood spots where



On Wednesdays and Sundays, Tanam serves Kamayan, an eat with your hands feast
— Photo by Shira Laucharoen

people go to eat and converse. The menu offers bold, bright, seasonal flavors, with an emphasis on spices and herbs. After studying Middle Eastern cooking for over a decade, Piuma opened Sarma in 2013, bringing her vivacity and expertise to its kitchen.

"Sarma's menu is unique in that it bridges the gap between the familiar and the exotic," wrote Piuma in an email. "The flavor profiles are deeply rooted in tradition but translate into dishes that are approachable and comforting to the American palate. The menu invites guests to experience something new but hopefully also leaves them feeling a bit of nostalgia."

Piuma explained that she did not cook often as a child but was frequently surrounded by food. Her father, a Greek American, would often prepare staples such as souvlaki and avgolemono soup, while her mother sold baklava and spinach pies. While Piuma had originally intended to pursue a pre-med degree, she found more creativity in the dining scene, and eventually began working in restaurants, an experience that changed the direction of her life. Getting nominated for the James Beard Award feels like confirmation that she is on track, she wrote.

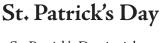
"It's so much emotion wrapped up in years of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice," wrote Piuma. "It is a huge hug and reassurance that we're on the right path, but most importantly, it's recognition for the most conscientious, caring, and kick ass staff in the city. From the ground up, that place is just dripping with soul, really dedicated human beings who believe in curating something more than themselves, something special."



Cassie Piuma of the restaurant Sarma was nominated for a James Beard Award. — Photo by Sarm

# Dorothy's Corner

## BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner. To get into the spirit of celebration, here are a couple of suggestions to get the festivities started. Head out to The Burren in Davis Square for dinner and a show. Starting on March 13th through the 17th, there are 13 shows featuring tunes, ballads, stories and dancing. To go along with the show a traditional dinner your choice of either corned beef and cabbage or Guinness beef stew with soda bread will be available. Check out their website for additional information and a link to purchase tickets for the event, https://www.burren.com.

Just up the street in Teele Square, PJ Ryans is another great gathering place for some great Irish fare, and where the Guinness and Smithwick's Irish Ale are sure to be flowing.

Of course, there is another option,

cook at home and invite a bunch of family and friends for some corned beef, colcannon, carrots and Irish soda bread, see recipe here for the soda bread, https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/56820.

This past Sunday I prepared a sous vide (https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/79454) corned beef cooked at 140 degrees for 50 hours, sautéed carrots with butter and parsley, and a colcannon with russet mashed potatoes with kale, cabbage, green onions with plenty of cream and butter, Irish soda bread on the side all served with a Finger Lakes dry Riesling for the perfect match.

Whatever your plans, enjoy the great food, music, friends, family, beer and most of all, remember, everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Sláinte!

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





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## Thank you and goodbye from Jackie Rossetti



Today is my last day with the City of Somerville. I can't officially leave without saying thank you for making the last 13 years so memorable. By far the hardest part of leaving this job is the people I've met; you all are some of the most dedicated and talented people and I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to work with you.

I'm not going far; I've accepted a position with the City of Medford, so if you ever need anything, please look me up over there starting on 3/16!

— March 6, 2020

## **Bow Street Market Book Fair**

The Bow Street Market Book Fair took place on Sunday, March 8. Pictured here L to R: Cervena Barva Book Table, Tam Lin Neville reading at the Canopy Room, and Josh Lewin, publisher, co-owner of Juliet's restaurant in Union Square.







## SFD battle Merriam St. fire

A 2-alarm fire broke out at 69 Merriam Street. Somerville late Monday afternoon. Fire fighters arrived with heavy fire showing from a third story front porch. The fire extended to the third floor apartment and along the gutter areas. With the temperature rising, firefighters worked extensively to subdue the fire. The Cambridge Fire Department assisted at the scene while other departments occupied the stations for coverage. The occupants have been displaced. As



of this report, they are being assisted. No injuries were reported. Somerville and state fire investigators are being called in to search for the cause.

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## **MONDAY March 16**

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

## **TUESDAY March 17**

St Paddy blowout til closing with Tom Hagerty & friends

## **WEDNESDAY March 18**

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

## **THURSDAY March 19**

TinyOak presents BP Arruda & The Big Picture / blindspot / Billy Moody - \$10 door 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY March 20

Frank Drake Band 6 p.m. Savoir Faire, Lauren Pratt, JBJ - \$13.85/\$15 9 p.m.

## **SATURDAY March 21**

Dennis Brennan with Andrew Stern 6 p.m. Nicole Tammaro's post-punk II: Chuck Ferreira, Duncan W Johnson, Anthony Kaczynski - \$13.85/\$15 9 p.m.

## **SUNDAY March 22**

Swinging Steaks reunion! 5 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m.

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## **Paul Cashman** retirement party



Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Middlesex Superior Court Paul Cashman retired after 22 years of service. A retirement party was held in his honor on Friday, March 6 at Casey's in Somerville. Family, friends, colleagues and dignitaries, which included former Mayor Michael McGlynn, City Councilor Adam Knight and former Aldermen Sean O'Donovan, Kenny Joyce and Bob McWatters were in attendance. Cashman was presented with two citations from Governor Charlie Baker and Senator Salvatore DiDemenico celebrating his 22 years of distinguished public service the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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## Taking steps to protect higher-risk populations from COVID-19

Normally there is an editorial from Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone in this space, but this week the City is instead sharing important information and updates about COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other health agencies are still learning more about COVID-19 and the severity of the virus. Current information points to most COVID-19 illnesses being mild, but certain populations - including older people and people with certain health conditions and compromised immune systems - are vulnerable to developing serious COVID-19 symptoms.

#### Who is most at risk for developing serious illness?

People 50 to 60 years old or older and people of all ages who have severe underlying health conditions are at the most risk. It is especially important that people in these groups take extra precautions to protect themselves from the spread of COVID-19.

Underlying conditions currently identified as increasing the risk include, but are not limited to:

- heart, kidney, or liver disease
- lung disease
- diabetes
- chronic bronchitis
- + emphysema
- immune deficiency, or persons taking medications that suppress immune function
- high blood pressure

The risk for severe symptoms increases for people who fall into multiple categories, for example if you are over 50 and have lung disease. The risk for complications also rises with increasing age, with those over 80 being most vulnerable.

## What should higher risk populations do to prepare?

- · Make sure you have enough supplies on hand for a potential two-week quarantine including food, prescription medications, and over the counter medication to
- Take everyday precautions like frequently washing your hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer until soap and water are available, cleaning surfaces you touch frequently, avoiding close contact with sick people, and avoiding touching your face.
- Avoid crowds as much as possible and avoid unnecessary travel, especially to places with COVID-19 outbreaks.
- If there is a COVID-19 outbreak in your community, stay home as much as possible.
- · Have a plan for if you get sick. Talk to your healthcare provider about monitoring your health for symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) and, if you have a caregiver, determine who can step in if they become ill.
- Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors for help preparing, if you need it.

#### What can everyone do to protect higher risk populations?

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water, sneeze and cough into a tissue or your elbow, clean surfaces you use frequently, and take other everyday precautions to avoid spreading illnesses.
- Don't hoard medical supplies, food, or other goods people might need during quarantine.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others, especially people at higher risk.
- Check with friends, family members, and neighbors who may need help preparing.

Again, COVID-19 commonly spreads through droplets produced by coughing and sneezing, close personal contact, or touching something with the virus on it and then touching your face before washing your hands. It is therefore important that anyone who is sick stay home and that everyone avoid large crowds and crowded situations. Taking these measures can help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect those at a higher risk of developing severe illness.

The City and Somerville Public Schools will continue to post updates at www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus as more information becomes available.

## Rep. Barber Votes in favor of progressive transportation package and investments in local projects

Representative Christine P. Barneeded investments across the leagues in the House Progresber (D-34th Middlesex) voted in favor of a package to bring in new revenue to fund needed inlocal projects to improve transportation access and equity in Somerville and Medford.

The House of Representatives voted on Wednesday in favor of a bill to create new streams of revenue, totaling about \$600 million, to invest in all sectors of our transportation system, including public transit and pedestrian safety. On Thursday, the House voted to advance an \$18 billion bond bill, which will allow for

Commonwealth, including in sive Caucus, Rep. Barber en-Somerville and Medford.

to address congestion, safety and environmental concerns," said Rep. Barber. "Our transportation system is in a state of crisis. We need to make serious changes and invest in our infrastructure, fully fund the MBTA, reduce traffic, and promote walking and cycling safety in our communities."

Rep. Barber strongly advocated for large corporations to pay their fair share of the new revenue. Along with her colsured that the package closed Additionally, sales tax exemption for large businesses.

Rep. Barber, with her Somerville and Medford colleagues, also pushed for local transportation investments in her district, including the Green Line Extension Route 16 terminus, pedestrian and bike improvements along Mystic Ave., and improvements on Alewife Brook Parkway. She also worked with Rep. Donato (Medford) to secure funding

to improve the intersection at Main Street and South Street. Rep. "I'm glad that the House vot- corporate tax loopholes, in- spearheaded an amendment to vestments in our transportation ed to invest in transportation cluded a tiered tax structure improve the local infrastructure system, while also supporting this week--a necessary action for corporations and closed a development program, which would provide municipalities with tools to invest in local infrastructure. Projects like bus rapid transit, T improvements, and more could be funded under this type of program while also benefiting and creating local business districts.

Rep. Barber explained, "Transportation intersects with so many other critical issues, including housing, economic development, and equal access to opportunities. It is one of my



top priorities to advocate for equity as we continue to build a transportation system to support our communities."

Both bills now head to the Senate before reaching the Governor's desk.

— Office of State Rep. Christine Barber

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## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

## Illustrated by Jim Clark



## **Our View Of The Times**

Have a happy...and safe...St. Patrick's Day, Somerville!



It's a tradition that most of us have a lot of fun with. Whether one is of Irish lineage or not, St. Patrick's Day stands for a recognition of Irish and Irish American culture, and in many ways its resulting mix.

The religious origins of the day have, for some, been obscured and often all but forgotten in favor of the prominent displays of the color green, eating and drinking, and numerous parades. The day has

been celebrated on the North American continent since before the American Revolution, and is actually an official holiday in neighboring Suffolk County. Ask any of our Boston brethren and they would – to a single soul – be aware of this fact.

And so in Somerville, too, there are plenty of willing celebrants of diverse heritage. While it's true that there are a lot of Irish families in the city, and

its history is full with contributions by them, just about everyone likes to join in on the "wearing of the green" and all that comes with it.

Of course, many will be wearing something new this year: surgical safety masks, out of caution due to the increasing spread of the COVID-19 virus. Sadly, the big parade in South Boston has been cancelled this year out of the same con-

cerns, and numerous other events are following the same course.

As the old Irish proverb says, "May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far." So enjoy the corned beef and cabbage, the green beer, the fine Irish whiskey, and all the rest. But carefully, please.

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a variety of other common houseplants. There will be lots of time for questions. In addition, the raffle will include plenty of houseplants of many types and varieties to choose from using a free raffle ticket. If it is cold the night of the meeting, please bring a paper bag to protect your new houseplant from the cold. There will also be the usual plant roundtable. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB), 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information, please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to a former City of Somerville staffer, Nancy Ross Aylward. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to John Ciriello. We hope he has a great one. Happy birthday to the senior Jim Halloran. We hope he has a great one as well. Happy birthday to Okie O'Connell, a dedicated

City of Somerville employee. Happy

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birthday to Karen Love, of Magoun Square, a pleasant and always nice lady who greets you with a smile whenever you see her. Happy birthday to Pat Crawford, formerly of the Hudson St. area, now in NJ. We wish her a happy birthday. Happy birthday to Antonia Digirolamo, who celebrates today, we wish her the best. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Dennis Fishman who will be celebrating on Friday. We wish everyone we might have missed a very Happy Birthday.

Join the City of Somerville's Mobility Division, State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representative Mike Connolly, and City Council President and Ward 1 Councilor Matt McLaughlin for a community meeting to discuss the needs at the Kensington Connector. The Kensington Connector is the pedestrian crossing under I-93 at Mystic Avenue between the East Somerville Neighborhood and the Assembly Square neighborhood. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School cafeteria, 50 Cross St. For more information, contact Cortney Kirk at ckirk@somervillema.gov.

Join the Capuano PTA at Gracie's Ice Cream for their Ice Cream Social. Enjoy a delicious ice cream with friends and support the PTA. Gracie's will donate 20% to the Capuano PTA. The PTA will use this money for enrichment programs for the kids at the Capuano School. Don't have time to enjoy a delicious fluff cone at Gracie's? Stop by and pick up a pint to take home. Thursday, March 12, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Gracie's Ice Cream, 22 Union Sq., Somerville.

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The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) invites you to join in for a morning of pancakes, friends, raffles, and fun at the 24th Annual Duhamel Education Initiative Pancake Breakfast on March 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Each year, members of the Somerville School Committee and the Office of the Superintendent put on their aprons and cook up a feast of pancakes for supporters of the DEI. As always, the proceeds from this event will go toward funding teacher-initiated programs to promote student engagement and academic achievement in Somerville Public Schools. The breakfast will be at the First Church of Somerville, 89 College

Avenue. Ticket prices are \$10 for an adult ticket, \$9 for a senior ticket, \$5 for a child ticket, and \$25 for a family ticket. You can purchase tickets at the door or online at Eventbrite: https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/24th-annual-pancake-breakfast-tickets-96235231167?aff=ebdssbeac. At the event in partnership with the Somerville High School PTA, the Duhamel Education Initiative will also be collecting new or gently used men's and women's formal wear for students who would like to go to the Somerville High School prom but are in financial need. Items needed include dresses, accessories, suits, ties, and shoes.

AARP is taking appointments to help with income tax preparations at the Holland Street Senior Center, 167 Holland Street. Please call Josephine to schedule an appointment at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

## Somerville PD prevails at Guns & Hoses game

The Somerville Police Department the game and allowing for the eventual Hockey Team defeated the Somerville score of 5-3. Fire Department 5-3 in a well-played, hard earned victory. Leading the offense ers in the 19 years this charity game team were T. Lambert and E. O'Brien has been played. Despite that, the team both with a goal and assist. The veter- have answered the call each year reprean leadership was key in this game with senting the department and have given solid defensive play by D. Rego and a a strong effort every time. key goal by R. Lavey that broke the tie This event is a charity hockey game Desrochers, B. Pavao, and J. DiGrego-donated to Somerville Youth Hockey

This is the first win for the Blue Lin-

going into intermission 3-2. Their game between the Somerville Police Departnever trailed behind due to the strong ment and the Somerville Fire Departefforts put in by M. Capasso, E. Kim, R. ment with all proceeds raised being rio, which had the SFD pressing late in Association.

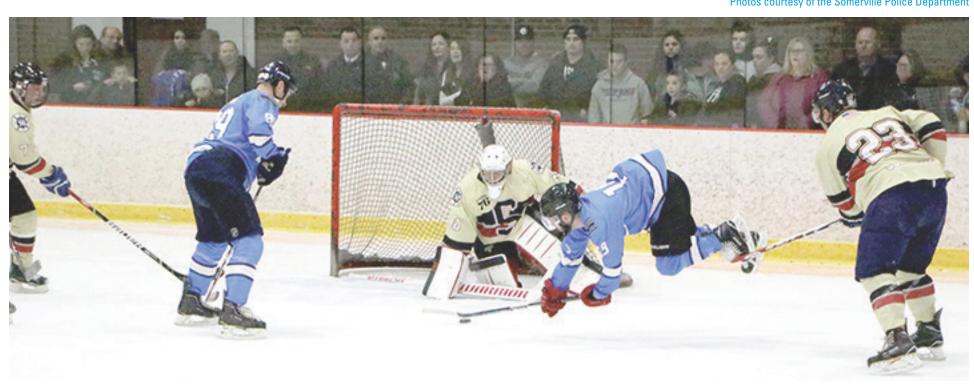












## The Somerville Times

## **Maple Syrup Boil Down 2020**

### By Jessica Sisavath

The Somerville Community Growing Center had great turn out for this year's Maple Syrup Boil Down last Saturday, March 7.

The boiling began at 7:40 a.m. before the community event started at 10:00 a.m. Five trees were tapped for the month of February from Tufts University and they received 89 gallons from the tapping.

With more than 250 attending, the Somerville community showed their support by bringing their families and participating in the activities provided by the Somerville Maple Syrup Project. There were all ages activities included testing out your taste buds with seeing if you know the difference between Aunt Jemima and Vermont Maple Syrup and learning about how tapping is done every winter and how sap is taken out with a spile, bucket, and drill.

Crafts and reading about maple syrup were also activities accompanied by helpful volunteers. The highlight of the event was seeing the steam come out of the boiler made from the Somerville High School back and taking a sip of the sap. The sap tasted like water with a sugar in it, which is the prominent ingredient that is needed to give the maple syrup its sweetness. Once the sap is boiled after a few more hours, the gallons of sap are reduced in volume.

The Maple Syrup Project once again brought an opportunity to be educated about the surrounding maple sugar trees. Paula Jordan, who is the Children, Nature, and Psych Initiative Coordinator at the Somerville Community Growing Center, shared that the educational boil also happened on Friday, March 6, inviting preschools that worked with the center's Nature Play School Playground and 30 students from the Somerville culinary school.

There more than 100 attendees were invited to increase the center's mission to promote nature equity and access, and participate in the same activities previously mentioned: learning about maple syrup, take a sip of the sap.

Jordan said, "Parents and teachers can come to the center and experience forms of play that are really good for kids emotionally, physically, and growing developing mentally." The center is working on partnerships with the preschools and culinary school to see if they Somerville Community Growing Center can be beneficial to them in an educational way.

The attendance and participation this past weekend showed that the community is supporting the Growing Center's events and mission.













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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Who organized the first observance of Saint Patrick's Day?
- 7. What does the Italian musical term adagio mean?
- 2. Who is responsible for turning the Chicago River green for St Patrick's Day?
- 8. What flavor was the first Doritos?
- 3. Muckanaghederdauhaulia is the name of what?
- 9. How many people were first arrested in the Watergate office building?
- 4. What is a bodhran?
- 10. What is the capital of Saskatchewan?
- 5. Which traditional musical instrument was adopted as a logo by Guinness?
- 11. What kind of animals are kept in an apiary?
- 6. What are known

as The Twelve Bens?

12. New York's hectic pace inspired what term?

Answers on page 23

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## The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. People photocopying their buttocks are the cause of 23% of all photocopier faults worldwide.
- 2. It is estimated that at any one time around 0.7% of the world's population is drunk.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Wing it
- 6. Salvatore, to his friends
- 9. Bigger than tsp.
- 13. Swedish money
- 14. Snoop
- 15. Hold the floor
- 16. Predict from an omen
- 17. More of the same
- 18. Cell dweller
- 19. Good \_\_\_\_\_, as in morning
- 21. Gathering of rogues and \_ sing.
- 23. What engineer and auctioneer have
- 24. Japanese vodka
- 25. Gourmet mushroom
- 28. Sheer profit
- 30. Set up a tent
- \_ schemes o' mice an' 35. "Best
- 37. Attention-getting interjection
- 39. One who looks at the stars, e.g.
- 40. Eye up and down
- 41. Train stop
- 43. Laughing on the inside
- 44. Remember this battle site!
- 46. Isaac's firstborn
- 47. Zelensky's capital 48. Fermented milk drink, pl.
- 50. Billy Joel's "\_\_\_\_ the Good Die

## Young"

- 52. Use lacrimal glands
- 53. Weakest in chess
- 55. Burmese neighbor
- 57. Please
- 61. Men's vest
- 64. Child-eating daemon, Greek mythology
- 65. Call to Bo-peep
- 67. Andretti or Lauda
- 69. Colorado ski resort
- 70. "Slippery" tree
- 71. Phantom's genre
- 72. Scotland's famous lake
- 73. Johnny's other nickname
- 74. Martha Washington post 1799, e.g.

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- 2. Keith Moon's instrument of choice
- 3. Apple's apple, e.g.
- 4. Accustom
- 5. Like infertile land
- 6. Do like volcano
- 7. Are
- 8. Swimsuit fabric
- 9. Not kosher
- 10. Island east of Java
- 11. Roofed colonnade
- 12. One of the Ivies
- 15. Murdering, slangily
- 20. Artemis' companion
- 22. Island strings
- 24. Blended family family member
- 25. Longer than a cape
- 26. Two under par
- 27. a.k.a. pilau
- 29. Fare \_\_\_\_ well 31. Horseshoe cleat

- 32. Pre-life
- 33. Shakespeare's pattern
- 34. Restroom
- 36. Actress Moore
- 38. Sound of pain
- 42. Tutu fabric
- 45. Annie or Oliver, e.g.
- 49. Sigma Alpha Epsilon 51. Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
- 54. Big name in grills
- 56. Giraffe's striped-leg cousin
- 57. Blueprint
- 58. Tear down
- 59. Mischievous sprites
- 60. Decorative neckwear, pl. 61. Doorframe part
- 62. Tea choice
- 63. Infamous Roman
- 66. Popular Renaissance Faire beverage
- 68. Like sashimi

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

## Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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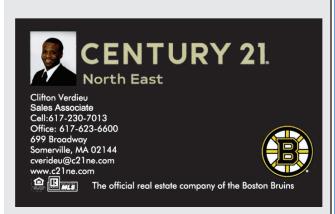
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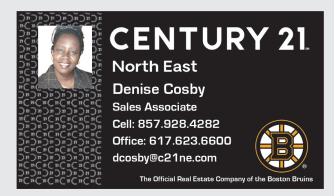
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#### Section 00.11.00 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Upgrades of Two Hydraulic Passenger Elevators in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Syska Hennessy Group, Inc..

The Project consists of: Elevator Upgrades of Two (2) Hydraulic Passenger Elevators located at Bryant Manor (667-4), 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville, MA, DHCD Project #274129, in accordance with the Project Documents and Specifications prepared by Syska Hennessy Group, Inc. Vertical Transportation, 10 Post Office Square, Boston, MA. Electrical and HVAC Specifications and Drawings prepared by Garcia. Galuska. DeSousa, Consulting Engineers, Inc.

The work is estimated to cost \$509,000.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com . Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Elevators, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update

General Bids will be received until 12:00 PM on Friday, 27 March 2020

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until on and publicly opened online, forthwith.

#### **SUBTRADES**

NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

#### ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), non- refundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4%of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (David.McClave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 OR 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more - NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Friday, 6 March 2020 at 10:00 AM

Address: Bryant Manor, 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)**

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:40 p.m. at the Director's Office, Central Library, Director's Office, Central Library, 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, in the 3rd Floor Community Room to hold public meetings/hearings 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.

**DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS** (PUBLIC HEARING)

HPC.ALT 2020.03 - 204 Morrison Avenue

Applicant: Ronald Dynneson Owner: same as owner Install 35" x 35" sign on front of structure

HPC.ALT 2020-05 - 56 Vinal Avenue

Applicant: Andrew Brandt Owners: Jocelyn & Jodie Siegel Replace 3 stories of open front porches

**DETERMINATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS**)

#### HPC.DMO 2020.06 - 63 Franklin Street

Applicant: North America Development, LLC c/o Jason Santana Owner: 63 Franklin St., LLC Demolish principal and accessory structures.

HPC.DMO 2020.07 - 26 Hawthorne Street

Applicant: Thomas W. Matthews Owner: same as applicant Demolish principal structure.

DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE **DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)** (PUBLIC HEARING)

#### HPC.DMO 2020-01 - 19 Woodbine Street

Applicant: Edwin J. Smith (personal representative of the estate of Agnes M. Cameron)

## HPC.DMO 2020-02 - 118-120 Prospect Street

Applicant: Eaglebrook Capital Owner: Stuart Financial Corporation

All applications summarized above are available to the public on the third floor of City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue (Monday - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.). A 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 call (617) 625-6600 x2500 to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing, via e-mail to historic@somervillema.gov, or by mail addressed to the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Division, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. All comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.

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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 will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA to consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

54 Dane Street -Applicant and Owners, Ronald and Emily Axelrod, under §5.3.8 of the SZO, seek

revisions to a previously-granted special

permit, RB, Ward 2.

Applicant and Owner, Somerbridge Hotel, LLC, under §5.3 of the SZO, seek an extension to previously-granted variances and special

permits. IA. Ward 2.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at https://www.somervillema.gov/ departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions or in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

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#### City of Somerville PLANNING BOARD

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thurs**day, March 26, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA to consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

74 Middlesex Ave &

845 McGrath Hwy - (PB2017-27-EXT1) Applicant and Owner, 845 Riverview LLC., c/o McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP, seeks a time extension to a Planned Unit Development - Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved on April 5, 2018, to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development in two buildings, with relief granted for an increase in building height to 147' to allow for 180 hotel rooms, an increase in building height to 235' to allow for 215 residential units, 9,472 square feet of ground floor restaurant/retail space, and parking relief to provide 293 structured parking spaces. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). Ward 1.

74 Middlesex Ave &

845 McGrath Hwy -

(PB2018-09-EXT1) Applicant and Owner, 845 Riverview LLC., c/o McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP, seeks a time extension to a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, approved on May 15, 2018, to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development on 0.85 acres under an approved PUD-PMP to create 368,030 square feet in two buildings, one of 147' high, containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other 235' high containing up to 215 residential units, supported by 9,472 square feet of ground floor restaurant/retail space, and 293 structured parking spaces. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). Ward 1.

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from paving Contractors for the Housing Type: Family 200-2 Development at #10-20 Memorial Rd. Somerville, MA. SHA Job # 2011

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Bids are subject to prevailing wage rates, M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, §26 to 27H inclusive. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 26th, 2020 at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Rear Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount and made payable to the SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available electronically by contacting Manny St. Louis at mannys@sha-web.org 617-625-1152 Ext. 330 or for pickup at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. 02145

There will be a pre-bid walkthrough on Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 at precisely 10:00 a.m. at #10-20 Memorial Rd. Somerville, MA. Attendance is strongly recommended.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REBID IFB#20-48 Fire Alarm Repairs and Maintenance**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

#### **REBID FY20 Fire Alarm Repairs and Maintenance**

An Invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/ bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 03/11/2020.

Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 03/25/2020 at 2.00PM. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The estimated contract term shall be for from 04/01/2020 through 03/31/2021 with 2 one year options to renew.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar, pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for further information.

> Prajkta Waditwar **Construction Procurement Manager** 617-625-6600 X 3407

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**Legal Notice of Public Hearing** 

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing for all interested parties on  $\underline{\text{Wednesday, March 25, 2020}}$  at  $\underline{\text{7:00pm}}$  in the cafeteria at the Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02144. Pizza and children's coloring activities will be available

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending \$2 million in Community Preservation Act funding. The draft FY21 Community Preservation Plan and other information about the Community Preservation Act in Somerville are available at www. somervillema.gov/cpa. A workshop for individuals and organizations interested in proposing a CPA funded project on City land or proposing a project for a feasibility study will be offered before the hearing from 6:30-7:00pm.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearing and by submitting written comments by Wednesday, April 10th by email to jtumusiime@somervillema. gov or by mail to Judith Tumusiime, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

**Attest: Jane Carbone, Chair** 

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## City accepting community feedback for streetscape improvements in Spring Hill

Infrastructure upgrades are in design for portions of Highland Ave., Summer St., Central St., and School St. Streetscape improvements are planned for Somerville's Spring Hill neighborhood as part of the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project. Construction is expected to begin in 2021, but the City is now accepting community feedback to inform design. The Spring Hill Sewer Separation project will separate stormwater flow from the existing combined sewers to mitigate flooding and reduce waterway pollution, install green stormwater infrastructure, enhance the tree canopy, and improve street design to better serve pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists. Streetscape improvements will be installed toward the end of the project, after underground utility upgrades have been completed.

During this preliminary design phase, the City is accepting feedback about corridors in Phase 1 of the project, which includes the following:

Highland Ave. (Central St. to McGrath Hwy); Summer St. (Belmont St. to Bow St.); Central St. (Highland Ave. to Somerville Ave.); School St. (Highland Ave. to Somerville Ave.)

To share your thoughts about these roadways, complete this brief survey by March 20, 2020. For more information, visit the project website or call the Engineering Division at (617) 625-6600 ext. 5400.

## Jason James joins the celebration of Elvis

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II: I consider Los Angeles my home, but I work so much in Memphis. I have a house there between Stax Records and Sun Studio. For a long time, I played seven nights a week at Jerry Lee Lewis' Café & Honky Tonk on Beale Street. I was there at the grand opening. I used to start at three in the afternoon and go until three in the morning. 100-degree weather and the whole bit. I would get tourists from all over the world. I always called it "a tour bus without wheels." I had a fan base from all over the world. We played Elvis, Johnny Cash, and, of course, Jerry Lee Lewis because it was his club. We opened up for Jerry Lee Lewis every New Year's Eve. I've known him for 15 years. His band has been my band in Memphis. Little Richard's band was my backup band when I was on the West Coast. All those guys have great stories.

TST: Did family or friends introduce you to artists like Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash or did you discover them on your own? JJ: I discovered them on my own through movies or pictures in magazines. I remember the first time I saw James Brown in Rolling Stone and immediately thinking, "Who is that?" Then I'm down in the record store in the soul section and there's Eddie Floyd, Wilson Pickett, and on and on and on. And

had to listen and figure it out. TST: How did you first learn about Elvis?

when you're self-taught, you really

JJ: From being in a record store. Not hearing his music, just seeing that picture of him on the motorcycle on the cover of The Rocker. I just bought it right then. I knew that it was something. I thought he looked so damn cool.

TST: Do you have a personal fa-

vorite song of his?

JJ: That's a tough one. Maybe the song Hurt. That's what comes to mind right now. He recorded that in The Jungle Room. He came in from upstairs and recorded it on the first take. It's pretty wild. The band didn't even know what he was going to play.

TST: Whom will you be playing with at the Once Upon a Time in Graceland show?

JJ: I've got a great surf band from Massachusetts called Tsunami of Sound. I did some shows with them about 10 years ago and got to know them. They're into the whole '60s rock 'n' roll thing, which I'm very into. They're going to be doing some Elvis stuff for the show, too.

Once Upon a Time in Graceland. Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 p.m. ONCE Lounge, 156 Highland Ave. \$15 in advance/\$18 day of show.

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argued the funding reflects immediate deficiencies to crucial programs that our constituents rely on every day.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Programs such as these are a great first step in addressing the problem we hear about all too often. By investing in programs to prevent dating violence, we are giving our children the tools and knowledge to have happy, healthy relationships." — Sen. Adam Hinds (D-Pittsfield) on the Baker administration's \$1 million in grant funding to five Bay State organizations working to promote healthy relationships among youth ages 12-18.

"Our administration is pleased to continue empowering and supporting women-owned businesses and minority-owned businesses throughout Massachusetts. By increasing the goals for participation by women and minority businesses in state contracts, reducing burdens and costs on smaller contractors and expanding access to more public projects, we can promote increased participation and greater inclusion for all businesses." — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito on Gov. Baker's filing of An Act to Expand Opportunities for Minority and Women Business En-

terprises in Public Construction Projects.

"Treatment for substance use disorder and access to therapy are vital to public health but too many people are facing unlawful barriers to the care they need. These companies are making substantial and unprecedented changes to help ensure patients don't have to struggle to find behavioral health services in Massachusetts." — Attorney General Maura Healey on her office's agreements with five health insurance companies and two companies that manage behavioral health coverage for insurers that will provide more than one million Massachusetts residents with improved access to behavioral health services.

## 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 March 2-6, the House met for a total of 19 hours and 39 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 24 minutes.

House 11:03 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Mon. March 2 Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Tues. March 3 No House session No Senate session Wed. March 4 House 11:58 a.m. to 8:29 p.m. No Senate session House 12:04 p.m. to 10:55 p.m. Thurs. March 5 Senate 11:19 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fri. March 6 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## • • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday | March 11

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland

**East Branch Library** Preschool Storytime

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

**Central Library** 

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

#### Thursday | March 12

**Central Library** 

Dream Tale Puppets Rehearsal 9 a.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

#### Friday | March 13

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** 

Teen Empowerment Library Leaders meeting

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

**Central Library** 

Teen Empowerment Escape Room Debrief

4 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday | March 16

**Central Library** 

Sing Along with Fred! 10:30 a.m – 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

#### Tuesday | March 17

**Somerville Community Baptist** 

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

**Central Library** Girls Who Code

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

## Wednesday | March 18

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland

**East Branch Library** 

Puppet Story Time! 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

## MUSIC ARTS

Wednesday | March 11

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. Back Room: Adam Sherman Band, The Amplifier Heads | 7 p.m. Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grateful Dead

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

The Murder Capital 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club Comedic Open Mic at The Jungle

7 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct **Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Arts at the Armory

Been Out Here: Teen Open Mic 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Thursday | March 12

Sally O'Brien's

TinyOak presents Eagle in the Attic, Rolling Nectar, Honest Bob & The

\$5 door /8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Keith Harkin (Of Celtic Thunder) w/ Special Guest, Joey Harkum | 7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Flm 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 The Cotones with special guests Groundlift, Hand Made House, and Maddy Roop

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

Post Animal

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Junale Community Music Club Zenobia Del Mar "Reckless with The Truth" Album Release 9 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Lean Brighter 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

**Pub Sing** 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

## Friday | March 13

Sally O'Brien's

Bob Bradshaw | 6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Charles Delta & the Soon-To-Haves |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom | Special St. Patrick's Variety Dinner Show|7 p.m. Fightin Friday | 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville Kenny O'Brien & The O'Douls 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Jen Kearney 2nd Fridays | 10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

We Are Hydrogen - A Tribute to the Music of Phish 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Jungle Community Music Club

The Haymakers, The Search Party, Lady in the Radiator, Side Fry 8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream|7 p.m. Good Luck Comedy 9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

**CAC Band Performance** 6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

## Saturday | March 14

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. This Bliss, Coo & Howl, Graneros \$13.85/\$15 | 9 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Back Room: Special St. Patrick's Variety Dinner Show 5 p.m./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

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

Bern Baby Bern Disco Dance Fundraiser for Bernie Sanders 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Oracle 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club Off Axis / Buster / El Terco / Hand-

7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Irish Session 2 p.m.|Cafe

Laughing Liberally Boston 6:30 p.m.|Café| 191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre** Boston Harmony Sweeps Regional

### 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq Sunday | March 15

Sally O'Brien's Bar Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and

guests 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends 6 p.m., Los Goutos 9 p.m. Backroom: Special St. Patrick's Variety

**Dinner Show** 11 a.m./1 p.m./3 p.m. 5 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

Sundown Session 6-8 p.m. Dub Apocalypse|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**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** Closed For A Private Party

379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Haus of Delicious presents: Night Flowers at ONCE Lounge 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club Mace Windu / Proud Elk / Disco Volante / Lewd

8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Americana Picnic: Hollow Turtle with

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Urbanity Dance Adult Winter Show-

8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Boston Comedy Festival's St. Paddy's Day Spectacular 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Monday | March 16 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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

The Burren

Run, Helena Delaney & Friends 9:30 p.m.

Back Room:

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave. **Once Somerville** 

Mutual Admiration Society: Buckets, Tgonz pres by Jill McCracken 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club The Human Variety Hour at The Jungle |6 p.m.

We Are Space Horses / Gersten / Ghost Grl at The Jungle 8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango Boston 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | March 17

Sally O'Brien's Bar St Paddy blowout til closing with Tom Hagerty & friends 5 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-

The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers|8:30 p.m. Backroom|Special St. Patrick's Day Variety Dinner Show Six Shows:9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 7pm . 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Ghetto People Band** 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

Somerville!

8200 **Thunder Road** Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square,

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

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

Child Abuse 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club West of Neptune/Life After Parties/ Drug Blood Live At The Jungle

**Aeronaut Brewing Co** Irish Music & INDIE TRIVIA: St. Paddy's Special!

7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry

7 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 18 Sally O'Brien's Bar free poker, lots of prizes!

The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Back Room: Karen Casey Band 7 p.m. Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's Pub

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Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grate-

ful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Thunder Road** 

**Once Somerville** Ilana Glazer 6 p.m. 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club

6 Sanborn Ct

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

That One Eyed Kid 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Somerville Theatre** Ionathan Richman 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | March 11

**Central Library** 

Red Cross CPR Class 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** P2P Technologies: A Series 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | March 12

Ciampa Manor Learn English with the Library!

Somerville Entrepreneur Network

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|27 College Avenue **Central Library** 

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 | March 14

**Central Library** Free Citizenship Class 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 p.m.- 2 p.m.|Performance

Arts at the Armory

Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday | March 15

**Central Library** Crash Test Picture Book Critique

Holland St

3p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory Vegan Market 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.| Performance Hall

Pauline Lim Solo Exhibition

4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday | March 16

**Central Library** Creative Drama Workshop with

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

**East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

Arts at the Armory

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway Central Library Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

CJP: Conversations for Action

Tuesday | March 17

**Central Library** 

**Central Library** Drop In Knitting and Needlecraft 11 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Somerville Media Center

How to Navigate Your Smartphone 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.| 90 Union Square Wednesday | March 18

Arts at the Armory Spanish/English Mixer

5 p.m.|Café|191 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.

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.

**Senior Tax Preparation** – AARP is taking appointments to help with income tax preparations at our Holland Street Center. Appointments are 1 hour starting at 9:00 a.m. with the last one being at 1:00 p.m. Please call Josephine to schedule an appointment at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Living YOUR Best Life – starting Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. This course runs until April 14. Enroll in the Living YOUR Best Life course and learn how to become stronger and more resilient. Contact Ashley at 617-6256600, ext. 2318 to enroll. Lunch will be served.

Boston Flower & Garden Show – Wednesday, March 11 at the Seaport World Trade Center.\$16 per person due at time of reservation.Limited tickets available. Pick up time at Holland Street at 10:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 1:30 p.m. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Monday, March 16 at Dilboy Post located at 351 Summer Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12 Limited seating and transportation. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movie & Lunch – Tuesday, March 24 – Join us for a showing of Bohemian Rhapsody at the Somerville Theatre for only \$1 payable to the theatre. Theatre open at 11:30 a.m. movie showing is at 12:00 p.m. Then we will be having lunch at The Foundry with you choice of chicken, fish, or pasta meal for \$15 per person payable at time of reservation. RSVP a must. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino - Monday, March 30 - \$25 includes transportation and a yet to be determined package. Check in time 7:00 a.m. at Ralph and Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun – Tuesday, April 21 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon and \$10 free bet. Check in time at Ralph & Jenny at 8:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

LBT Women Fit-4-Life – at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - Fitness class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & 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 SCHEDULE**

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

## Monday:

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

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus

Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C)

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

## Tuesday:

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

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

## Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H)

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

## Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H)

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

Nutrition Class - 3:00 p.m. (H)

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

## Fridays:

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

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

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

## HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Singing with George Landers** – Meets every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Our volunteer, George Landers, facilitates this group. Singing is good for the soul so please join us. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or just 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. For info 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.

Computer Time – Meets every Tuesday starting on January 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Need to learn how to use a computer? Want to set up social media accounts? Learn Microsoft Word? Or just have free computer time. Call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for additional information.

## Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

# STA paras and supporters show their Red in Davis Square

On Saturday, March 7 between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m., members of the Somerville Teachers Association and their supporters gained more support by accepting signatures from people who entered and exited MBTA stations along with many pedestrians in the Davis Square area. They also canvassed surrounding streets for support for the upcoming contract. There was strong support among people who stopped to talk and listen. People from outside of the state – Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Michigan – who are educators and visiting our area said they would return home and spread the word.











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## SMC HONORS 2020 Event Postponed



## Somerville Media Center cites COVID 19 concerns for decision

After careful deliberation at the Somerville Media Center meeting of t the board of directors, the decision was reached that the Somerville Media Center's 2020 Honors Gala, scheduled for April 16, at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, has been postponed to a yet to be determined future date.

This decision was reached out of concerns for the health and safety of the general public and SMC's members and staff in light of the uncertainty surrounding the spread of the COVID 19 virus.

SMC sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but we look forward to hosting our Honors event when the levels of uncertainty surrounding the health and safety of the general public subside.

To those sponsors and attendees that have contributed toward or purchased tickets for the event, SMC is truly grateful for your support. And we intend to reach out directly to you with regard to refund and rescheduling options.

All our best. Please stay safe and stay informed.

Brian Zipp Joe Lynch
Executive Director SMC Boar

SMC Board President

## **Somerville Family Census Fair**

Somerville families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of family fun as the City of Somerville kicks off the 2020 Census on Saturday, March 14, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.



The afternoon includes free food and games, craft making activities, and more, as well as support in completing the

census online. The event takes place at the Argenziano School, located at 290 Washington St. The Census determines funding for schools, healthcare, transportation, infrastructure, multilingual programs, senior programming, food security, fire and public safety, and more.

When you count, you help ensure our community gets the resources it needs to support all our families. The Census process is easy and safe. Between March 12-20, Somerville residents will receive an invitation to complete the Census. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Fill out the Census when you receive the invitation to prevent any follow-up calls or visits, or join the fun at the Family Census Fair to connect with friends and complete the Census.

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12:00am	Free Speech TV	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	5:00am	Free Speech TV
6:00am	NASA TV	4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360	6:00am	NASA TV
7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live	7:00am	Somerville Storytellers
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie	7:30am	Going Postal
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	#AFAD	12:00pm	Somerville Storytellers	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Global 3000	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	9:00am	Science 360
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View	2:00pm	Reeling Review	10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony	3:00pm M	A House of Representatives Formal Session	11:00am	Our View
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	Tele Kreyol	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	10:30pm	The World Fusion Show	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	SOM ARTS
11:30am	From My Heart to Yours	11:00pm	VOX POP Comedy Night	5:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:30pm	Somerville Storytellers
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7:30pm	Sidewalks Entertainment	11:30am	Cambridge Calendar	1:30am	NASA TV	12:00am	Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	NASA TV	6:00am	NASA TV
8:30pm	DW Euromaxx	1:00pm	Community Benefits Agreement	3:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00am	NASA TV
9:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits	6:00am	Bate Papo com Shirley	8:00am	Democracy Now!
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## Saturday, March 14

12:00am Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's 1:00am SomerViva em Português - March 2020 2:00am Faith In a City: Faith & Community 2:30am 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies 7:00am 9:00am Derechos de Inquilinos City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

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## Sunday, March 15

12:00am SomerViva em Português - March 2020 12:30am Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20 7:30am Fit-4-Life #3 8:00am Faith In a City: Faith & Community SPD Ride Along 8:45am 9:00am Senator Ed Markey's Town Hall at SHS 11:30am SomerViva em Português - March 2020 12:00pm City Council Meeting - 3.12.20 3:30pm SomerViva en Espanõl - Public Charge 6:00pm The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley 7:00pm Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville" 7:30pm Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 8:00pm 8:31pm City Council Meeting - 3.12.20

## Monday, March 16

12:00am Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20 City Council Meeting - 3.12.20 1:00am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 7:00am 7:30am Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019 8:45am SPD Ride Along SomerViva em Português - March 2020

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Tuesday, March 17 12:00am 1:30am 2:45am 3:00am 7:00am Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion 8:00am

9:00am 11:30am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 12:00pm 1:00pm 3:00pm 6:00pm Land Use-Joint Public Hearing - 3.17.20 11:00pm SomerViva em Português - March 2020

Wednesday, March 18

SomerViva en Espanõl - Public Charge 12:00am 12:30am Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 1:00am 1:31am Faith In a City: Fire & Roses SomerViva en Espanõl - Public Charge

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Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2019

Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting

Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2019

The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley

School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20

Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting

Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting

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Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20

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Derechos de Inquilinos

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## Educational TV 15 Schedule

#### 8:00am SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op 9:30am SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class. 11:00am SHS Hockey vs Lowell 12:30pm SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep 2:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 4:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert 5:00pm Our Schools, Our City 6:00pm SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op 7:30pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class. 9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep 10:30pm Thursday, March 12 12:00am El Sistema Spring Concert 1:00am SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington 8:00am 9:30am SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica 11:00am SHS Hockey vs Lowell 12:30pm Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC Student of the Qtr. Awards - Healey School 2:00pm 2:30pm SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy 4:00pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School 5:30pm

SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington

SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica

Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC

SHS Hockey vs Lowell

#### Friday, March 13 12:00am

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SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading El Sistema Spring Concert 2:00am Public Domain Theater SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical 9:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts 11:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 1:00pm 2:30pm SHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg. 4:00pm SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy 6:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical 7:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett 10:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert 10:35pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott

#### Saturday, March 14 12:00am

El Sistema Spring Concert SHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg. SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy Public Domain Theater SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep SHS Hockey vs Lowell El Sistema Spring Concert SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington

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#### Sunday, March 15 12:00am

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SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep

#### 11:00pm Monday, March 16

12:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington 1:35am 3:00am Public Domain Theater SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical 7:00am 8:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere 10:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts

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#### Tuesday, March 17 12:00am

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#### 10:30pm Wednesday, March 18

12:00am 1:35am

SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin El Sistema Spring Concert

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Koby Hirschaut is a 19-year-old sophomore English major at Endicott College. He is from Peabody Massachusetts originally. He has held an interest in writing poems since high school and his greatest poetic influence is Pablo Neruda. This poem is in the style of a "Pantoum."



#### "Pantoum(?)"

I am why you hate checking your phone. Snapping neck, darting eyes, "I heard something" I find my peace, away from your senses. I no longer have fun with pretty things.

Snapping neck, darting eyes, "I heard something" Did you ever notice I was gone? I no longer have fun with pretty things. What peculiar hopes may arise.

Did you ever notice I was gone? I find my peace, away from your senses. What peculiar hopes may arise. I am why you hate checking your phone.

— Koby Hirschaut

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# Ms. Cam's

- The Charitable Irish Society of Boston, 1737
- 2. The Butler and Rowan family clans have done it for 50 years
- 3. A townland in County Galway, Ireland
- A shallow handheld Irish drum
- 5. Harp

- 6. Mountains in Connemara, County Galway, Ire-
- 7. Slow tempo
- 8. Toasted corn
- 9. Five
- 10. Regina
- 11. Bees
- 12. New York minute

by Doug Holder

## 'Before the Big Bang Makes a Sound'

## by Carolynn Kingyens

Before the Big Bang Makes a Sound by Carolynn Kingyens. Kelsay Books, 2020.

Review by Off the Shelf correspondent Ed Meek

Although we have all recently been made aware of the growing disparity between the rich and everyone else and the heretofore unremarked class-system we've all been toiling in for years, (see Parasite) there has also come to light of late a number of works that remind us of our common struggles. Big Little Lies, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Marriage, Sanditon, The Slave Play, etc. Carolynn Kingyens debut book of poems, Before the Big Bang Makes a Sound, explores the world from the point of view of a married, middle-class mother of two who, like many of us, encounters illness, questions faith, is concerned with gender roles and sexism and the way class plays into these issues.

Don't let the title fool you into thinking these are poems about Stephen Hawking's universe. The title comes from a poem called High Anxiety. Who among us isn't anxious today? If you live in a city you are probably not too far away from a "dive bar, / an F-bomb away / from spontaneous / combustion... where "a thumb hovers / over an invisible trigger, / before the big bang / makes a sound." There are a number of good poems like this one that examine how class struggle overlaps with sexism.

Kingyens grew up one of seven children in North Philadelphia and even though she now lives in Manhattan and drives an Audi Q5, she has not moved too far from her working-class roots. In No one is Immune,

...a house built on shot glasses, pill bottles and ash trays will age a body strangely broken biology, Freakonomics, the way a fresh face can turn into a catch-all mitt, weathered before its time; the way a delicate voice can turn into the bark of a seal, while the body, from the neck down, remains preserved much longer.

She's describing the people outside the mainstream, left behind by neo-liberalism. No one is immune to aging yet it is women who feel the effects most in a culture that puts a premium on female youth and appearance. In Break the Mirror in Your Youth she says:

The beauty of babes Is currency. But beauty has less of a shelf life than vegetable oil or MSG...

Today, a stale cookie

shaped like a deformed pilgrim collar tells me:

Break the mirror In your youth.

Kingyens combines the everyday materials and objects of our lives in economic and surprising ways. The fortune in the cookie was probably referring to luck but Kingyens turns the meaning to critique our selfie culture and its obsession with female beauty.

In Small as a Mouse she writes about the tendency of women to always be apologizing. In The Weight of Words she finds a compelling intersection, reminiscent of the TV show Girls, between the way we use language and how young women find themselves compromising in ways they would not have expected.

Now imagine a naïve girl who hasn't learned respect for the weighty word never, who uses it too loosely when speaking Like I'll never do that to only do precisely that and more.

Growing up Catholic imprints us with some indelible images and habits even if we no longer practice. In Bathroom Crucifix Kingyens remembers

The first time I touched a crucifix I was five years old in my grandmother's powder blue bathroom unaware of suffering and sacrifice; unaware of the million and one ways a sinner could torture a saint and get away with it.

Readers will also identify with Kingyens when in her first poem Autoimmune she talks about slowly becoming aware that there was something wrong with her.

Some diseases take time to manifest, turning your body against your body slowly; cellular changes so subtle they are imperceptible for decades...

In this and many other poems in Before the Big Bang Makes a Sound, Carolynn Kingyens gives us much to think about and consider. She draws back the curtain hiding what we don't always see in poems that express our common vulnerability and humanity. Hers is a new voice worth listening to.



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