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A sign of the times. Social distancing is the new norm.

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— Photo by Doug Holder

ing the advance of the deadly illness has taken shape as the city's leadership steps up and issues its calls to action.

It has been an almost daily drama, with updated directives and advisories overtaking those issued in some cases only hours earlier.

On Friday of last week, Mayor Joseph Curtatone issued the following statement:

"The news regarding the COVID-19 has been developing rapidly. I wanted to take this moment to personally update you on Somerville's actions to curtail the spread of the virus."

"The disease officially has been classified as a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. It's important that we all take this public health emergency Continued on page 4

Fun rainy day tips for families

On rainy days, it can be tempting to hand children devices and let them fall down a YouTube rabbit hole. After all, there can be a lot of hours to fill when the weather isn't cooperating with your weekend plans.

There are better ways to spend those rainy days. With a little creativity, rainy days can be opportunities for fun and educational play.

Consider these great ideas from The Genius of Play, an initiative with a mission of raising awareness about the importance of play in order to help parents make it a critical part of raising kids.

+ Get messy: Just because you're indoors, doesn't mean there isn't an opportunity for kids to satisfy their primal urge to get their hands dirty. Not only do kids love playing with sen-



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sory textures such as paints, slime, sand, play dirt and foam, doing so helps improve fine motor skills. The good news? Many such items are now designed to reduce messiness, stickiness and clean up hassles.

+ Play games: Break out some classic board games like checkers and Continued on page 5

Being stuck indoors does not have to be a gloomy situation for families who exercise a little imagination and make an effort for having fun.

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We here at *The Times* hope that everyone out there is staying safe and following the **social distancing guidelines** to keep this coronavirus threat at the lowest level possible. Please check in on your neighbors and help anyone that might not be able to get out and go to the store.

Everyone should also remember to to **support our local businesses** in any way they can. Even though restaurants closed and most are only available for takeout, you are encouraged to buy gift cards at the restaurants and small businesses for future use.

In response to concerns about COVID-19, the City of Somerville has cancelled all permitted public events which are projected to have 50 or more attendees in one location. In accordance to these guidelines, this Saturday's Somerville Winter Farmers Market is cancelled. They will be in touch as soon as possible to let you know about the status of the markets that have been scheduled for the remainder of the season. Some vendors can offer home delivery. Other vendors can point you in the direction of alternate pick up locations. Some vendors will be selling at other farmers markets that plan to remain open this weekend. Find updated info on their vendor page and social media.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: A big happy birthday to Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne. We hope she had a great birthday for herself with her family. Happy birthday to former alderman and great guy, Jack Connolly of Wedgwood-Crane & Connolly Insurance in Davis Sq. We hope he has a great birthday. We wish a Happy birthday to Hernan Mosquera Sr., Maria Parziale Pacheco, Sally Colman, Michael Sullivan, Neil Gillis Sr., Shirley Benoit McMenimen, Carla Hunter Gates, Michael Cirrone, Joe Bossi, Linda Sirignano and Alexander Levering Kern, who are all celebrating this week. To all the others we may have missed and, yes, we must admit there are a few more out there, *Continued on page 11*

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 18 – March 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
¢-	Wednesday March 18	Sunny	52°/37°	0%	41%	WNW 8 mph
	Thursday March 19	Rain	46°/41°	78%	77%	E 14 mph
	Friday March 20	Rain	70°/42°	43%	73%	SSW 18 mph
Ť	Saturday March 21	Partly Cloudy	46°/24°	11%	40%	NW 17 mph
K	Sunday March 22	Sunny	41°/27°	0%	29%	NW 11 mph
Ť	Monday March 23	Partly Cloudy	48°/36°	19%	37%	S 11 mph
	Tuesday March 24	Rain	54°/41°	41%	57%	N 9 mph

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Kristen Strezo to step in as Councilor At-Large

Kevin says:

Losing Stephanie is a hit to the city. Before becoming a councilor she had spent years working within the community to advance all sorts of things of benefit to residents – dealing with the minutia of everyday life here for residents / parents. She has an eye for detail and an awareness that neighborhood issues matter. I think she was viewed with some suspicion by the slate Our Revolution put on the council, as they viewed the job as more a springboard for national issues / response to trump, with local issues being more a matter of calling 311 & not worth their time, or even running contrary to their platform. I'm sure they'll be glad to have Stephanie out, and Kristen (one of their own) in.

While I don't doubt Kristen's sincerity, I think she has a huge amount of catching up to do. Buzzwords like "affordable", "green", "transit", etc.. check off the prerequisite Somerville boxes nowadays, but they represent only a sliver of what we actually need our councilors to focus on.

Anyway, welcome to the council, Kristen. Here's to your following in Stephanie's footsteps.

Rachel Klein says:

Kristen will do just fine. She's smart, sincere, and highly driven to serve the city's resident's best interests. Her community service cred is just as viable as Stephanie's. As for being a product of Our Revolution, I'm not so sure about that. She was not among those endorsed by them in the latest election. I think the previous commentor's conservative agenda is showing. So congratulations Kristen! I know you'll do a great job.



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Alicia Mallory Byrd says:

Kristen has been active in Somerville for years. She is/was a member and chair of the Somerville Commission for Women before Our Revolution was even a thing. Affordable housing, a greener city and accessable transit are all also goals for Somerville which predate Our Revolution.

Response to: Councilor Stephanie Hirsch annouces she will be leaving Somerville

Jimmy says:

Thank you Stephanie and good luck with your family. We will miss you. You are one of the few sincere and dedicated politicians we have in this city. Hopefully you will return soon and run for mayor. Our prayers and best wishes are with you. Jimmy

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Life in the **Willer** by Jimmy Del Ponte

Can't go there anymore



When you ask Somerville's social network a question they really come through. You didn't think I remembered all that stuff from the old days by my-

self? Actually, I do remember quite a lot, some I can't print, but I need some help occasionally.

Since the response to my list of old Somerville nicknames went over so well, I figure what the hell, let's do old restaurants. So here they are, ladies and gentlemen, some more places we cannot go to anymore. Some were actually in sur-



rounding cities but very much frequented by Somerville folks. Again, these are from readers, and I admit I hadn't heard of some of them.

BoBo's, Ming Toy, Frascatis, La Haciaenda, The Paddock, The Railside, Speedy Pizza, Bella Meo Sub Shop, Di-Tucci's Sub Shop, Deli-Liscious, The Fellsway East Restaurant, Lambro's Roast Beef, White Tower, Harold's Luncheonette, and Ross's Subs at McKInnons.

The Venice, Pine Tree Diner, Kemp's Hamburgers, Jack in the Box, Dragon Villa, Yee's Village, Bickford's, Candolino's /Continental, Kerry's, Kay and Chip's, Dolly's, Ocean Reef, Virgie's, Lil Vinny's, Frenchie's, Victor's, Lucy's, and The Woodbridge.

The Averof, Brigham's, Friendly's, Steve's Ice Cream, Louie's, Memory Lane, Dapper Dan's, Igo's, Stephen James House, The Homestead, The Highland, J and S Food Store, Carrolls Diner, The Golden Egg, HoJo's, Arthur Treachers, Pescatores, Napoli Pizza, The Genoa, and Primo's.

Sunny's Deli, The Waldorf, Nate's, Sir Franco, Fantasia, Aku Aku, Gia's, Cuckoo's Nest, The Broken Yoke, The Coronet, Golden Light, The Egg and I, Sal's, Villa Capri, Peppe Becca, The Fryers, Worldly Wings, KFC, Kevin's Korner, Nan's Sub Shop, Someday Cafe, The Supreme Deli, La Piñata, The Bull Pen,



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Gia's, Amelia's Kitchen, East Star Cafe, Johnny D's, F &T Diner, Christo's, Ball Square Fish Market (Frankie's) and The Gas Light.

I loved Todi's in Ball Square, which featured his mother's meatballs and spaghetti sauce. The Todi's sign is still there. I'm sure there are a few more old restaurants that we couldn't remember.

The most mentioned restaurants were The Venice, Virgies, The Continental, The Paddock, Dapper Dans, La Hacienda and Kay and Chips. If you wanted to skip lunch and have candy, you could go to Loud's Candy Shop across from Powder House Park. They made the candy right there. White and dark chocolate, and barley pops and molasses candy ... yum!

Just for fun, Paul H remembered this: Golden Light, 666-9822, # 18.

If you're anything like me, you will be filled with memories as you read through the lost restaurants list. I had a few real good laughs as some crazy flashbacks dawned on me. Be safe.





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Metro Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR) PSnet Executive Committee Meeting

A remote public meeting of a regional group with participants and topics of discussion that relate to the metro Boston region will take place on Wednesday, March 18, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

To take part, go to meet.google.com/ukg-uuewnef or join by phone at +1 413-685-2823 PIN: 528 253 102#



A message from Somerville Public School District

Dear Somerville Public Schools Families and Staff,

As we continue to prepare for the next two weeks, we want to make sure that our families are aware of important resources and updates. In the weeks to come, we will be sending information out regularly via email. We are working as fast as we can to put measures in place to support students and families but we recognize there is more we can and will do.



How a community comes together in times of crisis says so much about the value that a community places on people and relationships. We are incredibly proud of the way the Somerville community – families, staff, partners, businesses, and the community at large — are reaching out to ensure that our students and families get the support they need during this challenging time.

District Updates

Starting Monday, March 16, our Food & Nutrition Services Department will be making take-home breakfast and lunch meals available to SPS students and families in need. Families can pick up meals Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at 3 central locations across the city — East Somerville Community School, Winter Hill Community Innovation School, and West Somerville Neighborhood School. SPS staff and volunteers will be outside each school to hand out packaged breakfasts and lunches. As a reminder, if you are showing symptoms of illness, we ask that you please make alternate arrangements for pickup of your meal. We will also be asking families to follow social distancing norms during the pick-up process.

The Somerville Backpack Program will continue to be in operation in a limited capacity. Families who receive Friday backpack bags will be receiving a phone call or email about picking up bags during this closure period. If you do not receive a call or email, please reach out to Meghan Bouchard at mbouchard@k12.somerville.ma.us.

In partnership with Riverside Healthcare and Home for Little Wanderers, we have developed a protocol to ensure that SPS students who are receiving therapeutic support from these partners can continue to access those services. Riverside Healthcare and Home for Little Wanderers will be reaching out by phone to appropriate families to obtain parent permission that will allow them to continue checking in remotely with students on their caseloads.

Our academic team has been assembling high quality, age-appropriate, accessible grade-level resources to provide options for students to continue learning during this extended school closure. Look for more information this weekend, along with a link to a new online resource page on our website, which will be available starting Monday, March 16.

Additional Community Resources

The Somerville Food Security Coalition has put together the following comprehensive food resource guide that includes a list of community meals, food pantries, and other food-related resources: http://somervillefoodsecurity.org/resources/food-resource-guide/.

3 Somerville organizations are looking for volunteers to help with food access during this crisis:

Somerville Food Security Connection (http://somervillefoodsecurity.org/get-involved/). Volunteers are needed to help with community responses to increased temporary food access needs. Work includes helping to bag food from Greater Boston Food Bank for distribution, helping with food deliveries, etc. The SFSC connects to many food providers in the city and is constantly updating itself during the coronavirus emergency. Please contact: Lisa Brukilacchio@challiance.org Food For Free (https://foodforfree.org), which runs the Somerville Backpack Program in partnership with the SFLC and SPS schools, is mobilizing a volunteer team. They will be in touch with interested folks regarding opportunities as they fall into place. Food For Free Volunteer form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed0c-SIoOc7-Fvoms3VHR1Lc44fjql-vTNknz_a-7T_sKDnrw/viewform

Project Soup. www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/food-security/.

We are so grateful for your commitment to our students and to our community. We will continue to keep you informed on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Mary Skipper Superintendent

Social distancing and Somerville's current state of emergency

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seriously and do what we can to help stop its spread. Coronavirus is more contagious than the flu, it is more deadly than the flu, and none of us are immune to it. If we allow it to spread unchecked, it will overwhelm

others, along with handwashing and staying home if you feel sick, will slow the transmission of this disease. These measures can – and will — save lives."

"We are currently working on food assistance and outreach to vulnerable populations in emergency declaration:

"In order to help control the spread of COVID-19, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has declared a local state of emergency in Somerville. This is in addition to Governor Charlie Baker's order to close all bars and restaurants in the state to on-site table service through April 17; and all public and private schools through April 7. All of these measures are intended to slow the spread of the disease by limiting interpersonal contact." "The formal declaration of a local state of emergency gives the city the ability to take decisive action to control the spread of coronavirus. It also creates a formal mechanism for the city to be reimbursed by the federal government for emergency response to this crisis."

services with safety and social distancing guidelines to help reduce potential transmission of COVID-19. The city is working to eliminate any red tape that would prevent local eateries that currently do not, from only current defense against a mass contagion."

"The city is working with state and federal legislators to provide economic aid to the workers, families, and small businesses impacted by these coronavi-

our healthcare system, as we are to seeing in Italy." our

"Earlier this week I, along with other regional leaders, heard from public health experts who made it clear that COVID-19 should be taken seriously and that our best defense against its transmission is to practice social distancing, which means cutting interpersonal contact to a bare minimum."

"Based on this warning, we are closing all City buildings and schools starting Monday for at least two weeks. Essential functions will continue, but the community should be prepared for these disruptions to potentially continue longer. They are vitally necessary. Limiting contact with our city. We ask you to check on your neighbors, seniors, and those who may need assistance. Yet remember to practice social distancing with six feet of separation even when doing that."

"This situation is rapidly evolving, so expect regular updates. We will post all available information on our City website at Somervillema.gov/coronavirus and our 311 operators will be available 24/7 to answer any questions you might have."

"Thank you for listening, Somerville. We know these are trying times and we will work through this together."

Then, on Sunday, the Mayor's Office issued the following "Residents should be aware that starting Tuesday, March 17, eateries will only be allowed to operate takeout and delivery operating takeout and delivery services, allowing them to adapt in these trying times."

"We understand the devastating economic impact this may have on local residents and businesses,' said Mayor Curtatone. 'We have more than 4,000 people working in the food service and accommodations industry in Somerville, so our community will be hit hard by these changes. We wish we could tell people that some semblance of normalcy could avoid the most dire consequences, but it was crucial for the Governor to take this step today. Unfortunately, the epidemiologists consulting with us are advising that social distancing is our

rus-related closures."

"The city and Somerville Public Schools will continue to post updates at www.somervillema. gov/coronavirus as more information becomes available. When appropriate, information will also be shared via city alerts. Sign up or check your subscriptions at www.somervillema.gov/ Alerts. Sign up for every method you are able to receive: phone call, text, email."

As a follow-up, the Mayor's Office announced on Monday: "Additional gathering spaces closed as of March 17 to help contain the spread of COVID-19."

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MARCH 18, 2020 5 The Somerville Times **Strezo steps into position of Councilor At-Large**

By Isabel Sami

Kristen Strezo, the newest appointed City Councilor At-Large in Somerville, has always wanted to be a voice of the people. Previously the co-chair of the Somerville Commission for Women, Strezo spent her two terms advocating for women's rights and safety in the community. As a mother of two kids and a caregiver to her 93-year-old grandmother, Strezo says she wants what's best for residents and their families, saying she's committed to the overall improvement of Somerville as a city and unified community that belongs to everyone.

Her background in advocacy is what compelled Strezo to seek a position on the City Council. After moving to Somerville about six years ago, she began volunteering to make the city greener, clean, and connected while also balancing her life as a new mother.

Through the Commission for Women, Strezo spoke to many women in the community, and the number of people she met grew once she began knocking on over five thousand doors for her City Council campaign. "I feel like I made thousands of new friends," she says with a laugh. "Making sure that everybody's voice is heard and that as many needs are filled as possible matters so much right now, so what we do at a municipal level is vitally important. I want to listen and help as much as I can."

Campaigning in the community made

Strezo notice things that she normally didn't when she passed through neighborhoods, from learning about her neighbors to seeing which yards were able to grow cacti.

Meeting and speaking with residents to discuss issues and improvements in Somerville brought out what Strezo believes is the true meaning of community: people coming together to speak face-toface about their lives, truly connecting. "That's community," she says, "and I loved every second of it."

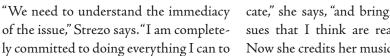
"I love bringing voices forward and making sure that people know this city is for all of us,"

Strezo says that there is no one main issue she wants to tackle as a City Councilor At-Large because there are too many that are important to her. However, if she had to pick one, it would be housing affordability and stability. Sustaining affordable rent in the area and supporting families who are struggling to stay in their homes are issues that Strezo takes to heart as a renter and a mother who understands the stress that comes from increased rent and the possibility of losing a home. She says that she wants to make sure that everyone who wants to stay in the community is able to do so.

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cate," she says, "and bringing forward issues that I think are really important." Now she credits her musical background, as well as her skills as a mother, for making her become a more creative thinker and problem-solver in her work helping lead singer in a feminist punk band. She the community.

> "I love bringing voices forward and making sure that people know this city is for all of us," Strezo says. "As a mom, and a caregiver to a 93-year-old woman, I've experienced a lot and I know that there are so many families in Somerville going through the same things in different ways. If I can help make Somerville residents' lives easier, that would be a great success."

Fun rainy day tips for families

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support Somerville residents."

message out into the world.

Before her time in Somerville, Strezo had a very different career path: being the

spent her college years in Chicago mak-

ing music about women's rights and shar-

ing these songs with audiences to get her

These early years of finding her voice

and speaking up about feminist issues

through music carved the path toward

Strezo's work in advocacy. "I'm used to

speaking my mind and being an advo-

dominoes or grab a deck of cards for a round of crazy eights. Such games teach the importance of taking turns and good sportsmanship and can even help kids learn to strategize and plan ahead.

+ Get dramatic: For an afternoon of open-ended playtime, encourage kids to develop their emotional, creative and communication skills by developing their own skit or play. With so many dress-up kits available, it's easy to maintain a wellstocked costume trunk that kids can use to get inspired. You can also gather up some of their favorite toys to use as props and help bring stories to life. + Build together: Whether your child prefers following step-by-step instructions or using their imagination, designing, creating and playing with construction toys can build problem-solving, spatial and fine motor skills. + Design an obstacle course: Rain or no rain, kids have energy to burn. Building a safe obstacle course for kids to complete is a fun way for them to stay active indoors while building core muscles and developing balance. Pick three to five exercises, like pretending to jump like a

frog, army crawling under the table or log rolling from one side of the living room to another and then doing five sit-ups. Practice it for 5-10 minutes, then get to work designing a new one!

+ Create a mini lab: Play with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) toys and games. Use a science kit to erupt a volcano or code a robot to guard the bedroom. These important educational experiences can be fun supplements to classroom learning that help set your child up for future success. • Make cleanup fun: It may not sound like "play" at first glance, but cleanup can be fun with the right attitude. Crank up favorite tunes and have kids dance as they dust, straighten, put toys away, make the bed and help with chores. Or, make a game of it, racing each other to complete tasks.



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Be sure rainy days include playtime, which offers many developmental benefits for children to learn key communication, creative, cognitive, social, emotional and physical skills. (StatePoint)

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FROM A REPORT FROM THE ICONIC STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE: The coronavirus pandemic and the dramatic changes it is forcing on society have abruptly forced the state to reevaluate operations, which for decades have been largely based on face-toface discussions, in-person meetings and hearings and public rallies and protests. Especially in a crisis, the business of running the government and delivering public services must go on, and the week ahead will begin to show how government functions -- or fails to perform -- in this unprecedented environment and state of emergency. In a matter of days, the public debate has shifted from solving transportation, housing and health care problems to topics like social distancing, quarantines, presumptive positive COVID-19 cases and community spread. For now, coronavirus is the new agenda. "It's hard to believe and it's certainly disappointing and upsetting, I think, for everybody," Gov. Charlie Baker said Friday, announcing a ban on most gatherings of more than 250 people. "And this does represent a significant change in daily life for the vast majority of people here in the commonwealth."

The quiet halls of government buildings and offices, empty campuses and the quiet skies and open roads belie the tumult the virus is actually causing. Impacts on the jobs, state revenues and family budgets, the tourism and higher education sectors, and high-stakes campaigns like the presidential race and the Joe Kennedy-Ed Markey U.S. Senate primary are only just beginning to come into focus."

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records votes of local representatives from recent debate on transportation funding. There were no roll calls in the House Senate last week.

TAX ON ROLLING STOCK (H 4508)

House 13-141, rejected an amendment that would strike a section of the bill that would exempt from the current sales and use tax "rolling stock" which includes trucks, tractors and trailers used by common carriers to transport goods in interstate commerce. These vehicles were exempt from these taxes until 1996 when the Legislature removed the exemption and started taxing them again.

Rep. Tami Gouveia (D-Acton), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated attempts by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her to explain why she proposed keeping the tax on rolling stock.

STUDY RAISED PLATFORMS ON THE T (H 4506)

House 148-5 approved an amendment directing the MBTA to conduct a financial impact study by December 31, 2020 on the feasibility of all platforms on commuter rail stops converting to fully raised platforms with handicap access at every train door.

Amendment supporters said this no-cost study is important to show that the T should provide handicapped accessibility on all doors for all passengers. They noted that with a raised platform, people do not stop and wait to climb stairs and argued that according to the T, it will save roughly 1.5 minutes to two minutes per stop. They said that millions of riders who would save this time would instead use the time for working and helping earn more for the economy or be at home having a higher quality of life.

Some opponents of the amendment said they support the full platforms. "I didn't think we needed to study the idea, I think we should have moved forward with changes," said Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica) one of only five members to vote against the study.

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

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

MEET BEYOND 9 P.M.

House 125-26, approved, at 8:59 p.m. a motion to suspend rules to allow the House session to continue beyond 9 p.m. Under House rules, the House cannot meet after 9 p.m. unless the rule is suspended. The session lasted another two hours and was adjourned at 11 p.m.

Supporters of rule suspension said that the House has important business to finish and should stay in session to work on it.

Opponents of rule suspension said it is irresponsible for the House to debate and vote late at night when taxpayers are asleep.

(A "Yes" vote is for meeting beyond 9 p.m. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
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many actions we will take to respond to this rapidly evolving public health situation."

"This week, the Senate, along with our partners in the House, acted decisively to provide a flexible source of funding to assist state and local efforts to deal with our unfolding public health crisis," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland).

RAISE FINES FOR PARKING IN HANDI-CAPPED SPACE (H 2960) – The House gave initial approval to a measure that would allow cities and towns to add \$450 to the current \$100 to \$300 fine for violations of handicapped parking. The funds would be used solely for funding and implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on the city or town's public property and in public buildings.

Rep. Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy), the bill's sponsor, said the ADA is an unfunded federal mandate, and plans made by cities and towns to improve access for disabled citizens are often unable to be fully implemented due to a lack of funding. "This legislation would generate this funding on the backs of people who violate the current laws in place to help our disabled citizens," said Ayers. "It increases the fine on handicap parking violations and creates a new account for each municipality where that funding would go. It could then be used for essential ADA upgrades such as curb cuts, wheelchair ramps, lifts and other modifications to help our seniors, veterans and people with disabilities live a more independent lifestyle."

HARDSHIP LICENSE (H 720) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would make driving outside the terms of a hardship license the equivalent of driving with a license that had been suspended. The bill was filed in response to a 2007 court ruling in the case of a man who was convicted of drunken driving, received a hardship license and then was arrested for driving outside the hours the hardship license allowed.

The court ruled that even though the man's license restricted the hours during which he was allowed to operate a motor vehicle, his license was a "restored" license within the meaning of state law and therefore he could not be charged with driving with a suspended license.

"A motor vehicle becomes a 30,000-pound weapon when a driver chooses to drive recklessly or while impaired and an adequate deterrent should be in place for those whose license has been restricted as a result of this conduct," said the bill's sponsor Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick). "I believe closing these loopholes would better protect our communities by providing the appropriate deterrents to potential violators and appropriately punish offenders."

"The repeal of the rolling stock exemption in 1996 created negative repercussions for the interstate trucking industry that are still being felt today," said Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading) who favors the tax exemption. "Changing these tax policies will allow Massachusetts to attract and retain a significant number of good-paying jobs in this industry while encouraging more interstate trade by local companies. An exemption would also provide important environmental benefits by encouraging companies to invest in cleaner vehicles with more fuel efficiency and higher emissions standards, resulting in improved air quality throughout the commonwealth."

(The roll call is on "striking the tax exemption." Therefore a "Yes" vote is for the sales and use tax on rolling stock. A "No" vote is against the tax.)

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

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

(H 4561) – The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a \$15 million package to support the state's monitoring, treatment, containment, public awareness and prevention efforts against the coronavirus by state, regional and local boards of health and other officials.

"Massachusetts acted quickly to put in place funds for our public health system so that it may have resources immediately available to combat the spread of the coronavirus," said House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop).

"I'm pleased we were able to take quick action as a first step to address the coronavirus outbreak," said House Republican Minority Leader Representative Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "I expect this will be the first of IMPOUND CARS (H 2993) – The House gave initial approval to a measure that amends a current law that allows for the impoundment of a vehicle if the incapacitated driver is under the influence of alcohol. The bill would also allow the impoundment when the person is incapacitated because of some other substance abuse.

The bill's sponsor Rep. Michael Day (D-Stoneham) said that this is a common-sense measure that closes a loophole and updates state laws to reflect and better address the epidemic of drugged driving. "I was very pleased to work with Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan who brought this problem forward," said Day. "Enacting this bill into law will make our streets safer for all and provide our law enforcement officers with more tools to

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combat drugged driving."

MBTA RIDERS WITH NO APP PAY MORE (H 3018) – The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would establish an 18-month pilot program requiring that three MBTA parking lots install automated payment machines that allow customers to make in-person payment for daily parking fees by cash or credit card without the use of a mobile telephone or any other portable electronic device. The T would file a report on the efficacy of the program.

The bill's sponsor Rep. Bill Galvin (D-Canton) said an elderly constituent who does not have a mobile phone contacted his office with concerns that he is billed for parking at MBTA lots through the mail at a higher rate than riders who use the app."I filed this legislation after a constituent shared his frustrations regarding the current pay by app system," said Galvin. "I agreed with him that this system is unfair to those without the means to purchase a mobile phone and data plan."

Officials at the MBTA did not respond to repeated attempts by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking whether it supports the bill and why parking fees paid by mail are higher.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Coronavirus

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"Everyone has a role to play in stopping the spread of the coronavirus, and by limiting large gatherings, we can further mitigate the spread of the disease. It is important to take these steps now to further protect the residents of the commonwealth, and we will continue to encourage residents to maintain social distancing, and practice healthy personal hygiene to stop the spread of the virus." — Gov. Charlie Baker issuing an emergency order prohibcontinued from page 6

iting most gatherings of over 250 people.

"With the serious threat and uncertainty of COVID-19, the Treasury is taking immediate action to reduce the risk to our employees and the public. We have put in place the appropriate steps and procedures that will allow our employees to work remotely while still being able to assist the public with any Treasury needs they may have." — State Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

"We are taking these measures to balance the need to protect the health of court personnel, those who visit our courthouses, and the general public, while attempting to continue court operations to the extent practicable. This is a rapidly changing situation and we are prepared to take further steps as needed." — Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph Gants announcing that effective immediately, all empanelments in jury trials, in both criminal and civil cases, are postponed until no earlier than April 21, 2020.

"Although we have no evidence of infection at this point, we must take preventative measures to ensure we are doing all we can to prevent exposure." - Bristol County Sheriff Tom Hodgson announcing the suspension of inmate and detainee visitation for two weeks starting Sunday, March 15.

"It's a complex, fast evolving challenge and we felt this morning that we had to be proactive and that we had an obligation to do our part to try to mitigate the spread of the virus in Massachusetts. - Umass President Marty Meehan announcing that more than 74,000 Umass students will be required to take all of their classes online.

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 9-13, the House met for a total of five hours and 31 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and eight minutes.

Mon. March 9	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.
Tues. March 10	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 11	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. March 12	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:09 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.
Fri. March 13	No House session No Senate session

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	Pocont	Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the	Pact Month.		
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	7 Tennyson 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

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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
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
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

- The Somerville Times

Screen time: What research says and what parents can do



Screen time is a hot topic for parents and researchers alike. While digital devices are the norm, and children can certainly use them to their benefit, parents can also help children learn healthy digital habits.

Research is still working out the long-term impact of devices on kids. Here's what's known so far, and what you as a parent can do about it.

• Devices Before Bed = No Sleep: It's undisputed: when it comes to bedtime, devices are a big no-no. According to Hoag Medical Group, devices are known to emit a specific light wavelength that messes with sleep patterns. Doctors recommend that kids don't use devices for at least one hour before bed.

The fix: At night, stick to the basics. Read to your children or tell them a bedtime story. When they're old enough to read to themselves, encourage them to stick with the habit of curling up with a good book before light's out. screens are at a greater risk for emotional issues and low self-esteem. This is in part because the more time kids are spending in front of screens, the less time they're spending doing healthy activities like socializing or being active. Additionally, certain content can increase anxiety, particularly social media.

The fix: Distract kids with fun, thought-provoking alternatives. Whether it's a trip to the playground, board games or fort-building, putting screens away gives children's imaginations time to flourish.

• Verbal 'Warnings' Do More Harm 'Than Good: Every parent knows the struggle of limiting device use. Handing a tablet over is easy enough, but getting it back? That's when the struggle begins. According to research, giving kids a warning that screen time is coming to an end increases the chances that kids will fight back and defy their limitation. Think apps that don't lead kids into the next level of a game or give parents control over kids' devices remotely.

One such tool is a parental control app called OurPact. To start, parents sign up for a free account. After pairing their child's devices, they're able to manage them remotely through at-a-touch blocking or automated schedules. It's great for setting bedtime schedules, ensuring devices don't cause homework distractions and for enjoying ping-free family dinners. It works on Wi-Fi and all cellular connections, meaning you can manage access whether you're at the grocery store or at home. To learn more or download, visit OurPact.com.

And of course, open the lines of communication about device use with your kids early on, and keep the dialogue going. Explain why screen time rules are important and set a good example. If you don't want your kid to look at their device in the middle

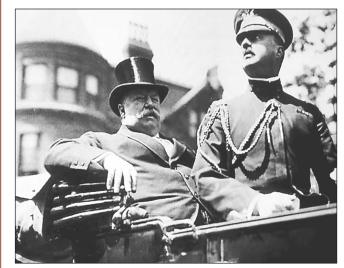


Titanic Heroes By Bob (Monty) Doherty

At Presidents Park in Washington, D.C., a memorial fountain was erected in October 1912. It was constructed in memory of Major Archibald Butt, military aide to President Theodore Roosevelt and President Howard Taft and also honors Butt's companion, celebrated painter Francis Davis Millet.



While returning from a diplomatic tour in Europe six months earlier, the two friends met their heroic deaths on the ocean liner R.M.S. Titanic. The Major was Taft's organizer and, while on the deck of the Titanic which did not have enough life boats, took command, demanding and enforcing the rescue of women and children first. Sadly, Major Butt's body was never recovered.



• Screen Time Linked to Depression and Anxiety: According to a study published in JAMA Pediatrics, kids who spend a lot of time in front of

The fix: Setting clear limits on tech use is not just important, it's essential. New technology can help you do so much more seamlessly than an idle warning. of a conversation, hold yourself to the same rule. (*StatePoint*)

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On April 12, 1912, Somerville's Charles Taylor and his son John christened the Red Sox and officially opened their jewel of baseball, the new Fenway Park. On that day to a crowd of 27,000 fans, the Sox defeated the New York Highlanders, later named the Yankees, by a score of 6-5. Because of the tragic news of the Titanic disaster that occurred on April 15, their front-page newspaper billings were displaced.

As his military aide, the Major shadowed President Taft almost everywhere. Locally, he had accompanied the President to Somerville's 1910 Fourth of July celebration. It was 110 years ago and the largest in our city's history. After their citywide motorcade tour, they *Continued on page 20*



Local and regional leaders call on Gov. Baker to immediately Shelter In Place

On Tuesday, March 17, the following open letter was sent to Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker by several local and regional elected officials:

Governor Baker:

As state and municipal officials, we are calling on you to issue an order to Shelter In Place by the end of the day today, Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Physicians tell us COVID-19 is some 10 times more contagious than the flu, and that 1 out of every 5 people who are infected will contract a serious pneumonia that will require hospitalization.

It is essential that the spread of the virus be suppressed to protect the ability of healthcare providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Epidemiologists have suggested that Massachusetts could see

On Tuesday, March 17, the as many as 10,000 cases by the following open letter was sent end of this month.

We urge that you follow the example set by the City of San Francisco and other communities in the Bay Area, where a Shelter In Place order was issued for some 7 million residents last night.

By "Shelter In Place," we mean people must be asked to stay home except for essential needs and vulnerable populations must stay home. Everyone should stay home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job. Going outside for walks is permitted, but there can be no congregating or interaction with playground structures of any kind.

We thank you for your urgent attention to this emergency and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you as we do everything possible to maintain the capacity of our healthcare system and prevent loss of life in the weeks ahead.

Yours in service,

Rep. Mike Connolly, Somerville and Cambridge Rep. Denise Provost, Somerville City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, Somerville Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, Cambridge Vice Mayor Alanna Mallon, Cambridge Councilor Marc McGovern, Cambridge Councilor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler, Cambridge Councilor Quinton Zondervan, Cambridge Councilor Denise Simmons,-Cambridge Rep. Jay Livingstone, Boston and Cambridge



SHELTER IN PLACE

Rep. Kay Khan, Newton Rep. Tami Gouveia, Acton Rep. Maria Robinson, Framingham Rep. Jack Lewis,

Framingham City Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa, Northampton Rep. Nika Elugardo, Boston Rep. Michelle DuBois, Brockton

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"Our team is committed to helping the people we serve throughout this emergency, and we are taking steps to safeguard the health and

SCES adopts measures to help mitigate Coronavirus risk

In response to the rising number of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in our community, Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES)

Coronavirus poses the highest risk for older adults and people with serious long-term health problems. The Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention (CDC) is advising people with high risk factors to limit close contact with other people and stay at home as much

as possible in areas where the virus has been reported. The CDC also advises that healthy people practice social distancing to reduce

SCES Executive Director Paul Hollings said the agency is working with state and local stakeholders to balance delivery of essential

is announcing measures to reduce risk for the older adults, caregivers, and people with disabilities that we serve.

well-being of our clients and staff," said Hollings.

SCES is taking the following measures:

services with measures that reduce exposure.

the risk of community contagion.

- + Increased focus on providing supports and services via telephone
- + Replacing congregate meals at affordable housing sites with home delivered meals.
- + Kate's Café and the Cambridge Connections Memory Café are postponed until further notice

The SCES offices will remain open during regular business hours, with most staff working remotely. For that reason, we ask that people requiring assistance call or use email, instead of visiting in-person.

Many of the recommended preventative measures fall under what is widely being described as "social distancing," but Hollings said his preferred term is "healthy spacing," saying SCES remains dedicated to providing reliable information, nutrition assistance, and other supports for healthy aging.

"Everything we do at SCES is about connecting with others," said Hollings. "While we will be connecting face-to-face less frequently, our goal remains serving others. Rather than creating distance, I hope this crisis will ultimately bring us closer together as a community."

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook or contact the SCES Aging Information Center for free advice and guidance by calling 617-628-2601 or email info@eldercare.org. Backyard BBQ's, Christenings, Graduations, Bereavements, Anniversaries, Bridal & Baby Showers, Pig Roasts, Retirement Parties, Birthday Parties, Holiday Parties and more!

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News from Representative Denise Provost



By State Representative Denise Provost

MORE Coronavirus Updates

New Public Health Restrictions:

Our state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has directed all elementary and secondary schools in Massachusetts to suspend "educational operations" from Tuesday, March 17, until April 7, 2020. Somerville's public schools have been closed since March 11. Read further in this newsletter for more information about how school meals will be safely provided to students.

Governor Baker also issued an emergency order limiting gatherings (including in gyms and health clubs) to no more than 25 people, rescinding his March 13th order prohibiting groups of over 250 from congregating. This order also prohibits on-premises consumption of food or drink at bars and restaurants. The "take out only" rule begins tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, and is scheduled to remain in effect until April 5, 2020.

Finally, all non-emergency state employees working in Executive Branch agencies have been told not report to their workplaces on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th. This should be welcome news to not restrict access to testing, screening, or treatment of communicable diseases, including COVID-19...To address the possibility that some aliens impacted by COVID-19 may be hesitant to seek necessary medical treatment or preventive services, USCIS will neither consider testing, treatment, nor preventative care (including vaccines, if a vaccine becomes available) related to COVID-19 as part of a public charge inadmissibility determination... even

if such treatment is provided or paid for by one or more public benefits, as defined in the rule (e.g. federally funded Medicaid)."

See the full notice here https:// www.uscis.gov/greencard/public-charge

Massachusetts Cases Increase; Other Data:

The new directives limiting public gathering and encouraging social distancing come as COVID-19 cases increase in our state. The limited availability of testing until now means that many cases are likely going undetected. Even symptomatic attendees of the now-infamous Biogen conference in Boston had difficulty getting tested, as recently as last week: https://www.bostonglobe. com/2020/03/11/nation/ how-biogen-leadership-conference-boston-spread-coronavirus/

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) daily case count was updated on Sunday, March 15, to 164, with 1,083 people in quarantine. On Saturday, March 14, the total had been 138 cases of COVID-19. of which 104 were linked to the Biogen Conference. Eleven of these patients were hospitalized. This total was an increase over Friday's 123 cases and Thursday's 108 cases. As of Saturday, the case count for Somerville was holding steady at three. DPH says that starting Wednesday, March 18, it will start releasing data on how many individuals have been tested, along with the weekly quarantine figures. This will be in addition to the data already being reported on confirmed and presumed cases on DPH's

COVID-19 Website. You can keep up with the numbers at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring.

As of Sunday, March 15, the state public lab had tested 799 individuals since February 28, 2020. To put this number in perspective, on the same day Scotland had confirmed 800 cases of COVID-19. Scotland has a population of about 5 million: Massachusetts has six and three-quarter million people.

Wider Testing, More Information Available:

DPH has issued new, less restrictive guidance to healthcare providers as to who should be tested: "Massachusetts has now begun to see some initial evidence of community spread of COVID-19 and the Department of Public Health (DPH) has made recommendations consistent with a transition into the community mitigation phase of the response," according to a DPH memorandum, available for download here

Other DPH Public Information Sources:

DPH has also announced today that the Massachusetts 211 telephone line will provide real-time COVID-19 information, resources, and referrals in multiple languages, 24/7, from any landline or cellphone. Callers will hear an automated menu of options; press 26 for coronavirus. Caveat: I hear that this line is swamped with calls right now. There is also a live chat option on the Massachusetts 2-1-1 website.

Feeding Out-of-School Stu-

School. SPS staff and volunteers will be outside each school to hand out packaged breakfasts and lunches. As a reminder, if you are showing symptoms of illness, we ask that you please make alternate arrangements for pickup of your meal. We will also be asking families to follow social distancing norms during the pick-up process."

"The Somerville Backpack Program will continue to be in operation in a limited capacity. Families who receive Friday backpack bags will be receiving a phone call or email about picking up bags during this closure period. If you do not receive a call or email, please reach out to Meghan Bouchard at mbouchard@k12.somerville.ma.us."

Protecting Older Folks:

On Friday, March 13, the Trump administration directed the nation's 16,000 nursing homes stop almost all visitors, calling this "severe" step essential to preventing elderly people, who are at higher risk of developing severe cases, from contracting COVID-19. The Gerontology Institute at UMass recommends this video by Dr. Jay Butler. He is the Deputy Director of Infectious Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control, and has advice on what older people can do to keep themselves healthy in this https://youtu.be/ outbreak: QNo5ZDvKuHg

Feeding Ourselves: Buy Fresh Food, Support Massachusetts Farmers:

The Somerville Winter Farmers Market - like other programming at Arts for the Armory - has been suspended for the duration. But it's still possible to buy fresh, local produce from our Somerville Winter Farmers Market vendors, through direct order from these farmers. Support Massachusetts agriculture by visiting the "online farmers market" here: https://www. somwintermarket.org/vendors ty, which requires more volunteers than usual:

SOMERVILLE FOOD SE-CURITY CONNECTION

Contact: Lisa Brukilacchio at lbrukilacchio@challiance.org FOOD FOR FREE

Food For Free is mobilizing a volunteer team via the google form below. They will be in touch with interested folks regarding opportunities as they arise: https://docs.google.com/ forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed0c-SIoOc7-Fvoms3VHR1Lc44fjql-vTNknz_a-7T_sKDnrw/viewform

PROJECT SOUP

Project Soup is looking for volunteers to help at its community food center, and its food bank. It could also use assistance with toiletry drives, including diapers. Please contact: Ben at bwyner@ shcinc.org or djacobs@shcinc. org or phone 617-776-7687.

Unemployment Claims Flexibility:

Our state's Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) recently received federal guidance allowing flexibility with unemployment compensation for individuals affected by COVID-19. EOL-WD is considering "emergency regulations to assist those whose employment has been affected by the virus."

No Utility Cutoffs for Duration:

On March 13, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities issued a moratorium to suspend all shut-offs of gas and electric utilities for residential customers during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. This action was taken to ensure that residential customers will continue to have electric and gas utility service for the duration of the state of emergency. Also, for the next 60 days, Verizon will waive late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of economic difficulties related to the coronavirus. Verizon says it will not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to disruptions caused by the epidemic.

all who have contacted me about the need for state workers to have a telecommuting option.

These are among the welcome policy changes that should help slow community transmission of the virus which causes COVID-19.

No "Public Charge" Penalty for Immigrants Seeking COVID-19 Testing or Treatment:

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced that "the 'Public Charge' rule does dents: Somerville School Department Update:

Starting Monday, March 16, the Somerville Public Schools' Food & Nutrition Services Department "will be making take-home breakfast and lunch available to SPS students and families in need. Families can pick up meals Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at 3 central locations across the city -- East Somerville Community School, Winter Hill Community Innovation School, and West Somerville Neighborhood

Help Feed Others:

These three Somerville organizations are looking for healthy volunteers to help distribute food during this emergency. All three food service organizations are practicing COVID-19 safe-

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Our View Of The Times



their fair share of the stuff. There's plenty to go around, provided that we don't go primitive and hoard as much of it as we can for no justifiable reason.

We're on the right track, as long as we follow the good advice of trusted medical professionals. This too shall pass. The sooner the better, of course. Until then, keep calm and share a roll with a neighbor – from a distance.

Everyone knows what's going on right now, as we seek strategies for coping with the challenges of mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

We are being asked to practice "social distancing" in order to help avoid spreading the virus between us. This will not be a cure-all, but it is likely to greatly enhance the possibilities for reducing the number of new infections.

We're already seeing social distancing in action right here in Somerville, we're happy to report.

Schools and local government offices have closed for the time being. Clubs, restaurants, entertainment venues, and various other small businesses are doing likewise. The same goes for offices, factories, and a whole host of settings where people congregate or work together.

This is leaving our streets and neighborhoods looking like a ghost town in many cases. While people are still out in droves shopping and stocking up on essentials - as well as some definite non-essentails. Please, people. Coronavirus does not cause diarrhea. There is no need to strip the stores clean of toilet paper. If you can do nothing else to render aid to your fellow citizens, at least allow them to get

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

The Welcome Project has announced that they will not be holding their big annual fundraising event, YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City on April 2. At present, they are hoping to reschedule it for June 4 or 10, but of course, no one knows for certain if they could

will result in an approximate loss of \$35,000 needed to support their activities. If you would like to donate, purchase a ticket, or offer sponsorship, please go to http://www.welcomeproject.org/yum and use the donate button at the bottom of the page or send a check to 530 Mystic Ave., #111, Somerville MA 02145.

18 at 2:00 p.m., all Century 21 North East offices are closed until at least April 7. This will include the Century 21 North East Norton Group office in Somerville. Agents will be working from home, and you can also visit https://www.c21ne.com. Their agents and clients' safety, as well as ensuring they are not contributing to the potential spread of COVID-19, has led them

during these closures, please go to news@thesomervilletimes.com. We are still up and running but will be working remotely.

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actually hold it at that time. What is certain is that not holding YUM before the end of our June 30 fiscal year

In order to do their part and continue to be a responsible leader in their communities, effective Wednesday, March To contact us at The Somerville Times

to this decision.

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Social distancing and Somerville's current state of emergency CONT. FROM PG 4

local state of emergency in Somerville on Sunday, March 15. This formal declaration gives the city the ability to take decisive action to control the spread of the coronavirus and allows the city to request reimbursement from the federal government for emergency response to this crisis."

"Effective at 12:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, all gyms,

health clubs, theaters, entertainment venues, social clubs, and houses of worship be closed through at least April 6." "Also, the City of Somerville's playgrounds will be closed to the public and fields and courts will only be open for passive use - no team games. If possible, parents should keep children home from daycare and avoid playdates."

"Residents who are 60 or older, who have respiratory illnesses, or who have weakened immune systems are advised to stay at home, as health experts have warned they are more vulnerable to COVID-19. Taking these measures now could help you avoid serious illness."

"Please, for your own health and the health of our community take these precautions seriously,' said Mayor Curtatone. 'Social distancing will save lives. We are living in unprecedented circumstances, and we cannot go on with business as usual. As a community, we must drastically change our way of life in the short-term to prevent even more dire consequences in the long-term, particularly for our most vulnerable.""

"Please continue to stay in-

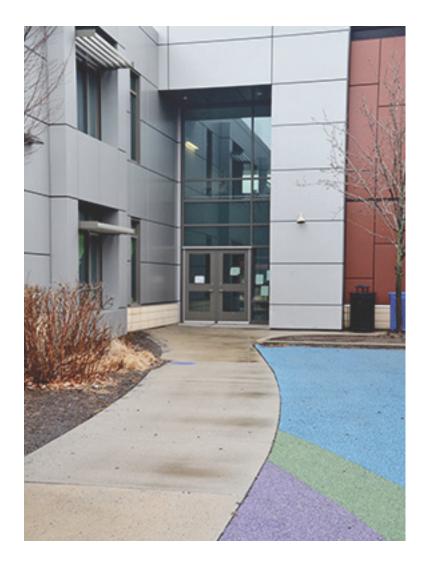
formed on our City website at Somervillema.gov/coronavirus, or call 311 at any time with any questions you might have." Schools, government offices, private businesses and entertainment venues have followed suit over the course of these advisories and closed their doors for the short term, and hoping that the closures will end as soon as it is safe to do so.

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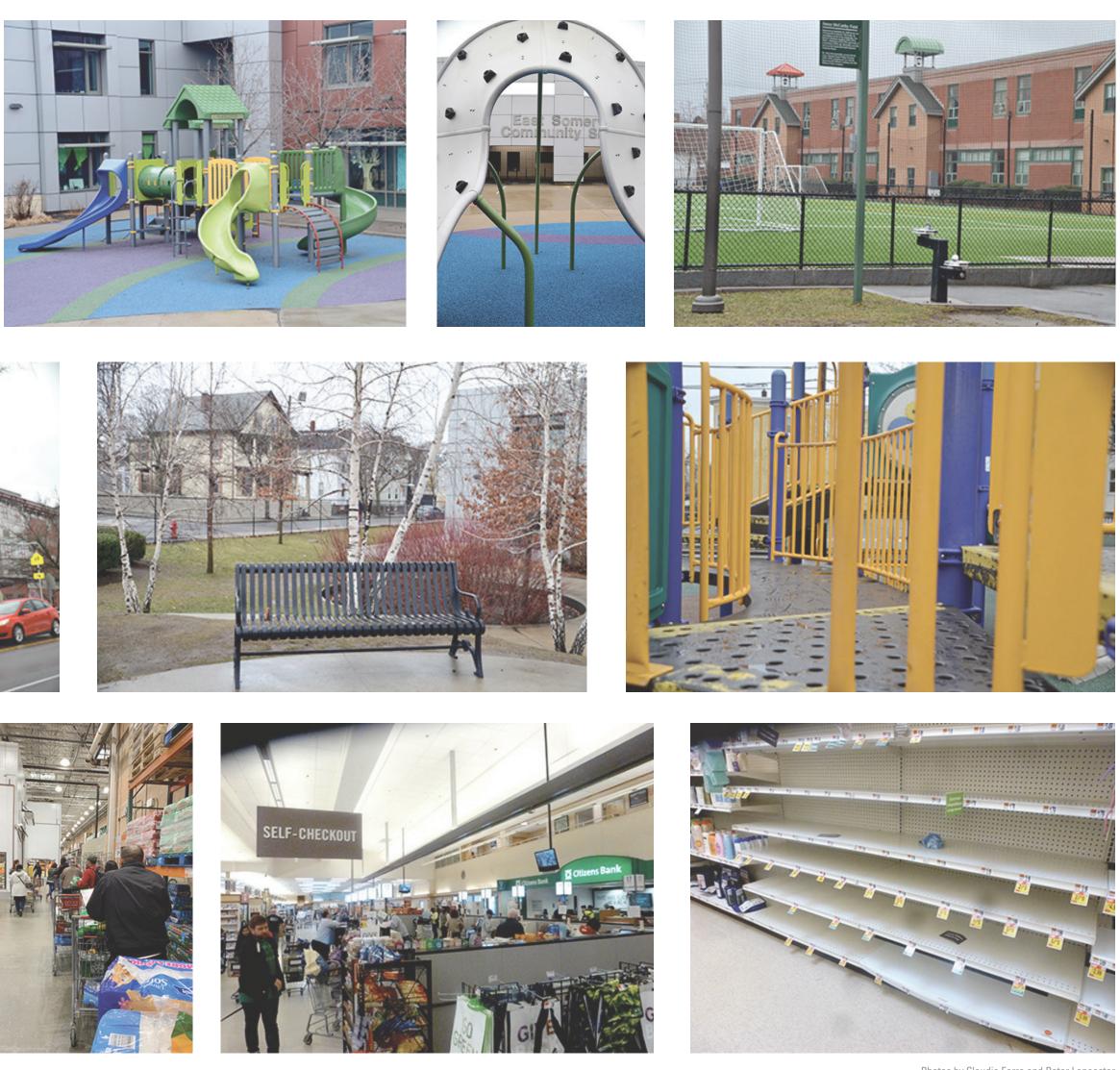
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Empty schoolyards and busy stores

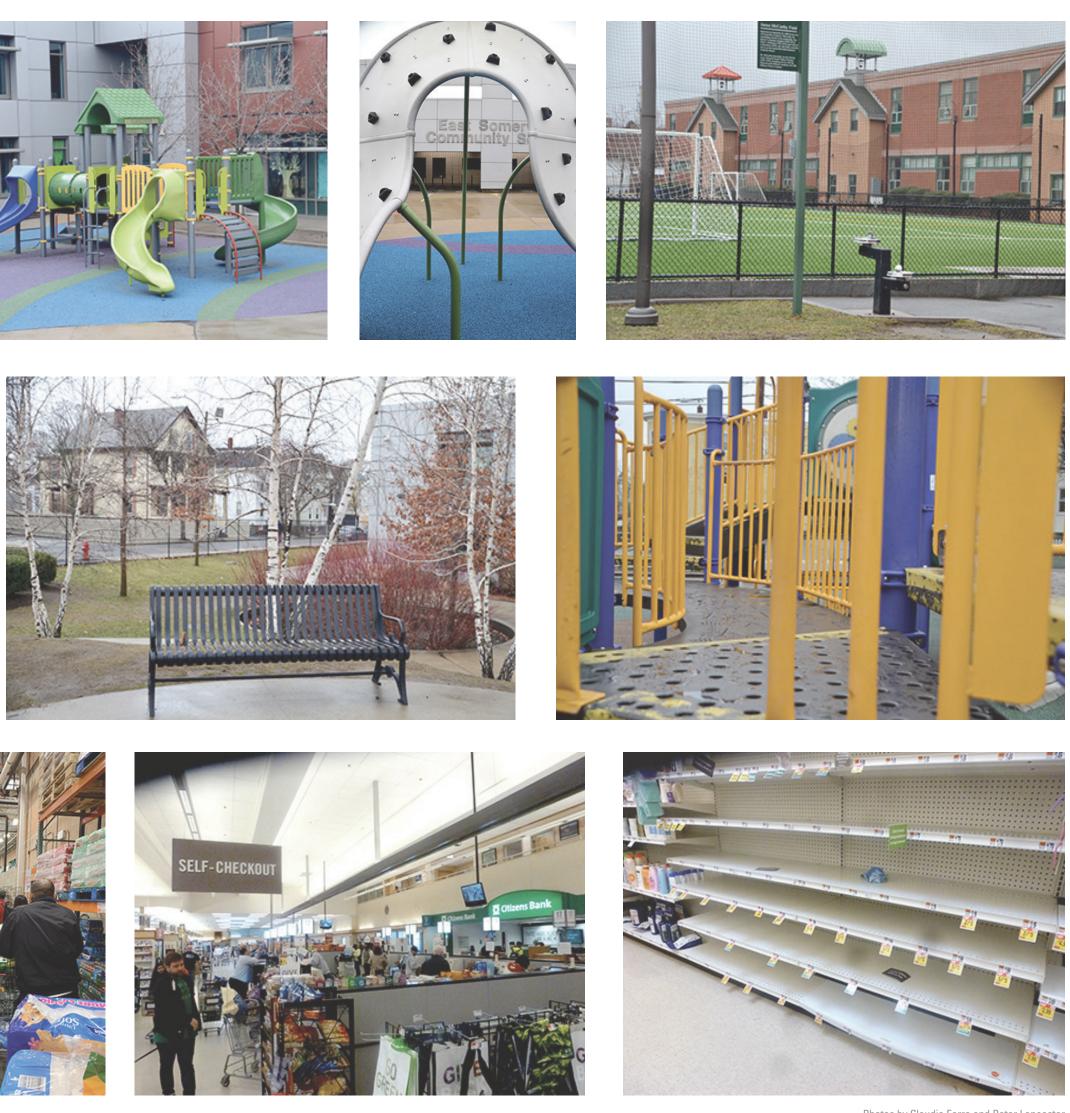
The sights in the city this week ranged from desolate to bustling, as schools shut down and a run on goods in stores ensued, all in response to the coronavirus situation.







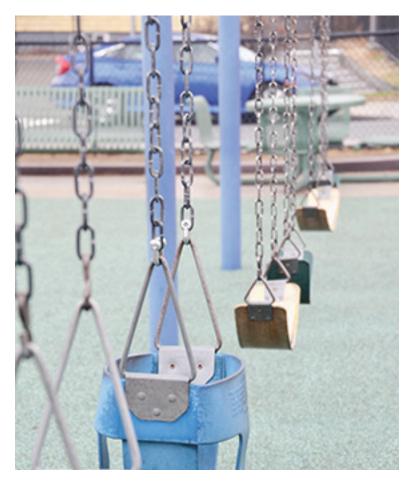
















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Ms. Cam's

mixture, hodgepodge

1. What Dropkick

Murphys song was

The Departed?

2. Which well-

Cork?

this be?

featured in the movie

known liquor comes

from New Midleton

Distillery in County

of Kells displayed?

5. Who built the

Round House at

Somerville?

36 Atherton Street,

6. In what year was

the Round House

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

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FUN & GAMES

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. No number from 1 to 999 includes the letter "a" in its word form.
- 2. The King of Hearts is the only king in a deck of cards without a mustache.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: DRIVER'S ED

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at 36 Atherton St,

Somerville built?

World Series?

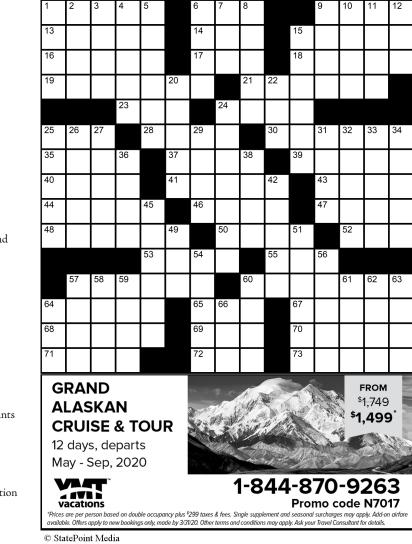
7. Who won the first

8. Who was the first

woman inducted into

the Baseball Hall of

- 1. Happen again
- 6. Promotions
- 9. Field mouse
- 13. UV absorber
- 14. Seek a seat
- 15. Eagle's nest
- 16. Jury ____
- 17. Mad King George's number
- 18. Bad-tempered one
- 19. Two or more people on the road
- 21. Fines can do that?
- 23. Scot's woolen cap
- 24. Give an impression
- 25. Last month
- 28. Willy Wonka mastermind
- 30. Lay down to rest again
- 35. Container weight
- 37. Damaging precipitation
- 39. One born to Japanese immigrants
- 41. Clown act
- 44. What Motion Picture Association
- of America does
- 46. Lentil soup
- 48. Little Women to Aunt March
- 50. Victorian and Elizabethan ones, e.g.
- 52. Dropped drug
- 53. Type of dam
- 55. Post Malone's genre
- 57. Traffic separator
- 60. Kind of lane
- 64. Tiger's and lioness' offspring



CROSSWORD

- 33. Puzzle with pictures and letters
- 34. Up-side-down triangle sign
- 36. Biz bigwig
- 38. Yarn spinner
- 42. "The Nutcracker" protagonist
- 45. Crafting with stitches
- 49. One of Sinbad's seven
- 51. Miss America's accessory, pl.
- 54. Prefix for below
- 56. Church song
- 57. Actress Sorvino
- 58. Shining armor
- 59. Negative contraction
- 60. Pub order
- 61. ____-China
- 62. Christmas season

Fame? 3. If you were eating 9. What animal has a boxty, what would the highest blood pressure?

Cams lío

4. Where is the Book 10. What day is National Cappuccino Day?

> 11. A mandrill is what kind of animal?

12. How many points does a compass have? Answers on page 17



- 40. Windows alternative
- 43. London subway

- 47. Pulitzer winner Bellow

- 65. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 67. Capital of Vietnam
- 68. Between wash and dry
- 69. 1985 Kurosawa movie
- 70. Village V.I.P.
- 71. Brewer's kiln
- 72. Play part
- 73. Young salmon

- 3. Coconut fiber
- 4. Not fitting
- 5. Add a new magazine

8. Like a hurtful remark

10. Like face-to-face exam

15. Keenness in a certain field

25. Go back the way you came

6. Seed cover

9. Action word

11. Don't cross it?

20. D-Day beach

22. Old-fashioned over

24. Move like a serpent

26. Hawaiian veranda

31. Small fragments

12. Comic cry

7. Punishable driver offense, acr.

	1	5		1	3	4		9
	3			9			7	
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1	8						2	5
	4	3						
	5			6			1	
3		8	9	2		7	6	
2						5		

Down
Down

1. Campus drilling grp.

2. Poet Pound

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

2	3	8	6	7	9	1	4	5
6	5	1	8	2	4	7	9	3
9	7	4	3	1	5	6	8	2
8	9	2	1	5		3	6	4
4	6	7	9	3	2	8	5	1
3	1	5	4	8	6	9	2	7
1	2	3	5	9	8	4	7	6
5	8	6	7	4	3	2	1	9
7	4	9	2	6	1	5	3	8

27. Banal or commonplace 63. Horizontal wall beam 64. Keep your hands at ten and ____ 29. "Raised _____," or "Don't Walk" 66. Measurement of alcohol in body, acr. 32. Bar order, with the Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

5	А	D	L	—	В		S	А	L			Г	В	S	Ρ
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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

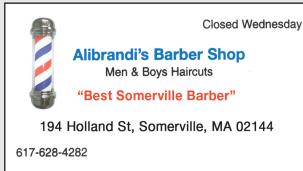




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INVITATION TO BID

SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY INVITES PROPOSALS FOR WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT AT THE WESTON MANOR APARTMENTS SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

The Somerville Housing Authority (Awarding Authority) will receive bids for Window & Door Replacement Project at the Weston Manor Apartments, located in Somerville, MA. The estimated construction cost of this Project is \$350,000 (Base Bid only). Sealed General Bids will be received electronically until 2:00PM on April 1, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened, forthwith online. General Bidders shall be DCAMM certified in Doors/Windows.

All General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bonds shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the Somerville Housing Authority. The cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid price.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at <u>www.biddocsonline.com</u> (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.

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a 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 days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

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), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

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).

Attention is directed to the Davis-Bacon Act Wage Determinations, a copy of which is included in the Contract Documents, and will be made a part of the Contract.

Bidding procedures and award of the Contract and Subcontracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149, Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all current amendments; and the guidelines established by the Deputy Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Assets Management (DCAMM), dated June 30, 1981.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work – Doors/Windows and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 AM, local legal time, on March 25, 2020 at the Weston Manor Apartments, 15 Weston Ave., Somerville, MA. All bidders are invited to attend.

The Awarding Authority is exempt from sales and federal excise tax to the extent permitted under law. Bidders should not include such taxes in figuring or in references to any bid.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws Section 149, Sections 44A through 44L and Chapter 30, Sections 39F through 39P, are incorporated herein by reference. Any inconsistency between the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Forms, Conditions of the Contract, and any other Contract Documents and these statutes, or any other applicable statutes, bylaws, or regulations existing on the date on which the bids are to be received, shall not be grounds for invalidating the bidding procedures, but, where required by law, such statute, bylaw, or regulation shall be deemed to govern.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities in or to reject any and all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so, and to act upon the bids and make its award in any lawful manner.

A brief description of the Project Scope and Schedule is as follows:

PROJECT SCOPE

General Bidders are to be DCAMM certified in Doors and Windows. The project scope consists of window & door replacement at the Weston Manor Apartments in Somerville, MA. The general scope of the construction work is as follows:

Complete removal and replacement of the existing windows, sliding doors, and select exterior doors, as indicated on the project drawings. Windows and sliding doors shall be replaced with new, energy efficient, fiberglass framed systems with low-e, insulated glass panels. Windows shall be double-hung configuration. Exterior doors shall be replaced with new thermally broken insulated metal doors and frames with fiberglass reinforced polyester (FRP) face sheets. All windows shall be equipped with window opening control devices complying with ASTM F 2090.

The Contractor's Abatement Contractor shall be responsible for the complete removal and legal disposal of the existing window systems, including, sash, frame, blocking, trim and related hardware and all work required to carefully remove the noted components, as indicated on the drawings. Note: Contractor shall only remove the current aluminum framed windows, including frame and sash. The frame of the aluminum windows that were original to the building, shall remain. Contractor shall coordinate all demolition work with the Abatement Contractor to provide a secure and weathertight building, until the new window systems have been installed.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Project out to bid	March 18, 2020
On-site Pre-Bid Meeting	March 25, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
General Bid Questions Due	March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Response to Questions By	March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
General Bids Due	April 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

A contract is expected to be promptly awarded to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder. The construction phase is expected to commence upon the completion of the shop drawing phase, with the Base Bid work to be completed by October 31, 2020. The work hours shall be as follows: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm., Saturdays with prior permission.

All bids shall remain in effect for 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded after opening of General Bids. Successful bidders shall



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GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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.DM0 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. <u>Continued cases will not be re-advertised</u>. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing, via e-mail to <u>historic@somervillema.gov</u>, or by mail addressed to the Historic Preservation Commission, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. All comments <u>must</u> be received <u>by NOON</u>, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.

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agree to commence work and complete the Work in accordance with the dates set forth in the Bidding Documents.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to award or not award the project.

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How to tell if you have severe asthma

While the majority of the more than 25 million Americans living with asthma enjoy active, healthy lives, for others, severe symptoms are part of daily life, despite using high dose asthma medicines and avoiding triggers.

Does this sound familiar? If so, you could have severe asthma, a type of asthma that affects approximately 5-10 percent of those with the condition. Increasing the risk of death, illness, and depression, and limiting the ability to work or go to school, severe asthma is dangerous, and is responsible for 50 percent of all asthma healthcare costs. Control is the key and is attainable even if you do have severe asthma.

Is your asthma under control? To find out, start by visiting the American Lung Association website, where you can take the My Asthma Control Assessment and access a downloadable summary of its findings to take to your next doctor's appointment. Visit Lung.org/severe-asthma for more information, as well as to access questions that you can ask your doctor for a more productive conversation.

Better understanding your asthma is the first step to taking better control of your symptoms. (*StatePoint*)

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on <u>Wednesday, March 25, 2020</u> at <u>6:00pm</u> in the <u>City Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd Floor</u>, 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.
- 1 McGrath 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 <u>https://www.somervillema.gov/</u> <u>departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions</u> 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 <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

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City of Somerville PLANNING BOARD

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Somerville High School Audito-rium, 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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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#20-52

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

Portable Restrooms for the City

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing 03/25/2020. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 04/08/2020 2:00PM EST. 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 contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 one year options to renew

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information or any questions related to this bid..

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#20-64 FY20 Traffic & Parking Vans

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

FY20 Traffic & Parking Vans

An Invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/ at bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 High-land Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 03/18/2020.

Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 04/01/2020 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.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 20-68

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

2020 Street Resurfacing Project

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, March 18th, 2020. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, April 8th, at 2:00 P.M. at which time sealed bids will be open. 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 bid package may be obtained by download here https://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required. Mass. Highway Pre-Qualification is required.

Please contact the Purchasing Department, ext: 3400, or email purchasing@somervillema.gov for information and bid packages. 3/18/20 The Somerville Times

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A few ways to make math fun for kids

Is math making the kids grumpy? Here are some great ways your family can make the subject fun and exciting:

+ Visit a math museum: Take the kids to a hands-on math museum featuring fun interactive exhibits, events, puzzles, games and more that bring math to life.



Management of Catchbasin and Sewer Grit Material An Invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

IFB#20-65 Management of Catchbasin and Sewer Grit Material

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites

sealed bids for:

bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 High-

Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 04/01/2020 at $\underline{\textbf{1.00PM}}.$ 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.

Contract will be awarded for the period of one year with 2 options to renew.

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

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land Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 03/18/2020.

	lio Answers
1. I'm Shipping Up to Boston	7. The Boston Amer- icans won against the Pittsburgh Pirates,
2. Jameson Irish Whis- key	1903
3. An Irish potato cake	8. Effa Manley 9. Giraffe
4. Trinity College Li- brary, Dublin	10. November 8
5. Enoch Robinson	11. Monkey
6. 1856	12. 32

 Bake a 'pi': Bake a pi-themed pi. Whether you love cherry, chocolate or lemon meringue, you can celebrate math by baking a pie and carving the symbol for pi into your creation. This is also a great opportunity to calculate fractions, angles, percentages and areas!



+ Learn the meaning of pi: A very special number, pi is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, making its value essential for those studying geometry. It's also an "irrational number," meaning it's exact value can't be expressed as a fraction. While scientists have calculated trillions of digits of pi, you are likely familiar with the first few -- 3.14. Use a high-quality graphing or scientific calculator, such as those from Casio, to study up on several more of pi's digits and practice using its value in equations.

+ Learn more about Einstein: There are many terrific biographies for all reading levels available, as well as documentaries and biopics that can help your family learn more about the life and work of the legendary Albert Einstein.

Math may sometimes get a reputation for being one of the tougher school subjects, but it can also be a lot of fun. Take the time to show your kids that math is something to celebrate. (StatePoint)

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Updated: Novel coronavirus updates, information, and preparedness

State Launches 211 Hotline for COVID-19 Information, Referrals

You can now call 211 from a cellphone or landline for real-time COVID-19 updates and referrals including:

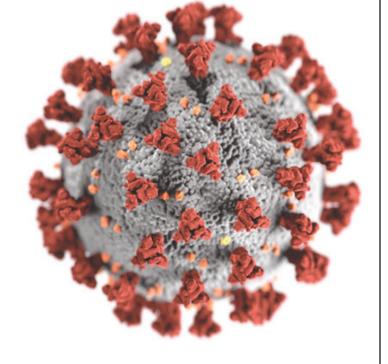
- + COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and symptom information
- Information about testing
- + Guidance for people returning from travel

The 211 hotline is available 24 hours a day and can provide information in 150 languages. When you call 211 you will hear an automated message and should press 2-6 for COVID-19 information. You can also access 211 resources through the Massachusetts 211 website: https://mass211.org/

City, Schools, and Partners Organizing Support Services and Food Programs

A number of efforts are underway to address food security, healthcare access, and services for our most vulnerable populations including the many students who rely on the schools for meals and seniors who rely on a range of other services for meals and other needs. Resources will be posted to and continually updated on these pages. The schools have 2,000 meals ready to go for students starting Monday 3/16 with pickup information being sent via the schools directly to families. More to come. For those who wish to donate or help, we will also post information. Again, this is developing rapidly.





Public health experts have emphasized the critical importance of social distancing – limiting interpersonal contact and maintaining a distance of at least six feet from others, halting large group activities, reducing overall social contact – to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Gov. Charlie Baker has issued an order prohibiting most gatherings of 250 or more people statewide.

Somerville and Boston recently convened regional leaders for a meeting with epidemiological and medical experts (extreme social distancing at the meeting was practiced including virtual participation). The core message was that the entire region must swiftly enact social distancing measures to avoid repeating the situation in Italy here: overwhelmed hospitals, rationing of care, higher fatality rates, and full lockdown. As a result of this meeting cities and towns across the region began closing schools and municipal buildings. Pressure is building on the State to follow. Starting Monday, March 16, all City and School buildings will be closed to the public for a minimum of two weeks and all City and School events are canceled during this time. Services essential to public health and safety will continue.

The public should be prepared for the closures to continue longer. Please also prepare for potential quarantine or self-isolation by having at least a two-week Emergency Kit with a supply of food, personal products, medicine, and other needed items. More info is available on this under the How to Prepare tab on this page.

Public health tip:

Supporting friends, family members, and neighbors who may need help preparing to practice social distancing or the possibility of quarantine is important, but when doing so you should still exercise caution to keep yourself and the person you are helping safe. If you are delivering food or medical supplies to someone, consider dropping them off on a porch or front steps, especially if the person you are delivering to is sick or a stranger. Make deliveries with a partner whenever possible and use hand sanitizer frequently until you are able to wash your hands with soap and water.

1. Be sure that you are fully informed of standard flu protocols — and commit to truly following them. Precautions such as staying home if you have a fever of 100 degrees or higher, washing hands frequently, and covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow are designed to prevent the spread of germs.

2. Prepare an emergency kit and complete an emergency checklist. An emergency kit is a collection of items you may need in an emergency. An emergency checklist helps you gather information you may need in an emergency. At all times, not simply as it relates to COVID-19, every household should have an emergency kit ready and should run through emergency checklists to be prepared for any unexpected emergencies. Kits generally include essentials such as food, water, medicine, power sources, paperwork, and other items to cover a 3-day period. With the COVID-19, it is recommended to consider a 2-week supply. Here are few links for with suggestions for your kit and checklists:

- + Mass.gov Build an Emergency Kit
- + CDC Emergency Kit and Checklist for Families
- + CDC Personal Health Preparedness

3. Consider and prepare for what you may need if you or your children need to isolate or quarantine at home for an extended period. Current self-isolation and quarantine periods for COVID-19 have generally been 14 days or longer. In the event that you may need to self-isolate or quarantine, it is advisable to consider what you need at home under such circumstances and gather them. Emergency kit checklists, which as noted include items such as food and prescriptions, should be a good help in planning for your needs (see above).

4. If you are planning to travel, check CDC travel updates and guidance. We encourage anyone planning to travel to review the latest CDC travel guidance at https://

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html, which is updated frequently. As of Saturday, Feb. 29, there are warnings and alerts of various levels for China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran, and information posted regarding Hong Kong.

5. Do not hoard. While it is advisable to plan and prepare for your general emergency needs and possible quarantine, it is detrimental to overall public health if individuals hoard more resources than they need. For example, if one person hoards hand sanitizer or face masks that they can't possibly use up alone, there may be another 10-20 people who will not have access and then may be more likely to spread germs to everyone, including the hoarder, making the risk of the virus spreading even greater for all.

6. Share facts, not rumors. Check the CDC, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, or other official government sites for updates.

7. Stay compassionate and remain true to our community values of welcoming and inclusion. There have been news reports of persons of Asian backgrounds experiencing incidents of discrimination due to COVID-19 news. No one should face discrimination or mistreatment based on a public health situation. Viruses do not discriminate.

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Urgent appeal from Somerville Homeless Coalition

Urgent Appeal – Help for the Helpless

We need your immediate help.

As this virus outbreak touches us you can be sure that the homeless and disadvantaged will suffer even more. The poor stay poor ... the homeless remain homeless ... the hungry remain hungry, their need becomes greater. Simply put, they become even more untouchable as services close around our community because social distancing is a way of life for them already.

We are working to keep our services open. This includes our food program, prevention and support programs and our adult and family shelter.

Our food program Project SOUP has already served 300 families this month and is expecting this number to rise to 600, an unprecedented increase. Our community meals are ongoing while taking specific precautions to protect the health of our guests, staff, and volunteers. Our shelter staff is moving a family into permanent housing today and preparing the room for a new family to move in this weekend. Our work doesn't stop.

This week we postponed our Gala which was expected to raise \$160,000, funds on which we rely to provide services and support to our clients.



As you prepare yourself, your families, your coworkers and others for this unprecedented emergency, take a moment to help us do the same for the most needy in our communities and donate now.

We rely on the generosity and compassion of our community members to be able to continue to do this essential work.

THANK YOU for your support; please share this campaign widely across your networks.

Take care of yourselves and one another and remember to wash your hands!

Somerville Homeless Coalition 1 Davis Square Somerville, MA 02144 www.shcinc.org To Donate Now

All Council on Aging events suspended until further notice to minimize the spread of COVID-19

Older people (age 50 and up) and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions seem to be at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness. The CDC advises that it is "extra important" that persons with higher risk take action to help prevent exposure to the virus, and that all of us take actions to limit the spread in order to protect ourselves and those most vulnerable to complications.

The underlying conditions identified as increasing 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

Risk for more severe symptoms increases starting at approximately age 50 and continues to climb with age. According to the Robert Koch Institute, age combined with a risk factor creates higher risk as well. In particular, older persons may have a weaker immune response leading to more serious infection and a delay in some obvious symptoms such as fever. Thus older persons may not go to the doctor as early as a younger person with a stronger early response. Scientists are still learning about COVID-19, but the current known fatality rate in China for persons with COVID-19 below the age of 50 is below 1%, for ages 50-59 it is approximately 1.3%, for ages 60-69 it is approximately 3.5%, and for persons over 80 it is approximately 14.8%.

The CDC offers guidance for higher risk populations including:

Stock up on supplies

Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others

When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often.

Avoid crowds as much as possible

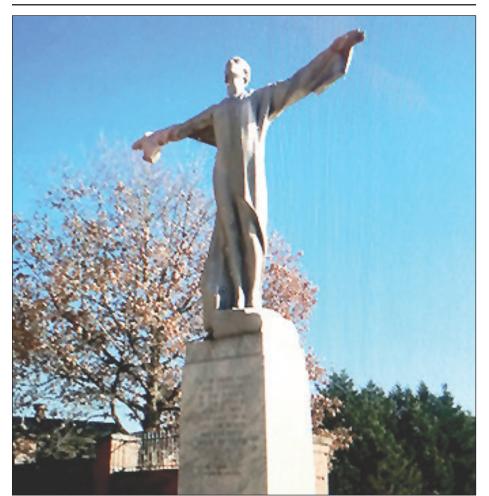
During a COVID-19 outbreak in your community, stay home as much as possible.

For more specific guidance, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html.

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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



viewed an outstanding parade from a grandstand on Highland Avenue at Central Hill.

Apart from the Presidents Park Memorial, he is remembered under a Celtic cross at Arlington National Cemetery, a memorial bridge in Augusta, Georgia, and a memorial plaque in the American National Cathedral.

The Major's confidant, New Bedford area born painter, Francis Davis Millet, also had a distinguished background. Beginning at age 15, he was a drummer boy and assistant to his father, a Civil War surgeon. He was the father of four children and Mark Twain was his best man. He became an acclaimed artist, sculptor, writer, and decorated war correspondent.

He painted murals in Boston's Trinity Church and was one of the founders of Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Harvard University honors him with a bust in its Widener Library. He was last seen on the Titanic lowering women and children into lifeboats. His remarkable list of achievements, affiliations, and contributions were cut short on the deck of the Titanic. Of note, the Widener library was named after George Widener and his son, Harry, who were also victims of the Titanic disaster.

Another memorial honors these two friends and 1,300 others. It lies in Washington, D.C.'s Southwest Waterfront Park and was unveiled by President Taft's widow Helen. It states:

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BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

SMC facility closed through end of March

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Dear SMC Friends,

Paralleling decisions by the City of Somerville and the Somerville Public Schools with regard to buildings and programs, SMC will extend its public closure through Tuesday, March 31.

We apologize in particular to our member producers, and our youth program participants (and their families) for the additional time they will not be able to access our production facilities and equipment. However, we are buoyed by the cameradie and understanding folks have shown as we are all trying to navigate these unprecedented times together.

SMC remains committed to continue playing content on SCATV Channel 3 and BostonFreeRadio.com.

We will continue to carry regularly updated syndicated content. More importantly we also plan to continue to maintain the rest of our SCATV and BFR programming schedule that is largely sourced from the Somerville Media Center membership. In addition, the SCATV

Community Bulletin board will relay information pulled from the city's website at somervillema.gov/coronavirus and SMC staff will monitor the city's website and alert system to provide the community with the most up-to-date information.

We are optimistic about the challenge of working remotely with community producers to figure out ways to get fresh content shared on SMC's media platforms.

With regard to SCATV Ch 3, Dave Ortega has provided step-by-step instructions on how to submit shows in the following video upload link.

Heather McCormack has provided instructions for audio uploads as well offered a list of media-making resources for youth and adults stuck at home.

In the foreseeable future we ask that you communicate with staff via email or voicemail message as these will be checked regularly. We thank you again for your cooperation and understanding.

Best Regards,

Brian Zipp Executive Director

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1874 – Hawaii signs a treaty giving exclusive trading rights with the islands to the United States.

1911 – Theodore Roosevelt opens the Roosevelt Dam in Phoenix, Ariz., the largest dam in the United States to date.

1939 – Georgia finally ratifies the Bill of Rights, 150 years after the birth of the federal government. Connecticut and Massachusetts, the only other states to hold out, also ratify the Bill of Rights in this year.

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Wednese	day, March 18	11:33pm	COVID 19 PSA	Sunday,	March 22
7:00am	Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting	Friday, N	larch 20	12:00am	City Council Meeting - 3.12.20
7:30am	Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20	12:00am	School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20	3:48am	Health & Hygiene PSA 2020
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	2:26am	COVID 19 PSA	7:30am	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
9:00am	SomerViva en Espanõl - Public Charge	2:26am	CDC Handwashing PSA	8:00am	Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion
9:30am	Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's	2:30am	Senator Ed Markey's Town Hall at SHS	8:44am	COVID 19 PSA
11:00am	City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang	7:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang	8:45am	Transgender Day of Remembrance
11:30am	Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting	8:00am	The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley	9:00am	Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting
12:01pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20	9:00am	Senator Ed Markey's Town Hall at SHS	10:00am	Faith In a City: Faith & Community
2:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20	11:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti	11:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti
6:00pm	SomerViva en Espanõl - Public Charge	12:00pm	City Council Meeting - 3.12.20	12:00pm	
6:30pm	Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20	4:00pm	SomerViva em Português - March 2020	5:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
7:30pm	Faith In a City: Faith & Community	5:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	5:58pm	COVID 19 PSA
8:15pm	SPD Ride Along	5:56pm	CDC Handwashing PSA	6:00pm	SomerViva em Português - March 2020
8:30pm	The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley	6:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20	6:30pm	Derechos de Inquilinos
9:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20	8:26pm	COVID 19 PSA	8:00pm	Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion
11:56pm	Health & Hygiene PSA 2020	8:30pm	Senator Ed Markey's Town Hall at SHS	9:00pm	Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20
Thursday	y, March 19	10:06pm	Talking Business	9:48pm	COVID 19 PSA
12:00am	COVID 19 PSA	10:24pm	CDC Handwashing en Espanol PSA	9:49pm	Health & Hygiene PSA 2020
12:00am	Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville"	10:30pm	The First American Flag	10:00pm	
12:26am	CDC Handwashing PSA		r, March 21	11:36pm	
12:30am	Derechos de Inquilinos		Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting	11:54pm	5
2:00am	City Council Meeting - 3.12.20	12:30am	Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20		, March 23
7:30am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan		Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019	12:00am	
7:57am	Health & Hygiene PSA 2020	2:45am	SPD Ride Along	12:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang
8:00am	Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20	3:00am	Faith In a City: Fire & Roses	1:01am	Talking Business
9:00am	SomerViva en Español - Public Charge	7:30am	School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20	1:18am	COVID 19 PSA
9:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang	10:00am	City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang	1:30am	Derechos de Inquilinos
11:00am 11:30am	SomerViva em Português - March 2020	11:30am	Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville"	2:45am	SPD Ride Along
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1:30pm	Faith In a City: Fire & Roses	1:45pm	SPD Ride Along	8:26am	Health & Hygiene PSA 2020
3:00pm	Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020	2:00pm	Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting	8:30am	City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti
5:30pm	Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting #3	3:00pm	SomerVision 2040: Parameters - 4.5.19	9:00am	Derechos de Inquilinos
7:09pm	Talking Business	5:30pm	Faith In a City: Faith & Community	11:00am	
7:26pm	COVID 19 PSA	6:15pm	SPD Ride Along	12:00pm	
7:30pm	SomerViva em Português - March 2020	6:30pm	City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang	2:30pm	Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion
8:00pm	2020 Inaugural Ceremonies	7:00pm	Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's	3:15pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance
10:00pm	SomerViva en Español - Public Charge	8:00pm	Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20	3:30pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
10:30pm	2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill	11:15pm	SPD Ride Along	5:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
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12:00am	Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
1:21am	CDC Handwashing PSA
1:30am 2:30am	Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting
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Wednesday, March 25 Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville" 12:00am

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Health & Hygiene PSA 2020 School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20 COVID 19 PSA

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, March 18

8:00am	SHS Girls Soccer vs Medford
9:30am	SHS Hockey vs Medford
11:00am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
12:30pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Medford
3:30pm	El Sistema Spring Concert
4:05pm	Our Schools, Our City
4:36pm	Student of the Qtr WSNS
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6:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford
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Thursday,	March 19
12:30am	El Sistema Spring Concert

SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

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SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough Public Domain Theater SHS Football vs Falmouth SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy

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Sunday, March 22 12:00am

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SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l Public Domain Theater SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea SHS Boys Soccer vs N. Andover SHS Football vs Malden SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea SHS Boys Soccer vs N. Andover SHS Football vs Malden

Monday, March 23 12:30am

SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op

SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere 10:0⁰pm SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere 11:30pm

Tuesday, March 24

12:59am SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere 2:30am SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica 8:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin 10:00am Boys' Middle School Soccer Championship 11:00am Girls' Middle School Soccer Championships 12:00pm Boys Intramural Basketball Championship 1:00pm Girls Intramural Basketball Championship 2:00 pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Medford 3:30pm 6:00pm SHS Football vs Falmouth SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin Boys' Middle School Soccer Championship 8:00 pm 9:00pm Girls' Middle School Soccer Championships 10:00pm Boys Intramural Basketball Championship 11:00pm Girls Intramural Basketball Championship SHS Girls Soccer vs Medford SHS Football vs Falmouth 12:00am 1:30am

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Alan Patterson writes: "In this poem, I attempted to convey in my own words, my feelings when I listen to Coltrane's music. I believe Coltrane strove to express in his music his worship of a loving and powerful God, who sustains us daily. His mas-



terpiece, A Love Supreme, remains one of the greatest musical testaments in that vein."

Coltrane

His Voice crying in the wilderness sighing, screeching, singing, of soul secrets and sufferings stark, silent sound invoking Heaven's muse and Purgatory's cleansing fire.

Who, speaking in tongues created new language who captured Eternity's essence with every note he played who God breathed through so gently, so fully. Whose music made the spirit dance and the soul sing. Who crystallized Heaven's silent tears in prayerful psalm-like playing.

'Trane blowing sweet and sour sounds as Elvin Jones nails beat down an orchestra of percussion propelling muse onward with sharp, cymbal-snake rattle and fills of falling hailstones-snare drum Jimmy Garrison plucks melody on bass – soul-throb anchor grounds the sound for night flight tenor squeal-sigh solo while chords cascade like ever-present snowfall from McCoy Tyner's softly steady piano pulse gently drifting downward until, unnoticed, they embrace then dissolve into concrete ground of complete sound.

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

From the Bloc 11 Cafe: **Ajda the Turkish Queen**



Ajda Snyder is a talented singer/songwriter, who met with me at my usual spot at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Somerville, MA. She told me that she has lived in these environs since 2012. Snyder said of our city, "I love it here. I would like to buy a place, but it is just too expensive."

Snyder describes her music as a confluence between the East and the West. She reports, "My music has been described as roots mixed with the ethereal." Snyder, a graduate of the Berklee School of Music in Boston, said as a kid she was inspired by Judy Garland. She started performing in the Houston, Texas public school system when she was growing up.

Snyder told me she recorded at the famed BC35 Studio in Brooklyn, NY. This studio was founded by Martin Bisi and has recorded members of Sonic Youth, Swans, White Hills, JG Thirlwell, Cop Shoot Cop, Live Skull reunion, Pop 1280, The Dresden Dolls, Alice Donut, Lubricated Goat, Sxip Shirey, Parlor Walls and many more.

and the banjo.

I listened to one of her songs, Bobby's Car. It takes place in one of the more carnal places, none-other than a car. The tune is evocative, a sad/sweet homage to a long lost love. Her voice is hypnotic. It seems to float through the air like an early morning mist.

Ajda is a voice teacher as well. She teaches privately at a shared-studio in Boston, and at Somerville's Union Lesson Studios, right above the Bloc 11.

Ajda has played in many Somerville venues, such as the defunct Johnny D's, the Arts Armory, and elsewhere.

Snyder credits a former roommate, and a onetime drummer for the Dresden Dolls, Brian Viglione, as helping her get started, with his extensive contacts and his collaboration on any number of projects.

Snyder, who founded the band Black Fortress of Opium, among others, is focusing on "Ajda: The Turkish" band for now.

Coltrane conveyed through prayerful wild abandon

serenity and suffering joy and pathos harmony and dissonance peace and anger

Ajda plays a number of instruments including the mandolin, guitar, melodica, organ, piano

To find out more about Ajda, go to: https://ajdatheturkishqueen.com/.

At times frantic and frenzied rushes of exclamations defying expectations "sheets of sound" twisting notes inward upon themselves wrapping sound around sound around sound until all semblance of structure collapsed in chaotic exhaustion as pure unfiltered emotion from somewhere deep beneath ordinary consciousness communicating the very root of it all came tumbling out of the torrents of sound overflowing with feeling

momentary connection of beyond understanding a shrieking siren song from the soul.

At times liquidly lyrical romantically rhapsodizing gentle sigh of joy/love/gladness heartbeat hymn too breathtakingly beautiful for words to capture just a sad sweet serenade floating freely in the timeless serene eternity of A Love Supreme.

– Alan Patterson

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