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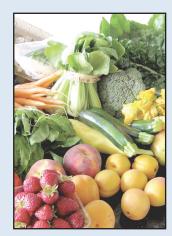
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#### City Council looks into COVID-19 safety measures for first responders



The Somerville City Council is concerned that appropriate protection against COVID-19 infection is being provided to the city's first responders.

#### By Jim Clark

An order was put forward at the April 14 meeting of the Somerville City Council's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety requesting that the Chief of Police and the Chief Fire Engineer appear before the Committee with an update on their plans to keep first responders safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the discussion on the matter, Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott said, "I want to make sure that I understand perfectly clearly. We are not testing fire or police employees unless they show symptoms? We do not know how much asymptomatic spread is potentially happening there within the departments or within or to the residents that these first responders interact with, who are often our most vulnerable residents. And we currently do not have a plan for testing Continued on page 4

#### How to turn your home into the ultimate staycation 'destination'

While vacations sound like the best chance to unwind, planning a trip out of town -- and getting there – can sometimes be more hassle than it's worth.

Here's how to turn your home into a staycation "destination" that can be enjoyed any time you feel like it:

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- Create a Spa-Like Bathroom: Find your bliss by creating a spa-like retreat in your bathroom. Start by clearing unsightly clutter and using coordinating dispensers for bath products. Paint the walls in a hue that promotes relaxation - think earthy tones, blues and greens, then add plants or fresh flowers for a Continued on page 15



Turn your stay at home time into a "staycation" by following some of these useful tips. – Photo (c) RossHelen / iStock via Getty Images Plus

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So, Patriots' Day came and went this week with little fanfare and fuss, and no Boston Marathon, all because of the social distancing requirements cause by the coronavirus threat. We understand the importance of keeping everyone safe, yet we can't help but miss these grand old traditions that most of us look forward to. It's unfortunate that we have to give up so much for now, but these events and special occasions will return. For now, be safe and ride this thing out with patience and good humor. After all, what's the alternative?

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Given the COVID-19 crisis, Porchfest cannot take place in its traditional form, instead they would like to continue with Porchfest virtually as CouchFest. This year, bands or individuals will post either prerecorded videos or plan to do live stream performances on May 9. If you have registered before, you'll remember there is specific directions in the registration process. This year they are requesting you to determine if you can do a live stream performance or, if you have the resources, they encourage you to get your band together virtually for premiere performances. There have been some great examples. Check out this video by the great local outfit Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band: https://youtu.be/ WjMzSkSU1Ng. Or post a prerecorded live video. Bands/ individuals will still perform during the time slot assigned to their zone (just like prior events) except there will be specific times for the live events. The zones and time periods are: West of Willow Ave. is "west" and will take place from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.; the area between Willow Ave. and Central St. is "central" zone and will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and the area east of Central St. is the "east" zone and will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Registration will remain open until May 7. For details and registration process go to: https://somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest.

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To those celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to former Alderman Jack Connolly, who is Continued on page 7

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for the week of April 22 – April 29 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday April 22	Partly Cloudy	461°/31°	0%	35%	W 20 mph
Thursday April 23	Sunny	55°/40°	19%	38%	WSW 13 mph
Friday April 24	Rain	47°/38°	77%	66%	NNE 14 mph
Saturday April 25	Partly Cloudy	58°/39°	0%	48%	NE 9 mph
Sunday April 26	Rain	50°/41°	45%	67%	ENE 15 mph
Monday April 27	Rain	50°/39°	44%	72%	NNE 14 mph
Tuesday April 28	Rain	52°/41°	29%	57%	NNE 10 mph
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NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

#### The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Updates on Somerville's response to the COVID-19 crisis

Arthur Moore says:

Besides the six feet it now is 15 feet for runners. Not sure about bikes but would think it would be about the same. Maybe best to close of the path to bikers and runners now.

joe says:

We've lost sight of the strategy.

The goal was to flatten the curve so hospitals don't get overwhelmed. This is very reasonable and doable. That saves serious lives! By closing down large gatherings, washing hands, and staying home more, we eliminate a good chunk of the transmission risk. Call it 95%. This is the proper response.

But now it feels like the response has muted. You can't even get takeout or go for a jog without people racing to see who's the most offended you don't have a face covering. It's like we're trying to wipe out 100% of COVID-19 transmission. That's not possible. The counterargument is "well shouldn't we do everything we can?!?". Not necessarily, because tightening up inside that last 5%, say, is more and more difficult with a higher cost and a diminishing return.

Are medical facilities in Somerville and Cambridge overwhelmed? If not, there's no need to get crazy. Let people go for a damned jog without wearing a face covering. And seriously... 15 feet vs 6 feet when you pass somebody jogging? If every jogger made that adjustment for the next 6 months, I bet the expected decrease in number of Somerville deaths due to COVID-19 is probably something like .00003, while the expected increase in number of Somerville deaths due to joggers getting hit by cars is something like .00008, not to mention the cost of discussing and then communicating and possibly enforcing such a policy.

Let's be smart.

#### Response to: City to examine mailing absentee ballots for upcoming elections

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

Thanks to the City Council for taking on this important issue. Obviously, our illustrious Secretary of State has gotten his marching orders from the corrupt regime in D.C. And yes, they're even trying to kill the USPS in their desperate attempts to keep the regime in power.

We must ensure that all citizens here and elsewhere are provided with the opportunity to safely and securely cast their ballots in the upcoming elections. The recent Wisconsin-style debacle cannot be allowed to be repeated. Obviously, the opportunity for fraud exists, in that unscrupulous election workers can theoretically hide or destroy mailed-in ballots. So it is equally important to put watchdog measures in place to ensure accurate and honest results.

The fate of our Democracy itself is at risk, and we can be complacent neither now nor in the future.

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#### Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

#### Birthday parties, 1960's style



Chuck E Cheese, Tag, and movie theaters like Chunky's were where we usually held my two youngest kids' birthday parties in the 90's

and early 2000's.

My older daughter's tenth birthday in 1992 was at the McDonald's playground that used to be in Davis Square, and her twelfth birthday was a pool party at The Holiday Inn off Washington St. in Somerville. The boys had some parties at a place called Kids Playground and Laser Quest in Danvers for laser tag.

Children's parties have become elaborate and expensive ordeals. Even if you have a party in your backyard you will pay a lot, especially if it's a theme party. My grandkids have had Cat in The Hat, Toy Story, and Disney Princesses themed parties. Every related item possible can be purchased either at places like Party City or online. Cha-Ching \$! It can be a car payment when you're through, but that's what we do for our kids. Not so in the old days.

In 1960 The Flintstones had just premiered on TV, JFK was our new President and life was good for a kid having a birthday. If mom didn't just make one

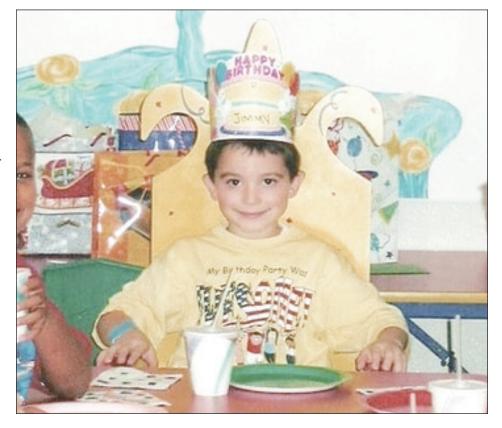
from scratch, she would go down to the A&P, or Johnnie's Foodmaster and buy a Pillsbury or Betty Crocker cake mix. If we were lucky, she would let us lick the mixer beaters. Most of the time she would shut the mixer off first! That was a big deal. Then she would make the frosting and decorate it.

Of course, there was also plenty of Sealtest ice cream and snacks for all. For beverages, there was Zarex, or Kool Ade, or soda. My Uncle Chick worked at Cott's Bottling Company in Somerville, so all my family parties had Cott's beverages (it's Cott to be good!).

Our birthday parties were held at the kitchen table as shown in the photo. The table and chairs were well made thick wood, and lasted forever. We actually just threw that very table pictured out last year.

The party goers were the kids from the neighborhood and/or your siblings and cousins. In the photo shown from my birthday party in 1960, there were kids from four neighbor families on Pearson Ave. Four kids lived across the street, three lived next door, two lived upstairs, and me, my brother and sister. Can't get any any closer that.

And it was a fun time in our lives. We were with our first friends. We played in the street together, we all went to the same



school, and our parents were friends. But after eating all that cake and ice cream and soda, there was the danger of the dreaded sugar rush. 12 kids all hopped up on mega sweets could get messy!

I remember one party when me and my cousin Butch got in trouble for squishing cheese puffs on each other's foreheads and flicking ice cream at the girls. And where were the parents during these 60's

kids' parties? Mom kept watch over the kids while the other parents were in the living room smoking their brains out. No one cared about our clean, young healthy lungs back then. No one thought of the hazards. Every so often dad would come in the kitchen and grab a few more cans of Shlitz or Ballantine Ale from the fridge for the adult guests.

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Be safe and stay healthy – The Mount Vernon Restaurant

#### City Council looks into COVID-19 safety measures for first responders

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In response to Scott's remarks, Khushbu Webber from the Mayor's Office said, "As far as our testing of first responders, it is really dependent on the guidelines put forward by the Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Until those guidelines change, our protocols for when we test first responders is what it is."

"I want to share an update," Webber continued. "I had an opportunity to speak with both [Police] Chief Fallon and [Fire] Chief Breen about the protocols that the Police Department as well as the Fire Department have put into place to protect first responders. As far as the Somerville Police Department, Somerville Police officers are made aware if they are dispatched to an address in the city where an individual resides who has tested positive. The Department has also changed its policy on certain calls in an effort to eliminate whenever possible an officer's contact with the public."

Webber further explained that "officers are given protective masks, gloves and hand sanitizers in each cruiser." She also

stated that the officers have been equipped with cleaning agents to sanitize their cruisers in between calls and any time they deem necessary.

"The Department has also sent numerous notifications to officers updating them on CDC [Center for Disease Control] guidelines and keeping themselves as safe as possible when interacting with the public," said Webber. "They've also sent home information to officers' families on steps they can take at home to keep everyone safe when officers report home from duty."

Webber added, "They've also made structural changes to workstations within the Public Safety buildings to keep 911 operators safe and healthy as well."

"There is also policy on pandemic planning and response that is somewhat generic, but has been a good framework and has been strengthened through memos and updates that the Police Department has been regularly sending out," according to Webber.

"Additionally, with the Somerville Fire Department, they now assume on any medical calls that the person is positive,

even if there are no symptoms," Webber said. "All fire apparatus contains two bins containing COVID-19 related equipment. The equipment includes gowns, gloves, surgical masks, N-95 masks, N-95 adapters, or they're supplied airless respirator masks, disposable pilot suits, face shields, biohazard bags and spray bottles of disinfectant."

Webber further explained that exposures are followed up by a Department infection control officer. Those who come into contact or test positive are required to go into quarantine.

"Additionally, hands on training on PPE [Personal Protection Equipment] has been taking place for the last three weeks, as well as an online class that all members are required to take," Webber said.

Webber added, "One of the things that the Fire Department and the Police Department have done is that they have strengthened their requirements on PPE for first responders, and this has reduced the number of infections and contact that first responders have had relative to the virus."

In response to a question

about the number of infections sustained by the city's first responders, Webber told the Committee that in the previous week five firefighters were quarantined and one of them had tested positive. As of the time of the meeting, none of those individuals were still in quarantine and the one who tested positive had recovered.

"Chief Breen wanted me to reiterate to you all that the updates in protective measures in protocol that the Police Department and the Fire Department have taken has had a positive effect in terms of reducing the number of quarantine or virus related contact that has occurred," Webber told the Council. "And one of the key parts of this is that going forward it is assumed that any medical calls involve a person who has tested positive, even if there are no symptoms."

Annie Connor, speaking for the Administration added, "I wanted to clarify that as much as we would like to have control over who gets tested, that is all through the Department of Public Health. We don't control the prioritization of who gets tested, unfortunately. We would like to, of course."

According to Webber, Police Chief Fallon reported that the current number of officers that have tested positive is three, and that two of them are currently in self-quarantine.

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen weighed in on the issue saying, "I share a lot of the outrage on our inability to conduct all the tests that we do, but for anybody watching from home, I think it's really important that people understand this is directly the result of failures on the level of the federal government. It is now well established that the CDC created a failed test. They then blocked the ability at state labs to make their own tests, and by the time they relaxed that the supply chains were completely overwhelmed for all the private tests. So, just so no one gets confused at home, as if there's some ability of Somerville to decide who to test, I think it's really important to emphasize that we are going to, as a country, eventually have the capacity to do the tests widely."

The agenda items relating to these issues were kept in Committee for further discussion.

## Dorothy's Corner

#### BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



My regular breakfast consists of yogurt, granola, and fresh berries. I wanted to switch things up over the weekend and splurge a bit. So, this is a mascarpone stuffed French toast, topped with a bananas foster sauce. This was so rich and decadent it truly hit the spot. Serves 4.

8 slices of 1-1/2" challah, or bread of your choice

8 oz. mascarpone, room temperature 6 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1/2 teaspoon lemon zest

2 eggs

1/4 cup milk

Pinch of Salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon, divided

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 tablespoons butter, divided

2 bananas

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup slivered almonds, walnuts, or pecans, optional

This recipe is well worth the little

extra work. Let the mascarpone sit out at room temperature for about 1/2 an hour. In the meantime, slice the challah into 1-1/2 inch slices for 8 slices total. Prepare the egg mixture by beating the 2 eggs, add the milk, pinch of salt, and 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, and vanilla extract, blend well.

In a medium bowl, add the mascarpone, confectioners' sugar, and lemon zest, then mix together until fully incorporated. Add 2 oz. of mascarpone to each of the four slices of challah. Cover with the remaining slices. In a 12-inch skillet, add 2 tablespoons of butter over low heat.

Now, dip each one of the stuffed breads into the egg mixture and fully coat both sides and the edges. Place each one into the skillet, and turn the heat up to medium.

Once the toasts are golden brown, about 4 minutes, flip over and brown the second side. Once they are browned on both sides, with a pair of tongs, turn onto the sides, rotating to ensure the egg mixture is completely browned.

Remove each of the stuffed toasts



and place onto each serving plate or a platter and cover with a tented piece of foil. Slice the bananas, lower the skillet heat to low, add the remaining butter, sliced bananas, brown sugar, and cinnamon.

Turn up heat to medium and toss the bananas until fully coated and the mixture has fully incorporated. Cook for about two minutes. Now spoon the sauce over the toasts and add the nuts for additional texture.

\*Note, if you want to add rum, add it right after the brown sugar is in the pan. I would use a 1/4 cup.

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

#### LTC James Marques retires from 37 years of service

By Jessica Sisavath

Lieutenant Colonel James Marques is retiring at the end of the summer from the Army Reserve and National Guard which he has dedicated 37 years of service to. A Somerville native, he joined the Army National Guard in 1983 during his time as a student at UMASS Lowell.

When Marques joined he did not know much about the National Guard. He had two things in mind which was to fulfill his curiosity of how the Army works and take advantages of having his education paid for.

An adventurous type, his curiosity remained throughout his deployments. He started his basic training in Fort Dix, New Jersey, and went to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Proving Grounds of Maryland to study to be a mechanic. He became an officer in the Army National Guard and in 1992 became a second Lieutenant.

When 9/11 occurred, Marques' career went full speed. In 2004, he received a letter stating that he would be deployed in Iraq. He says when he received the letter he thought, "This is bigger than me or anyone else. It's honorable to serve something that's bigger than you."

Marques learned that serving his nation was an important lesson for him. He became a captain and was deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan for logistics and civil affairs. He worked on a division staff, battalions staff, and brigade staff. He learned the value of teamwork. He went on to various missions which led him to what he is doing today.

As a Lieutenant Colonel in Fort Hood, Texas, Marques is working on plans for warfighter missions for those who are going overseas. He is still going overseas to mostly Iraq and Kuwait. He will continue to go on missions and carry his current duties until his retirement.

When Marques retires, he plans to work for the military as a civilian contractor at the U.S. Department of Defense with similar duties. He plans to continue to volunteer after retirement in his local veteran community whether it be in Massachusetts or Texas. He is looking to perhaps teach Junior ROTC in a high school in the future.

Marques is excited about his next chapter and what it will bring. This new chapter will also determine if he will return to Somerville permanently. He doesn't see himself separating himself from the community in Somerville. He plans to be in touch during visits and attending ceremonial veteran events. After retirement, he is most excited about enjoying his mornings and taking the time rest.

The advice Marques would give to new recruits is, "Make sure you go into a branch of the military, job, or functional area that speaks to your personality. I say that for a reason. If I was an Army guy with an Army personality, Type A. But I went in the Air Force. It wouldn't do me well. I probably wouldn't like it." He believes it is best for new recruits to play into their strengths. As a leader, he has seen different

generations come into the Army but says their mission, which is to serve, has always remained the same. Marques believes that anyone who serves his communities, including civilians, should always be respected.

One of Marques' most memorable deployments was back in 2008 in Al Shaab in Baghdad, Iraq. He was on a humanitarian mission as the civil teams leader, cultivating relationships in Al Shaab by handing kids book and crayons, giving financial support to people who had damaged homes caused by Americans, and checking on families on a regular basis.

mission This influenced Marques' perspective on the Iraqi people. James learned that they are the same as Americans, trying to make a living and supporting their families. He has kept in touch with some of the people that have touched his heart that he has helped.

Marques is looking forward to visit one friend from his mission in Al Shaab in the Netherlands who had a great influence on him. He says, "Not every single person in Iraq is out to kill us. Just like not every single person in New York is a bad person."

Marques says, "What I'm going to miss the most is being in uniform, getting some acknowledgement from folks, and just being able to serve in uniform." There is change in behavior from the community when one is not in uniform, the privileges and honor when a person receives when they are in uniform is something not everyone has a chance to do. James respects



LTC James Marques, 57A Simulations Officer, 84th Training Command.

the honor his receives when he is uniform. He teaches the kids that approach him when he is in uniform to salute. As he exits the Army, he has gained respect for past veterans and is proud to be a respected veteran who served in war.

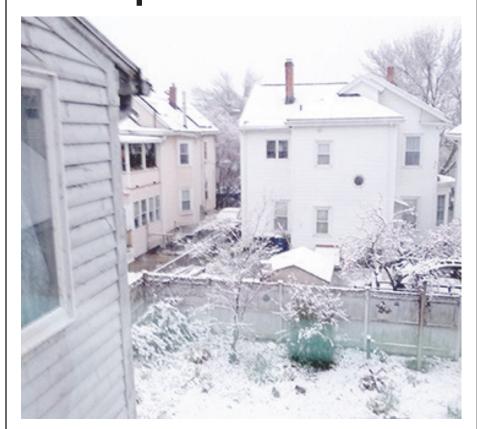
Marques says,"Never in my life ever have I said I regret doing this. It's all been worth it." Reflecting back on an experience in 1989 when he saw many people go back home after training, he thought, "This looks like a good retirement for me and I'm going to stick with it and staying with

it when the crowd didn't want to stay with it was a tough thing to do but it was the right thing to do. And here I am now about to collect the rest of my life."

This a special time for Marques as he prepares to retire. He will also receive a Legion of Merit award, which one must work really hard for. It will be a proud and humbling moment when he receives this award.

The words of wisdom he would pass on to anyone is to "find your purpose in life. They'll drive who you are," and, "Say yes when offered opportunities."

#### **April snow shower**



Old Man Winter took a late bow as it graced the city with a mid-April snowfall — Photo by Doug Holder last Saturday.

#### **Pandemic Unemployment** Assistance (PUA) now available

Are you in the gig economy and you're now out of work due to the coronavirus shutdown? You now can apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance through the state (https://www.mass.gov/how-to/ apply-for-pandemic-unemployment-assistance). Benefits are being made available to the self-employed, artists, independent contractors, workers with limited work history and others.



#### NOTICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Please take notice: Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin invites interested parties to participate in a neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss amendments to a previously approved PUD Preliminary Master Plan for the XMBLY project at 5 Middlesex Avenue and adjacent parcels in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District of Somerville. The neighborhood meeting will not be held in person due to the Covid-19 gathering limitations, but will be held virtually via Zoom.

Please contact Councilor Matt McLaughlin at mattforward1@gmail.com for more information and to obtain information in order to access the meeting.

#### **COMMENTARY**

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## Updates on Somerville's response to the COVID-19 crisis

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

#### Two New Assistance Funds Launched, Applications Coming Soon

Last week, Mayor Joe Curtatone and the United Way announced the launch of the Somerville Cares COVID-19 relief fund, which will offer emergency financial support to Somerville residents and workers. Through the fund, support will be made available to help individuals and families with the greatest need: people who have lost their jobs or income, for example, and are struggling to cover basic needs

like food, utilities, housing costs, healthcare, or child care. Funds will be available regardless of immigration status and eligible workers include those recently laid off from their jobs. The fund will be hosted by the United Way and administered by the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS). Because the fund was just started, it is currently only accepting donations. As soon as sufficient funds are raised, we will announce how to apply for aid. If you are able to donate to the Somerville Cares Fund, visit www.somervillema. gov/somervillecares.

The City also launched a \$1 million fund that will give forgivable loans of up to \$10,000 to local, independently owned small businesses affected by COVID-19. Application procedures and full details for the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund are coming soon. Business owners should also visit www.somervillema.gov/covidbizhelp for more information on other available resources and supports.

#### Mt. Pleasant Apartments Quarantined

On April 18 residents of the Mt. Pleasant senior apartment building in Somerville were placed under a mandatory minimum 14-day quarantine after eight cases of COVID-19 were confirmed there. The Board of Health worked with the building management to help make sure residents have the supplies they need for quarantine, and

the Council on Aging is offering support services to residents to answer their questions, connect them to resources, and assist with coordinating access to basic needs. Building residents who need assistance should contact the Council on Aging directly at 617-625-6600 x2300 or via 311 at 617-666-3311.

#### Somerville Restaurants Can Now Offer Groceries

Mayor Curtatone and the Board of Health issued an order allowing restaurants to offer grocery items for pick-up and/or delivery service through the duration of the local state of emergency. Next week you'll be able to find restaurants offering groceries on www.somervilledelivers.com

#### Staying Informed During COVID-19

The City's COVID-19 website, www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus, is updated frequently with public health information as well as resources and supports.

#### Here are some additional ways you can stay informed:

- + Sign up for City alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts or by calling 311. You can choose to get phone, text, and/or email alerts.
- Tune in to City Cable (RCN channel 13, Comcast channel
  22) for information and updates.
- 311 is available 24/7 to answer questions and provide information.

#### Statement from Mayor Joe Curtatone on updated school closures

Statement from Mayor Joe Curtatone on the closure of all public and private schools through the end of the school year:

I fully support Governor Baker's decision to keep Massachusetts schools closed for the remainder of the school year. It is the only sensible decision as we find ourselves in the surge phase of this pandemic. We simply cannot secure public health at this time by sending thousands of students, teachers and staff back to school in our community.

This is a hard blow to students who will be missing the social interaction of school, graduations, proms, sports seasons, plays, concerts and field trips, but it is the necessary response to the gravity of the moment in which we live. Like other municipalities across the state, our school system is working to make sure students and families have the resources they need to participate in online learning.

We thank students, parents, and teachers for the extra effort they've put into adapting to these trying times. We know this isn't easy for anyone, but it is what we must do to protect the health of the entire society around us.



#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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My hero died today. Stan Klein was just another guy when suddenly struck by a virulent case of Prostate Cancer twenty-five years ago.

In addition to confronting and conquering the disease himself, Stan became a courageous leader in the fight for prostate cancer research and treatment – putting a face on prostate cancer getting it the attention it deserved.

I first met Stan when I was diagnosed

in 2003 and was impressed by his knowledge of prostate cancer and his passion to fight it. Stan helped start the first and largest prostate cancer support group through the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

He started the first Prostate Cancer Walk in 2001; it has expanded to many cities throughout the country raising awareness and funds for prostate cancer research. Stan devoted his post prostate

cancer life to the cause by writing articles, organizing meetings, connecting and working with the medical community, making countless phone calls, and raising millions of dollars. Nothing could stop Stan.

I remember him leading the Prostate Walk at the 2013 Great Bear Run in a walker, with his devoted wife and fellow PC fighter, Fran, by his side. At 92, and despite a failing heart, Stan continued

his fight. Just recently he looked forward to starting to offer online support group meetings.

Stan - my hero - inspired me to follow in a small way the path he paved for us. I will never forget Stan Klein nor should any other Prostate Cancer survivors."

— John Hrones Needham MA

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#### **COMMENTARY**

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



#### **Our View Of The Times**



It began after a bad oil spill that took place in 1969 off the coast of California. A year later, the first annual Earth Day was celebrated to demonstrate universal support for environmental protection and responsible stewardship of the planet and its inhabitants.

Since then, public and official awareness of the negative impacts of human activity – such as air and water pollution – have

been raised to a level where concrete action is being demanded to mitigate those effects and heal the ills that have been inflicted on our world.

On this, the fiftieth anniversary of the annual celebration, it is strikingly ironic that mankind is currently grappling with its own health crisis with the coronavirus outbreak.

The occasion may represent an oppor-

tunity to reflect on how fragile our biological and environmental systems truly are, and the need for proper care and implementation of procedures that will ensure the optimal health of both the large and small on the only home we hav e, our precious planet Earth.

While science has figured out a lot in terms of what the right things to do are for improving the health of our environment, it is still struggling to establish ways to contain and ultimately defeat the COVID-19 virus in time to avoid catastrophic loss of human lives.

Similarly, the many factors affecting our environmental health demand that immediate and meaningful measures must be taken as soon as possible.

Let us become purveyors of the cure rather than remain the virus itself.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

celebrating this week. Happy birthday to a lady everyone in Somerville knows, Julie Phelan Brady. We wish her a great day on this her birthday. Happy birthday to a hard worker, Jim Cook, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Bob DiGuardia, who is also celebrating this week. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Benjamin Holmes, Paul Stanford, Celia Miller-Saltman, Jim Ospenson, Susannah Buzard, Tina Kneeland, Sylvia Cabrera, Kimbap Jones, Joey McEdmunds, Angelmarie Dinunzio, Debbie Shansky Murray, Kate Sherlock Guiliano, Dom Panzino, and Norma Egana a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

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Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Wayne Snow, who passed last week. We will post the full obituary when it becomes available, but in the meantime people are sharing their memories on the Facebook page Remembering Wayne Snow. Wayne will be greatly missed.

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**Project SOUP** is looking for donations.

They are looking to stock up with plastic bags, pasta and rice (normal sized bags) this week. Hours of operation and times to drop off deliveries are provided on their website https://www.somerville-homelesscoalition.org/food-security/. Please arrange to drop off or have deliveries sent to our food pantry during their hours of operation. Their address is 165 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145. The telephone number during hours of operation is 617 776 7687.

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In response to COVID-19, the Somerville Winter Farmers Market will be a pre-order only market held in the Armory parking lot from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and have extended their season through April 25. You can order from several of their vendors this week, and then pick up your goods on Saturday. This is a great way to support vendors, especially smaller vendors who do not have the capacity to set up their own delivery systems at this time. Please consider purchasing some of their delicious products. To preorder or for more information, go to https://www.somwintermarket.org/vendors SNAP/EBT are accepted. Market pickup is outdoors and all social distancing guidelines will be followed, including line management and no touch transactions.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this

year's Fast and Furriest 5K will be held virtually. Between now and Sunday, May 31, you can run, walk, or wag with your dog to help animals in need. Choose your course: on the road, in the park, on the trail, or even on your treadmill. Choose your pace: whether you run, walk, hop, canter, skip, or jump, what matters is that you are helping animals. Ask friends and family to support your effort. Once you register, you'll be able to fundraise, helping the MSP-CA-Angell continue providing essential services to homeless, sick, or injured animals in need. Raise \$100 and we will send you a race medal for you and your dog. Raise even more, and you will be eligible for great prizes. Now more than ever, the animals need you. Every dollar you raise will make a difference. Register now at www.fastandfurriest.com. Use code FBEVENT to save \$5 when you do. Questions or interested about sponsoring the event? Contact fastandfurriest@mspca.org.

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Support local business and enjoy the

best of Somerville's culinary scene by ordering takeout or delivery during this difficult time. Check out https://www.somervilledelivers.com for a list of restaurants accepting orders now. Don't see your restaurant listed? Add it here: Somervillema.gov/covidbizhelp.

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Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) is accepting masks. The link provided here offers a pattern and provides more details. Thanks to many local sewers who have already been hard at work on this. The link for CHA's Call for Masks is: https://www.challiance.org/about/newsroom/personal\_protective\_equipment\_ppe\_homemade\_donatio\_1180.

To contact us at *The Somerville Times* during these closures, please go to news@ thesomervilletimes.com. We are still up and running but will be working remotely.

The Ryan Harrington Foundation is honored to be hosting their 5th Annual Just One Run in Memory of Neil Naugler. Please join them on Sunday May 31, at 10:00 a.m. for the Just One Run with a free Kids Fun Run at 9:30 a.m. The Ryan Harrington Foundation is a group dedicated Continued on page 11

#### **FUN & GAMES**

## Ms. Cam's Tam's 110

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Who was the first woman to run the entire Boston Marathon?
- 2. What area is known as the Scream Tunnel on the Boston Marathon route?
- 3. In what year did actor Will Ferrell run the Boston Marathon?
- 4. When was the longest opening day game in major league history played?
- 5. Who has been a starting pitcher for the most opening day games in major league history?
- 6. Who was the first U.S. President to

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- throw out the first pitch to start a season
- 7. How many seasons did the Star Trek TV series run?
- 8. What was the name of Gene Autry's horse on The Gene Autry Show?
- 9. What is only state in the United States with only one syllable?
- 10. In what year did USA Today debut?
- 11. What is known as "the most exciting two minutes in sports"?
- 12. Where would you find The Guggenheim art museum?

Answers on page 15

#### The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. A flea can jump 350 times its body length – like a human jumping the length of a football field. 2. A Virginia law requires all bathtubs to be kept out in the yards, not inside the house.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1. "Ali Baba and the Forty \_\_\_\_\_," sing.
- 6. Eureka!
- 9. Schools of thought
- 13. Sound of artillery
- 14. Car nut
- 15. Without illumination
- 16. Nosey one
- 17. Kind of trip?
- 18. Lasso loop
- 19. Little Women's mom
- 21. Tracee Ellis Ross on TV
- 23. \_\_\_\_ o' shanter
- 24. Quitter's word
- 25. Like a fiddle?
- 28. Like Charles Dickens' Tim
- 30. Quarantine state
- 35. Egyptian goddess of fertility
- 37. Insane, in Spain
- 39. Mother or daughter, in Italy
- 40. \*Biblical Rebecca's son
- 41. Online reviews
- 43. Research facil.
- 44. Fisherman's decoys
- 46. Daytime entertainment
- 47. Furniture wood
- 48. End of the road, pl. 50. Blatant promotion
- 52. Swedish shag rug
- 53. Yours and mine
- 55. Little squirt
- 57. Mother's mom
- 61. She fought for Mother's Day, then
- against it
- 64. In advance
- 65. Bambi's mom
- 67. Fancy tie
- 69. Less than fernier
- - 71. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"

  - 72. Fairies
  - 73. Galley equipment
  - 74. Feed the fire

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Kitchen meas.
- 2. Stay out of its way!

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- 3. Pelvic parts 4. Tennis great Chris
- 5. Particular arrangement
- 6. Away from wind
- 7. Mother's favorite gift?
- 8. Ancient marketplace
- 9. Part of a scheme
- 10. No neatnik
- 11. Sushi restaurant soup
- 12. One-pot meal
- 15. Like the States
- 20. One of the Gilmore girls
- 22. Hill dweller
- 24. One-eyed giants
- 25. She played Forrest Gump's mother
- 26. May edition, e.g.
- 27. Worn atop the Queen Mother
- 29. Denials 31. Nike's "Just
- 32. Private

- 33. "Take it back!"
- 34. Mother in Krakow
- 36. Lard cousin
- 38. October birthstone
- 42. Plural of sputum
- 45. Rundown
- 49. Bottom line
- 51. Kind of ungulate, pl.
- 54. Where you'll find AM
- 56. Living room centerpiece?
- 57. Gamecock's spur
- 58. Greek goddess of fertility 59. Bald eagle's nest
- 60. Mums' mums
- 61. Opposite of cheer
- 62. International Civil Aviation Org.
- 63. Puppet precursor, possibly
- 66. Female gametes
- 68. Café alternative

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Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

2	5	3	6	9	4	1	δ	
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#### **Somerville Small Business COVID-19** Relief Fund announced

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced the launch of a \$1 million Somerville Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide financial support of up to \$10,000 to Somerville small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded by existing and pending federal Community Development Block Grant monies, support will be available to food establishments and other small, independent, locally-owned businesses impacted by forced closures during the crisis.

"Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our neighborhoods and the backbone of our local economy, and they are hurting," said Mayor Curtatone."This fund will not be enough to address the extraordinary need right now, but our hope is that it will help our small businesses facing the greatest cashflow challenges especially typically underserved businesses – carry forward as we work toward recovery."

In addition to the new fund, the city's Economic Development team mobilized at the start of the crisis to offer intensive, multi-lingual support to local businesses. Services they have offered include weekly virtual town halls and topic-specific webinars, support to help local businesses access federal crisis funding, one-on-one business coaching, setting up www.somervilledelivers.com to promote open restaurants, and working with the Job Creation and Retention Trust to establish the COVID-19 Assistance Fund to help nonprofits serve residents facing financial impacts from COVID-19. For more information or assistance for overall business needs during the pandemic, please visit www. somervillema.gov/CovidBizHelp or call 311.

Application procedures and full details for the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund will be announced next week. Multilingual application support will be available. Rather than a first-come, first-served system, funds will be allocated via a thorough review process focused on delivering the greatest small business impacts both for owners and workers as well as for the community. Funds are intended to help local businesses remain viable and to retain or create jobs despite disruptions related to COVID-19. Funding can be applied toward working



capital expenses including rent, utilities, payroll, and inventory.

The funding source for the Somerville Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund is from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program.

"We know our businesses are working as hard and as creatively as they can to survive during this crisis. We as a community must do everything we can to ensure they will be ready to open when the time comes," said Economic Development Director Tom Galligani.

#### Order issued allowing restaurants to sell groceries

In an effort to both expand resident access to groceries and help restaurants affected by the COVID-19 crisis, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Board of Health have issued an order allowing restaurants to sell grocery items for the duration of Somerville's local state of emergency.

Restaurants are now allowed to offer pick-up and/or delivery of grocery items, but businesses that have not previously sold direct-to-consumer grocery items must provide a detailed operations and safety plan for the storage and distribution of groceries to the Director of Inspectional Services for review and approval.

"Many of our local restaurants are hurting right now, but at the same time, grocery stores are seeing their supply lines disrupted and customers are understandably worried about being around crowds in stores," said Mayor Curtatone. "Allowing restaurants to sell grocery items address all of those issues - it gives residents more options when it comes to buying food, provides a new revenue stream

for restaurants, and it takes some pressure off grocery stores and gives them time to restock."

Restaurants often use different suppliers than grocery stores and may be able to carry hard-tofind items that grocery suppliers haven't been able to restock.

"This is a winwin-win idea that came directly from the community"

"This is a win-win-win idea that came directly from the community," said Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, who worked with the administration to advance this opportunity. "It will help support both local food producers and local restaurants, and provide more opportunities for people to pick up fresh food away from crowds."

Residents looking to find out which restaurants are offering groceries can check directly



with restaurants offering pickup and delivery, all of which are listed at www.somervilledelivers.com. Starting later next week, the www.somervilledelivers.com site will also begin listing which restaurants are offering grocery service. The website is a joint effort of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, East Somerville Main Streets, Union Square Main Streets, Velir, The Welcome Project, and the City, aimed at supporting local restaurants and residents during the COVID-19 crisis. Restaurants wishing to join the site can find information at the City's COVID-19 business support website www.somervillema. gov/CovidBizHelp.

For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, www.somervillema.gov/ coronavirus and sign up for City alerts at www.somervillema. gov/Alerts. We urge you to sign up for every alert method you are able to receive: phone call, text, email. Also follow FB.com/ SomervilleCity and @Somervil-

The full official order can be viewed/downloaded at: http:// www.thesomervilletimes.com/ downloads/grocery\_retail\_order.pdf

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#### **TO USE A COMPUTER**

Virtual meeting link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6975441810825850894

#### **TO CALL IN**

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

74 Middlesex Ave. -74 Middlesex Ave Owner LLC proposes a Master Plan in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use district which requires a Master Plan Special Permit for an approximately 525,000 square foot 275 foot tall commercial building which requires three special permits to exceed the maximum permitted floor area ratio, building height, and leasable floor area for a single commercial

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at https://www.somervillema.gov/ departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions or in-person in the Planning & Zoning Division, City Hall 3rd Floor, 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, City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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**378 Highland Ave** NE Harvest Corp proposes to establish a Cannabis Retail Use in the MR3 district which

requires a Special Permit.

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#### Birthday parties, 1960's style **CONT. FROM PG 3**

of the presents that I would have gotten Fast forward to modern day. A couple near Davis Square. We went from being for my seventh birthday party in 1960. of my grandkids' parties were held at around the corner from Ball Square to stuff. An Aurora Frankenstein model, a Tonka Toy truck, or maybe a Popeye Colorforms set. There was always at least one gift that came from Davis Square's Bargain Center. You could tell because it either smelled like smoke or it was singed from a fire.



We didn't get gift cards, we got actual farms. Kids could pet the animals, and being a stone's throw from Davis Square, there would be a hayride. My butt hurt from sitting on the floor of that crowded horse drawn wagon and I'd be pulling strands of hay out of my socks on the ride home, not to mention smelling like a horse. But everyone had a blast. One year the theme was unicorns and my daughter hired a horse that they actually "turned into" a unicorn (see photo) Hope they didn't use super glue!

> Today there are trampoline parties, parkour parties, and a slew of clowns, magicians, singers, and other performers for hire for your kid's birthday party. If you have a trampoline or parkour party I'd probably invite an EMT or have an ambulance ... parkoured outside, just to be safe.

> My birthday party in 1960 was bittersweet. It was in July, and my family was moving in September to our new home

but it seemed a world away.

Moving was very traumatic for me at age 7, my sister who was 8, and my 4-year-old little brother. It took us a while to get used to the new street. Our new house was scary. The new neighborhood kids were mean. My cousin Butch had to come over and straighten out the bully next door. We missed our Pearson Ave. friends.

Today, I just pop over to Lyndell's Bakery (where I worked when I was 16) and pick up a cake for the small family birthday parties we now have for me, mom, the boys, or grandma. As far as the grandkids are concerned, I know there will be lots more wonderful, exciting, themed parties that my daughter loves throwing.

I'll never forget those birthday parties we had many years ago when we



were kids. They were some very special and warm times. Simple, fun and memorable. And even though we didn't have a magician who pulled a rabbit out his hat, my dad and uncles could pull a cold Narraganset Ale out of the fridge and make it disappear. I miss those magical times.

Stay safe my friends.

#### COVID-19 Update for 4/21/20 and Updates on Applying for Unemployment

#### Latest news:

- Case Counts: As of 8:30 a.m. today, April 21, a total of 381 Somerville residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 135 of them have since recovered, and sadly there have now been six deaths.
- Massachusetts schools closed for the rest of the school year: Today Gov. Charlie Baker announced that schools will remain closed through the end of the school year and that non-emergency childcare centers will remain closed until at least June 29.
- Self-employed/freelancer Pandemic Unemployment Assistance application is now available. See below for details.
- State moratorium on evictions and foreclosures: Yesterday Gov. Baker signed a law putting a moratorium on residential and commercial evictions and foreclosures for the next four months or until 45 days after the Massachusetts state of emergency is lifted.
- URGENT! Some residents need to take action NOW to receive their full Economic Impact Payment:

  If you did not file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and have children/dependents, you need to use the non-filer tool on the IRS website by noon, tomorrow, April 22, to update information about dependents. Doing this will ensure you get your full Economic Impact Payment in the coming weeks. If you do not enter this information by the deadline you will still receive your \$1,200 payment, but the additional \$500 per eligible child amount would be delayed until you file your 2020 taxes next year.
- Trash delay this week: Just a reminder that because of the Patriots' Day holiday on Monday, trash and recycling collection is on a one-day delay all week.
- And now, something normal and non-COVID related: Public hearing on amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance: The Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee and the Somerville Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on Thursday April 23, at 6 p.m., to receive public comments on several proposed amendments to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance. You can participate in the meeting online or by calling 213-929-4212 and using access code 424-580-194.

#### Today's Assistance Tip: Self-employed/freelancer Unemployment Assistance application available

The application for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, which covers workers not normally eligible for unemployment like freelancers, gig workers, artists, and the self-employed is now up on the State's website at https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-pandemic-unemployment-assistance. You should apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance retroactive to your first week of total or partial unemployment.

#### Today's Public Health Tip: Ways to deal with COVID-19-related stress

As we continue through this uncertain time, it's normal to feel stress or anxiety about what is happening. Here are some things you can do to support yourself or that you can encourage others to do to help manage stress:

- Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage of COVID-19.
- Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, and avoid alcohol and drugs.
- Make time to unwind and remind yourself that strong feelings will fade. Try to do some other activities that you enjoy.
- Connect with others via phone, letters, or virtually. Share your concerns and how you are feeling with a friend or family member.
- Try to maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking.
- Most importantly: don't neglect your feelings.

#### Keeping math skills up-to-date while school is closed

The transition from in-person to online learning isn't easy, particularly when it comes to mathematics, a subject where many students benefit from classroom learning and individualized attention from their teacher.

With closures affecting schools and universities for the foreseeable future, sustaining one's math skills is very important, as research has shown that academic gains can quickly be lost without practice –

on average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of learning in math over a typical summer, according to the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

During the COVID-19 crisis, consider accessing the following free distance-learning tools from Casio America, Inc., which are designed to support educators, parents and students K-12 and beyond:

• Tools for calculation, graph-

ing, geometry, statistics and more can be accessed at Class-Pad.net, an all-in-one web-based platform with an interactive menu that enables students and teachers to draw geometry figures freehand and input calculations as they would on real scratch paper. Users can also plot data points and add text labels, expressions and pictures to graphs or geometry diagrams.

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recreating the functionality of scientific and graphic calculators, including Casio's PRIZM fx-CG50 and fx-CG500, is supported in Windows and Mac operating systems.

+ Downloadable math activities created by teachers for students in grade levels kindergarten through college can help students practice their math skills and learn new techniques for their continuing education.

For access to these resources, as well as online support, visit CasioEducation.com/remote-learning.

Formal class may not currently be in session, but that doesn't mean the learning needs to be put on hold. Leveraging available resources can help students maintain their math skills so that when schools reopen, students can enjoy a successful return to the classroom. (StatePoint)

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to helping people with the disease and struggle of addiction while raising awareness and funding. The Foundation maintains the simple message: If we can help "JUST ONE" individual find and maintain their recovery, we have succeeded. This 5k race will start and end at the Blessing of the Bay Boat House in Somerville, looping around the Mystic River on Rt. 16 to Medford, through the Mystic River Reservation, and back over the Wellington Bridge to the finish. Shirts are guaranteed to the first 200 registered and to all kids registered prior to race day, 12 years of age and under. The event includes a

free 1/2 mile Kid's Fun Run, post-race refreshments, music and family activities! Informational stations provided by local resources. Online registration fees for the 5K race are \$30 for participants ages 13 (plus processing fees). Participants for age 12 and under are \$15. Adult registration fees increase to \$35 on race day. Kids 12 and under are welcome to come and run at no cost, but please register your child. For more information about the Ryan Harrington Foundation and its mission, please visit http://www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org/the-foundation/

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Explore food from around the world at the 11th Annual YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City on Thursday, June 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. VIP reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. at The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville. The evening will include tastes from local immigrant-run restaurants, entertainment, a cash bar, and an awards presentation honoring the important work of José A. Palma from the National TPS (Temporary Protected Status) Coalition and Sabrineh "Sabi" Ardalan from the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical at Harvard University. YUM promotes immigrant-run local restaurants, highlighting contributions of the city's immigrant communities. Want an opportunity to mingle with our award recipients before the Yum event? Join them at 6:00 p.m. for a very special VIP Reception. Complimentary wine and beer will be provided at this time to our VIPs in addition to delicious hors d'oeuvres. Tickets for the VIP Reception are \$100 and include entry into YUM. Students are welcome. Email ben@welcomeproject.org for the 50% off student promo code. This event is sure to sell out so get your tickets early. For ticket info visit YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City Facebook page.

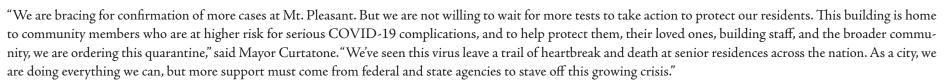
## Mt. Pleasant senior apartments in Somerville placed under mandatory quarantine

Residents of the Mt. Pleasant senior apartment building in Somerville have been placed under a mandatory minimum 14-day quarantine after eight cases of COVID-19 were confirmed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at the residence. The quarantine order, issued Saturday, April 18, by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Board of Health, goes into effect immediately. The 65-unit building houses seniors aged 62 and older and persons under age 62 with disabilities who are income-eligible.

The Board of Health has been working with the building management to help ensure residents have the supplies and groceries they need for quarantine, and the Council on Aging is offering support services to residents to answer their questions, connect them to resources, and assist with coordinating access to basic needs like groceries and medicine. Building residents may contact the Council on Aging directly at 617-625-6600 x2300 or via 311 at 617-666-

Somerville officials are concerned that the true number of Mt. Pleasant Apartments residents already positive for COVID-19 is higher than the eight cases currently known. The quarantine is designed to minimize further spread of the virus to the building a vulnerable residents. City officials are also seeking a

the virus to the building's vulnerable residents. City officials are also seeking access to testing for more of the building's occupants.



Under the mandatory quarantine, residents may leave the premises only to receive essential medical care and must remain in their units as much as possible. No visitors are allowed, all group events in the building have been canceled, and any deliveries must be made according to safety protocols at the front entrance. Management has also been ordered to provide for adequate sanitation of high-touch surfaces and common areas as well as for health screenings for essential staff. Residents and essential staff must also wear appropriate personal protective equipment and practice social distancing in all common areas.

The Board of Health will be closely monitoring the situation and will provide residents with updates. And again, the Council on Aging staff is available to provide both information and logistical support.

For more information and regular COVID-19 updates, visit www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus and sign up for City alerts at www.somervillema.gov/Alerts. We urge you to sign up for every alert method you are able to receive: phone call, text, email. Also follow FB.com/SomervilleCity and @SomervilleCity.



We know many of our businesses are trying to make difficult decisions about how to maintain business continuity in the context of great uncertainty. Hear from experts at the law firm of Murray, Plumb & Murray on critical steps you need to take to safeguard your cash and protect your assets during the COVID-19 pandemic while evaluating the risks and rewards of continued operation for you and your business during a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at 2:00 p.m.

The webinar will focus on common pitfalls of financial contingency planning, offer strategies for selecting the right financing options, and help you identify when closure might be your best option.

Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_bSZYKj-cT7ig2VlqzwZBFQ





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1889 – The Oklahoma land rush officially starts at noon as thousands of Americans race for new, unclaimed land.

1931 - Egypt signs treaty of friendship with Iraq.

1954 - The Senate Army-McCarthy hearings begin. They are broadcast on television.

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Monday, April 27

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Wednesday, April 22 7:00am The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley Chair Yoga w/Janine City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 8:00am 8:30am Storytime with Anne Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am Fit-4-Life #5 11:30am SomerViva em Português - March 2020 Public Health & Public Safety Committee Chair Yoga w/Janine 12:00pm 4:00pm 4:27pm 4:30pm 4:59pm COVID19 Olderamericans Prevention PSA SomerViva en Espanõl - Public Charge CDC Handwashing en Espanol PSA City Alert 4.21.20 SomerViva em Português - March 2020 Public Health & Public Safety Committee

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#### Sunday, April 26 12:00am

Senior Circuit Return to Italy City Alert 4.23.20 12:30am 1:20am 1:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 2:45am SPD Ride Along 7:00am Return to Italy Chair Yoga w/Janine 8:00am Storytime with Anne Poetry Reading by Lloyd Schwartz 8:30am 9:00am City Alert 4.23.20 SomerViva en Español - Public Charge 9:04am 9:30am 11:00am 11:21am Fit-4-Life #6 Council on Aging Update 3.30.20 SPD Community Update 4/10/20 City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 11:23am 11:30am CC-Land Use Meeting - 4.23.20 Chair Yoga w/Janine 12:30pm 4:00pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
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Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz SPD Ride Along School Committee Meeting 4.6.20

**Brown School Winter Concert** 

7:30am 8:03am

DW Tomorrow Today

SCATV Secret Stash

Dead Air Live

**Emergency Preparedness** 

Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

8:45am 8:50am 9:00am 10:30am 11:00am 11:30am 11:35am 12:00pm 12:40pm 1:09pm 1:30pm 2:18pm 4:00pm 6:00pm

6:30pm

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11:00pm

#### Public Health & Public Safety Committee Tuesday, April 28

12:00am SPD Community Update 4/10/20 CC-Land Use Meeting - 4.23.20 12:15am 12:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 7:30am SPD Community Update 4/10/20 8:45am 9:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz Poetry Reading by Lloyd Schwartz SPD Ride Along 9:40am 9:45am 11:00am Fit-4-Life #6 City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 11:30am Public Health & Public Safety Committee 12:00pm Fit-4-Life #3

From My Heart to Yours

LIVE - Greater Somerville

The World Fusion Show

LIVE - Dead Air Live

**Totally Working Out** 

SCATV Secret Stash

Chair Yoga w/Janine

Storytime with Anne

Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

SPD Ride Along

Talking Business

The Somerville Labor Show

**Box House Productions Presents** 

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SPD Community Update 4/10/20

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Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20

CDC Handwashing en Espanol PSA Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:00pm 7:00pm City Council Meeting 4.28.20 Wednesday, April 29

CC-Confirmation of Appt. - 4.22.20 12:00am

#### **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

12:45am

1:00am

1:30am

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9:00am 9:28am

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#### Wednesday, April 22

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Annemarie [4.10] 9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.9.20] SHS Hockey v Everett [1.6.16] SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington [1.20.16] 10:00am 11:30am Boys' Intramural Basketball Finals 2016 Girls' Middle School Intramural Basketball 1:00pm 2:00pm SHS Football vs CRLS SPL Storytime with Miss Annemarie [4.10] 6:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.9.20] SHS Hockey v Everett [1.6.16] 7:00pm 8:00pm SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington [1.20.16] Boys' Intramural Basketball Finals 2016 9:30pm 11:00pm Thursday, April 23 12:00am Girls' Middle School Intramural Basketball SHS Football vs CRLS SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] 1:00am

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Annemarie [4.3] 2017 SHS Graduation 9:00am 10:00am Student of the Qtr. - WSNS Student of the Qtr. - WHCS 12:00pm 12:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano [11.18.19]
Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin
SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden 1:00pm 1:30pm 2:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm

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Friday, April 24

2:00am

SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden

Public Domain Theater 3:30am SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] 8:30am SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3,24,20 9:00am Argenziano School MLK Concert 2018 Argenziano School Heritage Night 10:00am 11:30am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenziano Argenziano School Moving On 2018 12:00pm 1:00pm Argenziano School Memorial Day Concer Argenziano School Spring Concert 2019 Argenziano School's MLK Celebration Argenziano School MLK Concert 2018 2:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School 5:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano [11.18.19 SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3.24.20] 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm Argenziano School MLK Concert 2018 8:00pm Argenziano School Heritage Night Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenziano Argenziano School Moving On 2018 10:00pm

Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert

Saturday, April 25 12:00am

11:00pm

Argenziano School Spring Concert 2019 Argenziano School's MLK Celebration 1:00am Argenziano School MLK Concert 2018 2:00am Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School 3:00am Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano [11.18.19]
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Brown School Spring Concert Brown School Winter Concert 11:05pm

#### Sunday, April 26 12:00am

Student of the Qtr. - Brown School Student of the Qtr. - Brown School Public Domain Theater Public Domain Theater SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] SPL Storytime with Miss Annemarie [4.3] Student of the Otr. - ESCS ESCS Spring Concert Student of the Qtr. - ESCS ESCS Winter Concert 2017 El Sistema Winter Bash El Sistema Year End Concert El Sistema Winter Concert El Sistema Somerville Showcase El Sistema Spring Concert '18 SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] SPL Storytime with Miss Annemarie [4.3] Student of the Qtr. - ESCS ESCS Spring Concert Student of the Qtr. - ESCS ESCS Winter Concert 2017

Monday, April 27 12:00am

El Sistema Year End Concert El Sistema Winter Concert Public Domain Theate SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4,2,20] SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3.24.20]

El Sistema Winter Bash

10:00am SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19 10:30amNational Honor Society Induction Ceremony 12:00pm SHS Spring Concert SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19 1:30pm 2:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club Raising Families - Vaping 3:30pm 4:00ˈpm El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música Student of the Otr. - Brown School 4:30pm 5:00pm SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19 SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3.24.20] 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00ˈpm SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19 8:30pm National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 10:00pm SHS Spring Concert

11:30pm SHS Highlander Boys' Basketball 2018-19 Tuesday, April 28

1:30am

12:00am Kennedy School Drama Club Raising Families - Vaping El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música 1:30am 2:00am Student of the Qtr. - Brown School SHS Highlander Girls' Basketball 2018-19 2:30am 3:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] 8:00am 9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] 10:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett [9.25.19] 11:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett [2.13.17] 1:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett 2:30pm SHS Girls Volleyball v Everett [10.18.18] SHS Hockey v Everett [1.11.17] 4:00pm 5:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] 7:00pm 8:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett [9.25.19] 9:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett [2.13.17] 10:30pm 12:00am

SHS Hockey vs Everett

# A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Poet Tyler Comito writes, "I am a senior at Endicott College pursuing my bachelors in Biology/Biotechnology and seeking to continue my education at Merrimack College to get my master's degree in secondary education. I am originally from Clifton Park, NY, where I grew up, and was lucky enough to have the opportunity to move to the



North Shore for four years of my life. I've always been interested in writing and being able to express my thoughts in another way. This class with Doug Holder, along with my own initiative, have allowed me to do just that."

#### Meditation during the Pandemic

The silence is deafening as the world slowly comes to a halt. Contemporary solace is found in the mundane nuances of everyday life – shrouded in a fog of war. Shades of grey seep into everything making the world's once vibrant hue dissipate into nothingness and lost hope. The usual hymns of a buzzing world fall quiet as the sun rises and becomes daunting as nightfall. Like a lurking shadow awaiting its demise under the night sky, the world waits quietly for something to break the tension, for something to make it right, waiting for something, anything. Yet the silence brings the most provocative thoughts, intriguing for those who don't mind it. As every rose has its thorn, every day has its night.

— Tyler Comito

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## Ms. Cam's From page 8 1. Roberta "Bobbi" Gibb 6. William Howard Taft

- 1. Roberta "Bobbi" Gibb in 1966
- 2. Wellesley College
- 3. 2003, with a time of 3:56:12
- 4. April 5, 2012, Cleveland Indians and Toronto
- Blue Jays, 16 innings
- 5. Hall of Famer Tom

- 6. William Howard Taft
- 7. Three
- 8. Champion
- 9. Maine
- 10. 1982
- 11. Kentucky Derby
- 12. Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, New York City

#### OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## The 73 Waverly Bus to McLean Hospital:

'The Blood of San Gennaro'

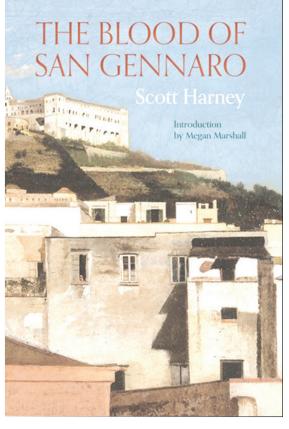
From the introduction by Megan Marshall:

"Scott kept writing. In the early 80's, encouraged by the Somerville poet Doug Holder, a co-worker at McLean, he published three poems in the Somerville Community News, including Somerville, Again, and Somerville and Farther North, reprinted here. Denise Levertov, then living in Somerville, sent Scott a postcard saying she "really liked" the second of these; he saved the postcard. His only other publications were two music reviews of Suzanne Vega and Leonard Cohen for the Boston Phoenix."

There is an interesting story around this. I knew Scott Harney back in the early to mid 80's. We were both mental health workers at McLean Hospital (a psychiatric hospital outside of Boston, a literary landmark as it housed the likes of Anne Sexton, and Robert Lowell, to name a few), interested in poetry, both of us were at the same program at Boston University for paralegal certification, and took the same advertising copy-writing class at the Boston Center for Adult Education.

I remember the many conversations we had while taking the 73 bus to and from Harvard Square. Harney was passionate about writing and poetry. Seems that Harney was one of the last students of Robert Lowell, and I happened to have written a small intro to Lowell's poem Waking in the Blue for Robert Pinsky's America's Favorite Poem Project. A few years back he attended a reading series at the Newton Free Library that I curate. A relatively short time later I heard he died of a heart attack at 63.

Marc Goldfinger, a well-known poet in the Boston area wrote me and said in the introduction to the book by Megan Marshall (the Pulitzer-Prize



winning historian and Harney's wife) that she mentioned I encouraged him to publish his work. He did, in the Somerville Community News, and it seems that the late poet Denise Levertoff (who lived in Somerville at the time) read the column and sent Scott a postcard praising his poems. Scott kept that postcard.

I am glad that this collection of poetry has finally seen the light of day. It took over 40 years. I am glad that I encouraged him in some small way.

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## How to turn your home into the ultimate staycation 'destination' FROM PG 1

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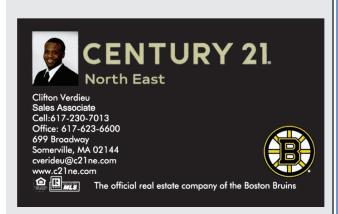
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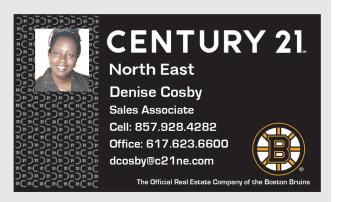
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