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The city is providing thousands of protective masks to residents who may be in need of them, with a special emphasis on covering the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville has acquired 100,000 civilian three-ply masks that will be distributed to various high risk residents throughout the city.

According to the city, the masks will first be offered to senior residences, public housing buildings, and city and school food distribution sites. An earlier distribution program provided 4,000 masks to senior residences.

In announcing the latest distribution program, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone spoke of the importance of providing this protective measure to our most vulnerable residents. "While not a substitute for social distancing, wearing some type of mask or face covering can help slow the spread of COVID-19. We want to make sure that people who are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 like seniors, people living in densely populated buildings, and

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Somernova Art Project opens call for proposals

By Shira Laucharoen

Somernova, a business complex in Union Square that aims to foster creativity and innovation, is partnering with the Somerville Arts Council and Call to Arts to produce the Somernova Art Project. The open call to artists to submit proposals began on May 5, and the work is intended to be finished by June 24. The chosen piece will be displayed by a blank white wall that is part of the Somernova campus.

"They have this wall that has been a blank canvas for a really long time. It was becoming very obvious that this was a project that we could move on quickly, given that the time is just right for something like this," said juror Maya Nitzberg, who is also a community director at Greentown Labs. "Let's inject some hope and creativity and vibrancy into our community, during a time that is somewhat dark. This is just an opportunity that presented itself in the last couple of months, and I think it has

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The project site at the corner of Dane and Tyler Streets will be used for the winning art installation.

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To sign up for **free COVID-19 testing** for Somerville residents, call 617-665-2928, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You do not need to have symptoms or a doctor’s referral.








Attention all essential workers! **True Grounds**, 717 Broadway, is offering a **free drink** for two weeks for essential workers. Starting May 11 (only from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.) **any essential worker** will get a free drink. They will do this on the honor system and won’t ask for proof of employer. So please don’t abuse the heartfelt generosity of their sponsor, **Ella Samson**, who is piloting this program. This offer will run **May 11 – May 24**. One drink per customer per day (excludes bottled drinks). Also, if you’re a non-essential worker or other local restaurant and want to support this program, please reach out to Ella Samson and let her know.

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **Melissa Hurley**, who is celebrating this week. A nice person who is well known here in Somerville and by local unions. Happy birthday to our good friend who was born and raised here in Somerville, **Donald Chamberlain**. Happy birthday to **Caroline Shea Rosas**, who is also celebrating this week. Happy birthday to local attorney and a real nice guy and smart guy, **Neil Berman**. We hope Neil has a great birthday. To another great local attorney, **Edwin Smith**, we wish him nothing but the best as well. A great guy, with a fun family and one of the best real estate attorneys here in Somerville. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Patricia Barson**, **Mary Ellen Myhr**, **Diane Murphy Sullivan**, **Donny Caprigno**, **Edward J Lucas Jr.**, **Beth Foley Delacruz**, **Ken McIntyre** of Somerville's *Heavy Leather Horror Show* and **Kevin D. Downey** 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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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of May 13 – May 19 as provided by the National Weather Service

| DAY | CONDITIONS | HIGH/LOW | PRECIPITATION | HUMIDITY | WIND |
|--|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|------------|
|  Wednesday May 13 | Sunny | 58°/39° | 0% | 31% | WNW 15 mph |
|  Thursday May 14 | Sunny | 66°/49° | 0% | 32% | WSW 10 mph |
|  Friday May 15 | Thunderstorms | 73°/53° | 78% | 72% | WSW 11 mph |
|  Saturday May 16 | Partly Cloudy | 65°/48° | 9% | 61% | NE 10 mph |
|  Sunday May 17 | Rain | 59°/49° | 31% | 62% | ESE 11 mph |
|  Monday May 18 | Rain | 65°/50° | 70% | 63% | SSE 12 mph |
|  Tuesday May 19 | Rain | 63°/49° | 39% | 55% | NE 14 mph |

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

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Newstalk – May 6

Contagion says:

Important distinction between the statewide order and the city’s: the state is only requiring face masks in public when you can’t keep a safe distance from people – ie when they serve a purpose. The city order requires them even when nobody is around and the mask serves no purpose – not unlike mandating that we all wear white shirts because they look more hygienic. Displaying common sense is one of the governor’s better qualities.

Courtney O’Keefe says:

I have found that wearing it all the time helps with cyclists and runners coming up behind me at a fast pace.

Response to: City lends support to state efforts to provide stimulus funds to immigrants

joe says:

Perhaps the Somerville City Councilors would make some attempt at specifying which immigrants they mean?
Everybody that is a US Citizen is eligible for a stimulus check. Any lawful permanent resident (green card holder) is eligible. And moreover any “DACA and TPS recipients, H-1B visa holders, H-1B visa holders with H-4 spouses who have Social Security numbers, TN visa holders, O-1 visa holders, E-2 visa holders, and others assuming they have Social Security numbers and substantial presence in the U.S” are eligible.
Which immigrants not on that list do our councilors favor giving stimulus checks? Do they mean illegal immigrants? Perhaps the city councilors and mayor would each like to go on the record about whether they support or oppose giving people illegally in the US a stimulus check?

Response to: Obituary: Robert E. Carroll

Steve Keenan says:

I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Chief Carroll. He was a perfect gentleman in every respect. My condolences go out to his family.
Rest In Peace, Chief Carroll.
Steve Keenan
SFD-Retired

Response to: PorchFest becomes CouchFest in response to social distancing guidelines

Mike says:

The video: <https://youtu.be/7T9KcPPHRWI>

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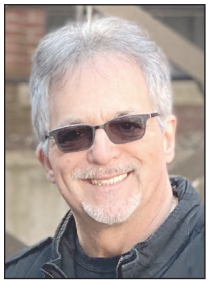
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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

Paragon Park



Let's get away from today's problems and take a little trip back in time to Paragon Park, Nantasket Beach. The park operated from 1902 through approximately 1984. Lots of us have happy memories of outings, family days and just plain fun at Paragon Park.

Remember when those discounted match books were everywhere? Two dollars-worth of tickets for one dollar. Boy, what a deal!

As friends noted, "it was way better than Revere Beach, and the ferry ride made it better, to me anyway, juke box on the deck, party all the way there and all

the way back." Another memory: "Loved Paragon Park. We used to take the boat out of Atlantic Ave to Nantasket Beach."

You could stop at Snack A Rama for treats like burgers, pizza and maybe fried dough. If you wanted the best hot dog on the beach you could pop into Joe and Nemo.

Of course you'd be wise to wait a while after chowing down before you took a ride on The Comet rollercoaster.

When The Surf Ballroom was in its heyday at Nantasket Beach, great bands like The Doors, The Ventures, The Raspals, The Turtles, Tommy James and The Shondells and many Boston bands performed there. In the '60's, the house band for some time was The Rockin' Ramrods who opened for The Kingsmen of Louie, Louie fame. You could have a fantastic Nantasket day of fun at the beach and then check out a great lineup of live bands.

A musician friend shares the following memory: "I worked at a little joint there in '77, the Lamarra Inn! I used to work at the Surf on Nantasket Beach in the early 70's with the Inner Circle! Had a ton of fun!"

Some lucky Somerville families had cottages there. My friend says, "My kids all grew up there!" St. Catherine's school had an eighth grade field trip to Paragon Park around 1970.

Friends also shared: "My Mom would take me there once a summer. We



would take the harbor cruise out to Hull, walk across to the park and spend the day. I don't know which was more fun. The boat ride from Rowes Wharf or the rollercoaster."

Along with the Caterpillar, Tilt-Whirl, and the Ferris Wheel, there were other rides you may remember. Thrills were had on The Salt and Pepper Shakers, The Rotor, Crazy Tea Cups, The Congo Cruise, and The Indy 500.

Directions to Paragon Park are the same today. Take 128 south to Route 3 south to 228 to Hull and Nantasket Beach. The beautiful vintage and ornate "grand" carousel, built in 1928 by The Philadelphia To-

boggan Company (on the National Register of Historic Places) isn't the only thing that remains from Paragon Park. Millions of people have their memories of the family fun they had back then and no amount of "progress" can ever rip that down.

Thanks to an article by Len Cirelli for some musical facts.



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not be able to get a face covering on their own have first access to these masks," the mayor said. "And I want to thank the city staff and Somerville Auxiliary Fire Department/CERT Team who have worked tirelessly to secure these masks, package them, and distribute them for doing their part in protecting our community's health."

Somerville Police Officers handed out masks at various locations through Tuesday, May 12. Community Police Officers are also bringing masks along on their usual beats to provide to those who need them.

Because civilian three-ply masks can only be reused a limited number of times and cannot be washed, the city is putting out a call for donated cloth masks in order to get washable masks with a longer lifespan to residents who need them most, with a goal of collecting at least 10,000.

The Somerville Library has offered up its book drops for the effort. To donate masks, just place them in a sealed bag and put them in the book drop-off slot at either the Central Library or the East Branch Library. Porter Square Dry Cleaners has generously volunteered to launder the

donated masks. Once the masks have been washed, they will be distributed with vulnerable populations getting first priority.

"I know there are many talented and thoughtful residents who have been using their skills to sew homemade cloth masks and at the same time we have residents in need of masks that can be washed and reused as this crisis continues," said Mayor Curtatone. "Our hope is to collect at least 10,000 masks."

If you would like to make masks to donate, Cambridge Health Alliance has pattern recommendations on its website.



As part of a companion effort, the Somerville Arts Council is also hiring local professional sewing machine operators and artists to make additional cloth masks for distribution to residents most in need. The goal is to both support local artists and workers, while helping to slow COVID-19.

Somernova Art Project opens call for proposals

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been amplified because of what's going on."

The idea to use the site for a creative project had been in discussion for the past year or so, but the spread of the coronavirus accelerated the need for a public art piece that would embody resiliency and hope, said Nitzberg. The artist with a winning proposal will receive \$15,000 to develop his or her project, while an additional \$2,500 will be awarded as fellowships to the most interesting, runner-up ideas. The project can use any materials and need not only use spray paint, said Nitzberg, who suggested that artists could be as creative as they wish. One theme that artists might choose to build

on is the planet and the earth, and they might even utilize plants or solar panels as tools, she said.

Juror Jessica Muise, who is also an organizer with the group Call To Arts, said that when reviewing proposals, the panel is hoping to find ideas that are interactive or participatory. While it may not currently be safe for an art piece to involve touch or physical interaction, it may be possible for a work to have a virtual component that allows viewers to engage with it. Observers may be able to document their responses to a piece online, she suggested, sharing their reactions and impressions.



"We're going to let artists lead us in seeing what some of those possibilities might be," said Muise. "Maybe it is accessing that intersection of art and technology. Some ideas are involving augmented reality or virtual reality, other digital tools. Someone could be interacting with a piece, if they're physically there in person, but it would also make it accessible to people who can't physically be there. There's something about, what does the response elicit, and how do people share their response? Another opportunity here is that this artist can help tell our collective story. Having people share their experience on social media, when interacting with a piece, is that resonance, that's even more important now."

The chosen art piece will be put together over the next few weeks. Since the coronavirus pandemic will still be very much at large, Nitzberg said that artists will have to follow policies and guidelines to ensure safety. If a team of people is working to develop the piece, they will have to

observe the rules of social distancing and wear facemasks. Overall, Nitzberg said that she is hoping the public art project will embody the values of Somerville.

"I've seen Somerville change so much, over the last several decades," said Nitzberg. "If there's one thing that I think about, in terms of the Somerville identity, it's hope, resilience, and vibrancy. We are a city of immigrants. We are a city of diversity. We are a city of artists. We are a city of innovation. Why not put together public art, to really show that identity, to really be proud of who we are?"

Somernova is a community of entrepreneurs, with a 7.4-acre campus based in Union Square. Its tenants, who occupy repurposed buildings, include Artisan's Asylum, Greentown Labs, and Aeronaut Brewing. According to Somernova spokesperson Kristin Phelan, Somernova's vision is to create a place that helps companies iterate and grow faster, through a culture where people feel empowered.



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Somerville Auxiliary Fire/Cert team lends a hand

Members of Somerville Aux Fire/Cert team helped distribute food from food bank to elderly, and others in need. Along with with several volunteers, they also bagged more than 25K face masks to be distributed to several city agencies. These tasks started last Tuesday and continued until Friday evening. Countless hours were volunteered to make this all happen, with all working on their own time.



The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #204

Diamonds of the Park

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The distance from Somerville to Boston’s 4 Jersey Street, also known as Fenway Park, is three miles by the way the crow files. This 108-year-old shrine to Major League Baseball is the oldest in the nation. While named the “Boston” Red Sox, the team and the sport have many connections with Somerville.



✦ Charles Taylor, founder of *The Boston Globe*, was a Somerville Alderman who raised his family on Belmont Street. He also built Fenway Park. Taylor’s son, John, gave the team its name, the Red Sox.



✦ In 1910 President William Howard Taft was a huge baseball fan and was the original Commander in Chief to throw out the first pitch in baseball. He started a tradition that still exists today. He also originated the “Seventh Inning Stretch” during the same game. Two months later, Somerville honored his presence with a huge Fourth of July Parade.



✦ In 1914, Somerville’s Brother Gilbert Cairns, a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School in Union Square, discovered Babe Ruth, the future Sultan of Swat.

✦ Somerville’s Harold Joseph “Pie” Traynor learned to play ball at Trum Field, often playing barehanded. Sadly, he slipped through the Red Sox hands. He played for Pittsburgh

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COMMENTARY

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Updates on the city’s response during 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.

100,000 Commercial Masks Being Distributed to Residents
Last week the city began distributing 100,000 civilian three-play masks to residents across the city with a focus on getting masks to people most vulnerable to COVID-19. Masks are first being delivered to senior residences, public housing buildings, and city and school food distribution sites. This is the second round of mask distribution. Previously, the city delivered 4,000 civilian three-ply masks to senior buildings.
As part of the educational approach to enforcement of the city’s face covering order, Somerville Police officers have also been carrying masks to give to people without them. Officers will also be distributing masks at the following locations from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 to

5:00 p.m. through May 18:
+ Outside of the East Police Substation, 81 Broadway (distribution will be moved inside the Substation if it’s raining)
+ At the intersection of Broadway and Temple St. (distribution will be moved to the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St., if it’s raining)
+ Teele Square (distribution will be moved to inside the West Police Substation, 1116 Broadway, if it’s raining)

Join a Virtual Town Hall to Talk about COVID-19
Join us for a series of virtual town hall meetings with Mayor Curtatone where you can learn about local COVID-19 impacts and the City’s response. Four meetings are left on the schedule - one geared toward a general audience and three tailored to specific communities. Residents can attend the meetings by joining online or calling in via a phone. Meetings will also air live on City Cable.
The meeting schedule is as

follows:
+ Spanish Language Town Hall - Wednesday, May 13
+ Community Town Hall - Tuesday, May 19
+ Parents Town Hall - Thursday, May 21
+ A Youth Town Hall meeting is being scheduled with more information to come.
All scheduled meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
Visit www.somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall at the start time of the meeting you would like to attend to join online or get call-in information. Call-in information will also be available on the day of each meeting on City Cable or by calling 311. The town halls will be recorded and made available through the city’s YouTube channel and cable channels. If you’re unable to attend a meeting live but would still like us to answer your questions, you can submit them ahead of time at www.somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall or by calling 311. Advance questions for specific meetings should be submitted

by noon the day of that meeting.
City Buildings Closed until June 1
City buildings will remain closed to the public until at least Monday, June 1. Many city services are still available online and 311 is available 24 hours a day to answer any questions or for service requests. You can also find out about any modifications made to accessing city services at the “City Services Status” tab at www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus.
10,000 Mask Drive Launched
The civilian three-ply masks the city is distributing can be reused a limited number of times and cannot be washed, so in order to get washable masks with a longer lifespan to residents who need them most, the City is putting out a call for donated cloth masks with a goal of collecting at least 10,000.
The Somerville Library has offered up its book drops for the effort. To donate masks, just place them in a sealed bag

and put them in the book drop-off slot at either the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave., or the East Branch Library, 115 Broadway. Porter Square Dry Cleaners has generously volunteered to launder the donated masks. Once the masks have been washed, they will be distributed with vulnerable populations getting first priority.
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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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In the last few weeks we have seen a shift in our society. The talk is not about growth and development but about helping our fellow citizens survive and thank those who make it possible. We are looking, hopefully, to sustain life.
The air is cleaner, we have become more interested in overtly helping others, in appreciating the people who staff supermarkets and shops, pick up our trash and pump gas. We have an empathy for laid-off workers and there is a heightened awareness of our own fragile mortality.
Our economic system is based on the capitalist culture that demands ongoing growth, not sustainability. This may work for a capitalist organization but now we see the flaws in for-profit healthcare, in the precarious vulnerability of the thousands who live paycheck to paycheck, of the exposure the food and healthcare es-

sential supply chain has to failure from factory or farm to our shops. Just-in-time deliveries cannot cope with sudden surges, we see this in the empty shelves. The for-profit healthcare system has to be propped up by taxpayer dollars to enable a response to the pandemic and the survive on the other side. We have become the health insurer of last resort.
Countries such as Iceland, New Zealand, Finland and others replaced economic growth and development as yardstick for their societies and replaced it with sustainability and the goal of citizen well-being. We have the ‘pursuit of happiness’ phrase in our bill of rights, but other nations have adopted this calling while we pay it lip service. In the dogged pursuit of economic growth have we have missed the core element of what the founders really intended?

In our city the administration has changed its focus largely from development to sustainability. Their focus has been on managing to provide the citizens with essentials – food, PPE, assistance for the elderly and disabled, accommodation, testing, etc. All items connected to sustainability. Human issues. Suddenly, the air is cleaner, traffic has eased, we think of cleanliness, of caring and thanking - not of development. Many are in need of essentials so food is being provided by the food banks to accommodate those who cannot afford to buy food. Evictions are suspended because of late rents due to unemployment. We are thinking of our neighbors and helping each other more.
This is the time for a reset in our thinking. Do we really need to maintain a high rate of development or should

we, as a city, be focused on sustainability? Do we need more single family homes converted to luxury condos or should the need for affordable housing be more important? Is there a message in this pandemic from mother nature telling us that we have been wrong focused on what is important and instead have been following the Wall St dogma of growth, growth and profit?
Now is the time to rethink priorities. The pandemic has given us the perfect example and the time is right. It is time for us to work for sustainability and well-being not growth because one has positive benefits to us all and the other just benefits a few at the cost of the many and is ultimately unsustainable.
Alan Bingham
Somerville

City buildings to remain closed until June 1

City buildings will remain closed to the public until at least Monday, June 1. Further delays are possible, and the city will share updates as it continues to monitor the COVID-19 crisis. As a reminder, all city-sponsored and permitted events are canceled through June. Many city services are still available online and 311 is available 24 hours a day to answer any questions or for service requests.
You can find more information on the city’s COVID-19 response at www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus.



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Get ready for some night construction, Somerville - like it or not.

Our View Of The Times



The word is out that construction activities focused on laying the final section of tracks for the Green Line Extension in the Somerville and Medford areas will be taking place at night over the next few weeks.

According to reports, the construction work will mainly take place in the area between College Ave. and Lowell St. and will involve all sorts of potentially very noisy activities.

While the noise will only affect a small number of local residents, we feel for them and offer our sincerest sympathies. We certainly wouldn't want to put up with this ourselves.

And yet, even though a certain portion of the city may be somewhat inconvenienced for a certain period of time, it's kind of nice to know that the GLX is still chugging forward, however slowly yet

surely though it may be.

The city, state, and national governments have all sunk a fortune into the effort, while we ourselves have ducked and dodged and wheedled our way across the city and its surroundings through chopped up and wildly diverted roadways. We've all paid our fares and we're more than ready to climb aboard and enjoy the fruits of all this fortune and labor.

And as we contend with the horrors of the coronavirus crisis and all the inconvenience that it imposes on us, it's also nice to know that this project that began long before these troubles arose is finally approaching its ultimate conclusion.

So maybe a little more inconvenience of this sort is not so hard to take after all. Especially considering everything else we're going through right now.

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Tufts will hold an **All-university Degree Conferral Ceremony** (to be held online), **Sunday, May 17**, at 7:45 a.m. The ceremony will include remarks from the president, recognition of those receiving emeritus certificates, presentation of degree candidates by school and the conferral of degrees by the **Tufts University Board of Trustees**. Please note: graduates will not be recognized individually/by name as part of the all-university degree conferral ceremony. Find more information, including on school ceremonies: bit.ly/2xwJPFg. The **Tufts University Commencement ceremony** scheduled for **May 17** has been postponed. The university will hold in-person, on-campus, university-wide Commencement events for the **class of 2020** when it is safe to do so. For more information, visit: <https://commencement.tufts.edu/>

In response to community requests, the **Somerville Winter Farmers Market** has extended their **pre-order only Farmers Market** through **May 16**. Order ahead of time from their vendors, and pick up at the **Armory** on **Saturday**, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., 191 Highland Ave. Market pickup is out-

doors and all social distancing guidelines will be followed, including line management and no touch transactions. Find updates on Facebook or via the Somerville Winter Farmers Market website: www.somwintermarket.org.

Devon Moos is offering Somerville porch portraits in exchange for donations to **East Somerville Main Streets**. He will be doing some additional porch portraits during the upcoming weeks. For more information, go to his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/devonmoos>.

Curbside textile recycling is back. You can once again put out **Simple Recycling pink bags** on your normal trash day for pick up. If you need pink bags please call Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068 or put in a request at simplerecycling.com.

Breakfast and Lunch Grab-and-Go Meals are available Monday through Friday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the **East Somerville, Healey, West Somerville, and Winter Hill schools**. No ID required. Bring a bag if you are picking up for multiple family members. For other food-related resources in the city, visit

www.somerville.k12.ma.us/food-resources. Distribution of **free diapers** to families with babies or young children will continue on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at each of the four school food distribution sites through June and while supplies last.

The city cosponsors a **free COVID Recovery Inn** to keep you, your family, and roommates safe while you recover. If you have COVID-19 and don't have a separate room where you can sleep and stay alone for 14 days while you recover, there is an option to keep you and your household safer. Somerville residents who either test positive or are presumed positive for COVID-19 can have free access to 24/7 medical care by **Mass. General Hospital** at the Recovery Inn if they cannot safely isolate at home. Private rooms, health-care, food, TV and wifi, and other supports are provided free to patients. This offers patients quick medical intervention should symptoms worsen and it reduces the chance that others in the household will catch the virus. Recovering outside the home is especially important if elderly or other persons at higher risk for severe illness

live in your home. Call 617-819-4528 for more information.

Don't forget, if you would like to subscribe to receive a **digital edition** of our paper, go directly online to our website over to the right side and fill out your email address to receive a free, full PDF copy of the paper.

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 MSPCA-Angell continue providing essential services to homeless, sick, or injured animals in need. Raise \$100 and they 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. *Continued on page 11*

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#730

1. What was Ronald Reagan's favorite candy??

2. What number Star Trek movie was called *The Wrath of Khan*?

3. Which UK pop singer appeared in 1984 film *Dune*?

4. What is rarest blood type in humans?

5. What is fool's gold?

6. Where would you find Mount Thor?

7. How long do worker bees live in the summer?

8. Who has the most wins at WrestleMania?

9. What is the official state dish of Texas?

10. In Tennis, who holds the record for the most Grand Slam singles titles in history for a male player?

11. How old was Tiger woods when he became the youngest U.S. Junior Amateur champion?

12. In what year was Nelson Mandela sworn in as South Africa's first black president?

Answers on page 10

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Darker Green lettuce leaves are more nutritious than lighter green leaves.

2. Butte County, South Dakota is the geographical center of the U.S.

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ARMY AND NAVY

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1. Smoothing tool
5. Broadband access overseeing org.
8. Attorneys' org.
11. Length times width
12. Lined up single ____
13. Lump of stuff
14. Carpet attribute
15. Cut the crop
16. Lingo
17. Entire ship's company
19. Toothy wheel
20. Gives a helping hand
21. They're from mars?
22. Language family, includes Turkic and Mongolian
25. Indian spice mix, pl.
29. Bachelor's last words
30. Baby Ruth component
33. One of the Earnhards
34. She goes by Lo?
36. Actors' grp.
37. Mister in Madrid
38. Colossal
39. With no effort
41. American cuckoo
42. Leave hastily, two words
44. Commissioned officer of the lowest rank

46. "____, drink, and be merry"
47. Omaha ____
49. Baby whale
51. It's a wall to a civilian
54. Hands, to #12 Down
55. Check out
56. Cambodian money
58. Welcoming sign
59. Went down slippery slope
60. Date of Allied landing
61. *Opposite of stern
62. "For ____ a jolly good.."
63. Dried-up

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1. Grammy category
2. Diva's solo

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3. Unload

4. Saffron-flavored rice dish

5. Evil one

6. Wears

7. Porcini mushrooms

8. Aquarium scum

9. Uncouth one

10. Address abbreviation

12. Spanish dictator, 1939-1975

13. Throwing weapon

16. Ice, dark, and middle, e.g.

18. Pittsburgh Steelers' ____ Field

21. Dojo turf

22. Was sick

23. Parkinson's disease drug

24. African antelope, pl.

25. Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior

26. Veranda in Honolulu

27. " ____ came a spider.."

28. European finch

31. "Excellent in all we do" org.

32. None left when on E

35. ____ formation, or on diagonal

37. Make synchronous

39. Credit card payment alternative, acr.

40. What Deep Throat did

43. Stumblebums

45. Type of shards

47. Announcement device

48. Island off Manhattan

49. Head of family

50. All over again

51. Silly talk or writing

52. ____-de-camp

53. Letter opening

54. Flash dancers

57. NaOH

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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Somerville announces timeline for phased construction restart

In anticipation of the easing of statewide stay-at-home restrictions on May 18, the city is preparing for a phased resumption of construction under strict COVID-prevention protocols. In preparation, the state has also eased some restrictions on non-essential businesses and is seeking feedback on how to safely reopen the economy.

In March, Mayor Curtatone and the Somerville Board of Health issued an order to cease all non-emergency construction in Somerville by March 27. Exceptions were allowed only for efforts to make sites safe and for health- and safety-related activities. The order was an additional precaution that Somerville and a handful other cities and towns took after Governor Baker's March 23 stay-at-home order, which otherwise allowed construction to continue.

Now that statewide stay-at-home restrictions are expected to begin easing on May 18,

a phased construction restart will be allowed starting on that date. Strict requirements for COVID-19 safety measures will accompany each phase.

To restart projects, all contractors must submit a Jobsite Hazard Analysis and prepare a Site Specific Safety Plan with a particular focus on COVID safety in accordance with state and federal guidelines on COVID spread prevention. Required measures include, but are not limited to, providing all workers and staff on site with proper personal protective equipment, handwashing facilities and supplies, social distancing protocols, safe site access, and other measures.

Once safety plans are approved, projects will be allowed to restart. The city does not have the authority to halt state projects, including the Green Line Extension and Beacon Street, which, as a result, remain exempt from the local construction suspension order and have



been continuing with enhanced communication and coordination with the city.

Two factors influence the phased plan: how critical each project is and each contractor's capability to implement their safety plan.

The anticipated schedule is as follows:

- Phase One – May 18, 2020 Start: The first phase will focus on highly critical projects and contractors who have been working successfully under COVID-management plans on sites outside of Somerville. This phase primarily includes large municipal and utility projects.
- Phase Two – June 1, 2020 Start: The second phase will focus on critical projects with contractors who have less experience with COVID-management plans. This phase primarily includes additional municipal and utility projects as well as private construction.
- Phase Three – July through September 2020 Start: The third phase of construction will focus on highly critical projects currently in the design and bidding phase with anticipated construction starts in the late summer or early fall.

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- Phase Four – Start To-Be-Determined (may be deferred to 2021): Additional municipal projects remain under review.

State Seeking Feedback on Reopening the Economy

The State's Reopening Advisory Board is asking for input from business owners and employees on reopening the economy. You can visit the State's website to share ideas around challenges your industry may face, best practices that have been developed for your industry, and other issues related to reopening businesses.

Regulations Loosened to Allow Non-Essential Businesses to Fulfill Remote Orders

Gov. Charlie Baker announced new regulations that will allow non-essential businesses to bring in additional employees to help fulfill phone and online orders. Previously only the business owner could be in the business to fulfill orders. A full list of regulations can be found on the State's website, but key items include:

- The business must be closed to the general public.
- Social distancing must be maintained, so the number of employees allowed in a business will vary by its physical size.
- Employees can only be in the business to package orders, not to manufacture goods.
- Employees must have access to handwashing stations.
- Before coming to work, employees must check their temperature and stay home if it is 100 degrees or higher.
- Operating hours must allow for sufficient ongoing off-hour sanitation/cleaning.
- All deliveries must be no-contact.

OBITUARY

Anne Marie (Reed) Wilson



Anne Marie (Reed) Wilson, 72 passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 18, 2020 in her home in Belmont, N.H. Her last days were spent in the comfort of her family and loved ones.

Anne was born February 23, 1948 to the late Anne and Henry Reed of Somerville, Ma. She was the oldest of 3, sister of William Reed of Billerica, Ma and Frances Jones of Laconia, N.H.

She was loving wife of Robert A. Wilson, Anne was caring mother of Robert Wilson and wife Mary (Milton, VT), Patricia Loureiro (Billerica, MA), Kimberly Lynch and husband Jack (Everett, MA), Kathleen Wilson (Watertown, MA), and is preceded to heaven by her daughter Christine. She was also loving grandmother of Robert (Tony) Wilson,

Ian Wilson, Jake Loureiro, and Sabrina Loureiro.

She will be remembered always for her love of family. She was a compassionate listener, always making us laugh, and just being there for us. She loved traveling (especially to Disney) with her kids and grandkids. She loved seeing us all together. She enjoyed playing cards, games, Bingo, and mini golf. She left an imprint on all of us, and things most certainly will not be the same without her.

Not all of God's angels reside in Heaven. Sometimes he lends them to us on earth. It was time for Mom to go home.

Interment services will be held at a later date, but due to ongoing social distancing restrictions attendance may be limited to immediate family. Her final resting place will be at the Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St, Peabody, MA.

Wilkinson-Beane-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant Street, Laconia, N H is assisting the family with the arrangements. **For more information and to view an online memorial.**

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Shriners Hospital or American Cancer Society.

Somerville Commission for Women Meeting

The monthly public meeting of the Somerville Commission for Women will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually in compliance with Governor Baker's emergency orders regarding the Open Meeting Law. Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/509815861>

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**City of Somerville
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:00pm**. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

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TO CALL IN
Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0060
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The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:


345 Medford St 345 Medford St, LLC proposes to construct a 6 story general building with a non-conforming rear setback in the Mid-Rise 4 district. This proposal requires three (3) Hardship Variances: for additional floors, for additional building height, and for encroachment on the rear setback.

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

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>.

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

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**City of Somerville
PLANNING BOARD**
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Somerville Planning Board (PB) will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00pm**. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public hearing will be conducted via remote participation.

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TO CALL IN
Phone number: 1 (562) 247-8321
Access code: 820-640-481

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

5 Middlesex Ave CDNV Assembly, LLC & CDNV Land, LLC is seeking an Amendment to the Planned Unit Development-A Preliminary Master Plan previously approved under PB2018-7 from June 7, 2018 on 9.43 acres (Lots 88-A-1 & 99-A-15) in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD). The Amendment would allow for approximately 1.6 million square feet of mixed-use development (an increase of approximately 100,000 square feet). The proposal replaces the existing building (Block 24) and approved buildings for Blocks 21, 25, and 26 with primarily office/R&D/lab development and a new above-ground structured parking for up to 1,283 vehicles still focused around a significant Civic Space. The Applicant has also requested modifications to previously approved waivers.

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REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES**

**Mystic View Roof Replacements Phase 1
SHA Job # 2018**

The Somerville Housing Authority, invites sealed proposals from registered Architectural or Engineering firms to provide professional design and construction administration services for Roof Replacement at Mystic View Apartments (AMP-1) located at 30 Memorial Road Campus in Somerville, Massachusetts.

The Estimated Construction cost is **\$158,000.00**

The Award is subject to HUD requirements and guidelines. A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for **11:00 AM on Thursday, May 28th, 2020** at the SHA Modernization Department located at 30R Memorial Road Somerville, Massachusetts. This meeting will be held outdoors and we will practice social distancing. Facial coverings will be required per the City of Somerville regulations.


Proposal packages may be obtained by emailing Brian Langton at BrianL@sha-web.org or by telephone at 617-625-1152 ext.331 as of **Wednesday May 13th, 2020**.

Questions must be sent by email to BrianL@sha-web.org no later than **Friday, June 1st, 2020**.

Responses will be received by email to BrianL@sha-web.org or regular mail delivery. In person submissions will not be accepted due to the Coronavirus emergency.

Response to this RFS must be submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 4th, 2020**.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP 20-72**

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


Quality Jobs - Wage Theft, Workers Rights, and Resources

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **May 13th, 2020** Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **July 1st, 2020 at 2:00 pm ET**. 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 Thupten Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somerville-ma.gov for more information.

**Thupten Chukhatsang, MCPPO
Procurement Analyst
617-625-6600 x. 3400**

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**City of Somerville
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131 § 40, the SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION will hold a Public Hearing on May 26th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Request for Determination of Applicability by submitted by VHB on behalf of applicant Street Realty Inc. for the construction of the Assembly Row Block 4 Dog Park. The project entails the construction of a dog park with a new jelly fish filter unit to treat stormwater. For a copy of the application or for more information contact Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2514, or send an email to mdayton@somervillema.gov.

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REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES**

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At 5 Elderly Buildings
SHA Job # 2017**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority invites sealed proposals from Electrical Engineering firms to provide professional design and construction administration services for the replacement of Emergency e-calls and Intercom Systems at **Brady Towers**, 252 Medford Street., **Ciampa Manor**, 27 College Ave., **Highland Gardens**, 114 Highland Ave., **Properzi Manor**, 13-25 Warren Ave., **Weston Manor**, 15 Weston Ave., 32-125., all elderly apartment buildings in Somerville, Massachusetts.

The Estimated Construction cost is **\$250,000.00**

There will be no site inspections due to the COVID-19 Emergency. RFS packages may be obtained through email from BrianL@sha-web.org on **Wednesday May 13th, 2020**.

Responses must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m., Thursday, June 4th, 2020.

*Responses will be received by email, to BrianL@sha-web.org or by mail to SHA Modernizations Department 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, Ma. 02143. In person submissions will not be accepted due to the Coronavirus emergency.

Questions must be sent in writing to BrianL@sha-web.org no later than **Monday June 1st, 2020**.

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| 2. Star Trek II | |
| 3. Sting | 8. The Undertaker |
| 4. AB-negative | 9. Chili |
| 5. The mineral pyrite | 10. Roger Federer |
| 6. Canada | 11. 15 |
| 7. They rarely last | 12. 1994, May 10 |

Lost generations:

Addiction, homelessness and COVID-19

By Stanley Hurwitz

A South Shore mother stresses about her 30-year-old daughter with long-time mental illness and drug addiction issues who's been living on Boston streets for two years.

The numbers are alarming. She is one of some 6,200 homeless in the city on any given day. According to a 2019 city census, up to 25,000 individuals are on the streets for some period of time each year. 38 of every 100 people are in active addiction. Also unsettling: Over 2,000 Mass. residents and about 67,000 Americans died of overdoses in 2019. That's more than 175 people each day.

This addiction/homeless lifestyle is dangerous and worrisome for family members who don't know where to turn or direct their loved ones for quality help. And with the arrival of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, health threats to these most vulnerable groups are multiplied exponentially. These individuals are particularly at risk of contracting coronavirus and other diseases because of underlying health conditions, compromised immune systems, unsanitary surroundings, and poor hygiene.

Experts agree that a drug-dependent body with a weakened immune system is more likely to contract disease including COVID-19. For persons addicted to drugs or alcohol, treatment for addiction may be one effective way to avoiding coronavirus.

Traditional safety nets for the homeless/addicted are stretched even thinner now because, to avoid spread of the contagion, counseling must be done by phone, and most of these people don't have phones. Also, crucial support meetings are cancelled, and, although online help is available, most in this demo-

graphic simply don't have computer access. Another complication is reduced public transit schedules.

The homeless woman's mother says that physical and mental health workers' overwhelming caseloads plus their attempt to avoid virus spread leads to reduced contact. She says, "You might think family and friends would want to take their loved ones off the streets, but – even if they could track them down – it's complicated, saddening and many just don't want to get involved. There's a ripple effect. Many lives are ruined. I'm sure my daughter is not getting her meds for schizophrenia and anxiety, nor is she receiving proper counseling. On the streets, half-hearted rehab counseling by some case workers is referred to as "Wash & Dry." Multiply this by tens of thousands on the streets across the country.

According to RehabCenter.net, "Drug and alcohol abuse and addiction are risk factors for homelessness. Addiction is one of the most frequently cited reasons for an individual becoming homeless. During treatment, an individual needs to be supported in ways which allow them to regain the highest measure of self-sufficiency, through housing, employment, medical care, and access to peer support networks. Treatment also builds coping, relapse prevention, interpersonal, and stress reduction skills to further stabilize a person's health and life."

The director of Boston's Father Mychal Judge Recovery Center, Anthony Andreottola, recently said, "Things are so much more challenging now because people have to change the way they receive help. People are nervous. They feel isolated. If you live on the streets, you can't 'stay home.' You can't 'wash your hands' if you don't have a sink." The Cen-



ter runs a substance abuse counseling and retreat program at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston.

According to Kimberly Weis, a Recovery Peer Advocate building a faith-based residential recovery center in southern Missouri, "Evidence shows that in order for a client to find recovery, to make their way out of addiction, they need to be connected to not only their community, but their recovery community and support system. Once they return home, reconnected, they no longer feel the need to use drugs to deal with their isolation. The coronavirus has essentially closed or cancelled nearly all in-person NA, AA, and community recovery groups. Many inpatient facilities are no longer accepting clients because of the threat of a person bringing the virus into a center."

Kimberly knows this topic firsthand: She's a recovering addict, wife, mother, abuse survivor and recovery advocate who struggled with addiction for 10 years. She adds, "Now, paying it forward, I'm working to help ensure that no one else ever has to feel the

pain and loneliness that I felt when hitting my rock bottom."

One innovative program designed to stop addiction before it starts was founded by John and Stephanie Greene who lost their 19-year-old son Evan to an opiate overdose five years ago. They launched the Evan G. Foundation (<http://evangfoundation.org/>), a Mass.-based 501 (c) (3) non-profit, one of the state's few grassroots community-based drug education and prevention organizations.

Their unique "No First Time" awareness/outreach program has brought their own story to over 75 schools and groups and some 6,000 teens, young adults, parents and educators. The program includes their story, remarks by a person in recovery and warnings from a State Police substance abuse expert with a PowerPoint presentation. John says, "Our goal is to tell our story to as many people as possible to ensure that no one's kid has any reason to try any drug for the first time." Unfortunately, their outreach schedule due to COVID-19

has been decimated. "Overcoming addiction could make the difference between life and death. It's all tied together," John says. "Addiction always involves a downward trajectory that easily leads to homelessness. That's why we must instill in young people the dangers of never taking that one first pill."

How you can help:
The Boston Mayor's Office of Recovery Services supports substance use disorder and addiction recovery strategies: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/recovery-services>
Friends of Boston's Homeless: <https://www.fobh.org/what-we-support/housing-first/>
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For information on the *Evan G. Foundation / "No First Time":* <http://evangfoundation.org/>. John Greene: (781) 844-1258. To schedule a presentation for a school, organization, community program in the coming year, email nofirsttime@gmail.com.

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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 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 half 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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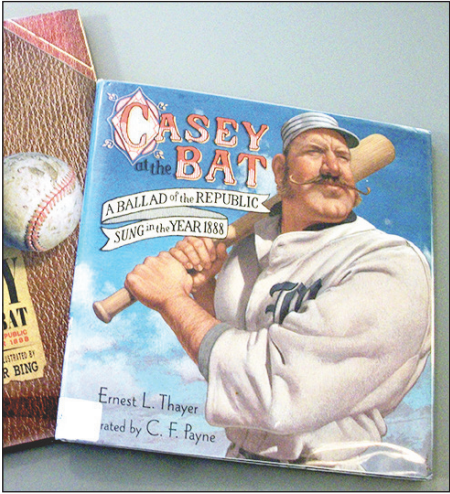
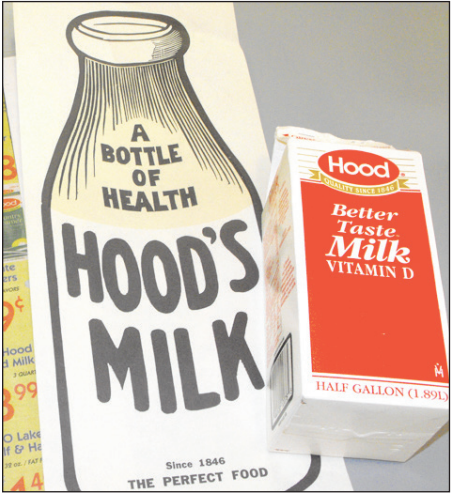
and was later their manager and scout. He was inducted into Baseball’s Hall of Fame and was baseball’s best third baseman for ten years straight.

- Daniel “Danny” MacFayden played baseball for Somerville High School. This spectacled baseball player with horn-rimmed glasses pitched for both The Red Sox and The Yankees. He once struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, back to back.
- One of the most famous poems about baseball, *Casey At The Bat*, had two possible authors. One was Ernest Lawrence Thayer, a Harvard-educated, wealthy mill owner. The other was Somerville’s George Whitefield D’Vys, a writer and correspondent. D’Vys was the longest claimant until after many years when the contesting finally stopped. Whatever side you take, the David and Goliath or the Rags to Riches wannabe, the poem triumphs.
- During the late 1800’s to early 1900’s,

Somerville’s Horace Partridge, who Partridge Avenue is named after, was the owner of the Partridge Sporting Good Company, the oldest athletic goods house in America. He was the official supplier of the uniforms of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Braves and also much of their equipment.

- Former Somerville Alderman Tony Lafuente’s company, Flagraphics, Inc., has created Red Sox flags, banners, and bunting that have adorned the park from the bottom of Fenway’s Green Monster to the top of the John Hancock Tower.
- Through the years, many businessmen who made Somerville their home advertised their companies at Fenway. Among them were Harvey Hood and his H. P. Hood Milk company; co-inventor, William Nickerson, of Gillette, the razor blade company and Charles Taylor of The Boston Globe newspaper.

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May 13

- 1607 – English colonists land near the James River in Virginia.
- 1648 – Margaret Jones of Plymouth is found guilty of witchcraft and is sentenced to be hanged.
- 1846 – The United States declares war on Mexico after fighting has already begun.
- 1861 – Britain declares its neutrality in the American Civil War.
- 1888 – Slavery is abolished in Brazil.
- 1912 – The Royal Flying Corps is established in England.
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| 6:00am | NASA TV | 4:00pm | VOX POP: Somerville Connects | 9:00am | SMC Youth Media | 5:00am | Free Speech TV |
| 7:00am | Community Bulletin Board | 4:30pm | The Struggle | 9:30am | Science 360 | 6:00am | NASA TV |
| 7:30am | DW In Good Shape | 5:00pm | Somerville Neighborhood News | 10:00am | Dead Air Live | 7:00am | Somerville Storytellers |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) | 6:00pm | #AFAD | 11:00am | TeleGalaxie | 7:30am | Going Postal |
| 9:00am | DW Global 3000 | 6:30pm | #AFAD | 12:00pm | Somerville Storytellers | 8:00am | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) |
| 9:30am | Both Sides of the Bars | 7:00pm | Community Lens: SHC 5K Race | 1:00pm | Tele Magazine | 9:00am | Science 360 |
| 10:00am | Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer | 8:00pm | LIVE - Our View | 2:00pm | Reeling Review | 10:00am | Somerville Neighborhood News |
| 10:30am | Somerville Neighborhood News | 9:00pm | PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony | 3:00pm | MA House of Representatives Formal Session | 11:00am | Our View |
| 11:00am | SNN Neighborhood Update | 10:00pm | Community Bulletin Board | 4:00pm | Tele Kreyol | 12:00pm | The Thom Hartman Show |
| 11:30am | From My Heart to Yours | 10:30pm | The World Fusion Show | 5:00pm | Henry Parker Presents | 1:00pm | SOM ARTS |
| 12:00pm | The Thom Hartman Show | 11:00pm | VOX POP Comedy Night | 5:30pm | Henry Parker Presents | 1:30pm | Somerville Storytellers |
| 1:00pm | Somerville Neighborhood News | Friday, May 15 | | 6:00pm | Somerville Pundits | 2:00pm | NASA TV |
| 1:30pm | Somerville Neighborhood News | 12:00am | Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party | 6:30pm | The Somerville Labor Show | 3:00pm | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) |
| 2:00pm | Colores Latinos | 1:00am | SCATV Secret Stash | 7:00pm | BLOWW Show a Go Go | 4:00pm | African Television Network |
| 3:00pm | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) | 1:30am | SCATV Secret Stash | 7:30pm | Somerville Neighborhood News | 5:00pm | Community Lens: SHC 5K Race |
| 4:00pm | DW Conflict Zone | 2:00am | Free Speech TV | 8:00pm | #AFAD | 6:00pm | LIVE from VOX POP |
| 4:30pm | Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library | 6:00am | NASA TV | 9:00pm | Nossa Gente e Costumes | 6:30pm | Fur, Fins and Feathers |
| 5:00pm | Hello Neighbor | 7:00am | The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV) | 10:00pm | Heavy Leather Music Video Show | 7:00pm | Tele Galaxie |
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| 6:00pm | Somerville Neighborhood News | 9:00am | DW Euromaxx | 11:30pm | Queer Cats | 9:00pm | Dedilhando au Saudade |
| 6:30pm | VOX POP: Somerville Connects | 9:30am | Strata | Sunday, May 17 | | 10:00pm | Colores Latinos |
| 7:00pm | "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP | 10:00am | NASA TV | 12:00am | Flotilla | 11:00pm | Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party |
| 7:30pm | Sidewalks Entertainment | 11:00am | SOM ARTS | 1:00am | NASA TV | Tuesday, May 19 | |
| 8:00pm | LIVE - Somerville Pundits | 11:30am | Cambridge Calendar | 1:30am | NASA TV | 12:00am | Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing |
| 8:30pm | DW Euromaxx | 12:00pm | The Thom Hartman Show | 2:00am | NASA TV | 6:00am | NASA TV |
| 9:00pm | Revolution Awakening at VOX POP | 1:00pm | Community Benefits Agreement | 3:00am | Free Speech TV | 7:00am | NASA TV |
| 10:00pm | LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party | 2:00pm | Somerville Pundits | 6:00am | Bate Papo com Shirley | 8:00am | Democracy Now! |
| 11:00pm | Flotilla | 2:30pm | Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library | 7:00am | Nossa Gentes e Costumes | 9:00am | The Chef's Table Series |
| Thursday, May 14 | | | | 8:00am | Effort Pour Christ | 10:00am | Strata |
| 12:30am | SCATV Secret Stash | 3:00pm | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) | 9:00am | NASA TV | 11:00am | Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals |
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| 1:30am | Free Speech TV | 5:00pm | DW Global 3000 | 10:00am | MA House of Representatives Formal Session | 1:00pm | Revolution Awakening at VOX POP |
| 2:00am | Free Speech TV | 5:30pm | What's New Massachusetts? | 12:00pm | Sidewalks Entertainment | 2:00pm | Somerville Overcoming Addiction |
| 3:00am | Free Speech TV | 6:00pm | Grandstanders | 1:00pm | SOM ARTS | 3:00pm | Democracy Now! |
| 6:00am | Bate Papo com Shirley | 7:00pm | Emergency Preparedness | 2:00pm | SNN Neighborhood Update | 4:00pm | SMC Youth Media |
| 7:00am | DW Conflict Zone | 7:30pm | The Somerville Labor Show | 3:00pm | Chico and B-Man | 4:30pm | Going Postal |
| 7:30am | DW Euromaxx | 8:00pm | LIVE - Greater Somerville | 4:00pm | African Television Network | 5:00pm | LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) | 8:30pm | Greater Somerville | 5:00pm | Dedilhando a Saudade | 5:30pm | What's New Massachusetts? |
| 9:00am | DW Tomorrow Today | 9:00pm | Fur, Fins and Feathers | 6:00pm | Gay USA | 6:00pm | Somerville Neighborhood News |
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| 10:30am | The Chef's Table Series | Saturday, May 16 | | 8:00pm | Emergency Preparedness | 7:30pm | LIVE - Greater Somerville |
| 11:00am | Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals | 12:00am | VOX POP Comedy Night | 9:00pm | Dead Air Live | 8:00pm | LIVE - Dead Air Live |
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| 12:00pm | The Thom Hartman Show | 2:00am | Free Speech TV | 11:00pm | Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour | 10:00pm | Totally Working Out |
| 1:00pm | The Somerville Line | 3:00am | Free Speech TV | 11:30pm | TUTV | 11:00pm | Box House Productions Presents |
| 1:30pm | The Somerville Line | 5:00am | Free Speech TV | Monday, May 18 | | 11:30pm | SCATV Secret Stash |
| | | 6:00am | DW Focus on Europe | | | | |
| | | 7:00am | Effort Pour Christ | | | | |

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| 7:00am | Public Health & Public Safety Committee | 12:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 12:00pm | School Committee Meeting 5.11.20 | 3:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone |
| 9:03am | City Alert 5.7.20 | 1:30am | SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge | 3:00pm | SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge | 7:00am | Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan |
| 9:15am | Health & Human Services Update | 2:00am | SPD Ride Along | 4:00pm | Fit 4 Life 2020 #1 | 7:30am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone |
| 9:30am | Raising Families | 2:15am | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion | 5:00pm | Senior Circuit | 9:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone |
| 10:00am | SPD Community Update 4/10/20 | 7:00am | Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan | 6:00pm | Raising Families | 10:00am | SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge |
| 11:00am | Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 | 7:30am | Chair Yoga w/ Janine | 6:30pm | Chair Yoga w/Janine | 11:00am | Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 |
| 11:30am | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion | 8:00am | City's COVID-19 Testing Program | 7:00pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 11:30am | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion |
| 12:00pm | Public Health & Public Safety Committee | 8:45am | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion | 8:30pm | SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge | 12:00pm | City Council Meeting |
| 4:00pm | Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 | 9:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 9:00pm | CC-Legislative Matters 5.7.20 | 4:00pm | Fit-4-Life #6 |
| 4:27pm | COVID19 Olderamericans Prevention PSA | 11:00am | Fit-4-Life #6 | Sunday, May 17 | | 5:00pm | Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" |
| 4:30pm | SomerViva em Português - March 2020 | 11:30am | Raising Families | 12:00am | Finance Committee Meeting | 6:00pm | Public Health & Public Safety Committee |
| 5:00pm | COVID-19 Update em Portugues | 11:56am | Covid PSA Facemask-1 | 2:56am | City Alert 5.14.20 | 11:30pm | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion |
| 6:00pm | Raising Families | 12:00pm | Senior Circuit | 3:00am | Memorial on the Mystic | Tuesday, May 19 | |
| 7:00pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 12:30pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 7:00am | Memorial Day Parade 2017 | 12:00am | CC-Traffic & Parking Meeting |
| 9:00pm | School Committee Meeting 5.11.20 | 2:00pm | Cooking w/ Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake | 8:50am | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion | 7:30am | Raising Families |
| Thursday, May 14 | | | | 9:00am | Senior Circuit | 8:00am | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00am | Public Health & Public Safety Committee | 2:15pm | SomerViva em Português - March 2020 | 9:30am | Raising Families | 8:30am | Chair Yoga w/ Janine |
| 7:00am | Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz | 4:00pm | Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 | 10:00am | Health & Human Services Update | 9:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone |
| 8:00am | Chair Yoga w/Janine | 5:30pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 11:00am | Fit 4 Life 2020 #1 | 11:00am | Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 |
| 8:30am | SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge | 7:00pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 11:30am | City Alert 5.14.20 | 11:30am | Cooking w/Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake |
| 9:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 8:00pm | Senior Circuit | 12:00pm | School Committee Meeting 5.11.20 | 12:00pm | CC-Traffic & Parking Meeting |
| 11:00am | Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 | 8:30pm | SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion | 3:00pm | Senior Circuit | 4:00pm | Chair Yoga w/Janine |
| 11:30am | Raising Families | 8:35pm | Public Health & Public Safety Committee | 4:00pm | Chair Yoga w/Janine | 4:30pm | SomerViva em Português - March 2020 |
| 12:00pm | School Committee Meeting 5.11.20 | Saturday, May 16 | | 5:00pm | Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" | 5:00pm | Memorial on the Mystic 2019 |
| 3:00pm | City's COVID-19 Testing Program | 12:00am | City's COVID-19 Testing Program | 5:30pm | SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge | 7:00pm | Community Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe |
| 4:00pm | Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 | 12:45am | COVID-19 Update em Portugues | 5:59pm | CDC Handwashing en Espanol PSA | 9:30pm | Raising Families |
| 4:26pm | COVID19 Olderamericans Prevention PSA | 1:00am | School Committee Meeting 5.11.20 | 6:00pm | City Alert 5.14.20 | 10:00pm | Senior Circuit |
| 4:30pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 7:00am | Public Health & Public Safety Committee | 6:30pm | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 11:00pm | City's COVID-19 Testing Program |
| 7:00pm | City Council Meeting 5.14.20 | 9:00am | Raising Families | 8:00pm | City Council Meeting 5.14.20 | Wednesday, May 20 | |
| Friday, May 15 | | | | Monday, May 18 | | 12:00am | Legislative Matters |
| | | 11:00am | Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone | 12:00am | School Committee Meeting | | |
| | | 11:35am | SPD Community Update 4/10/20 | | | | |

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| Wednesday, May 13 | | | | | | | |
| 8:00am | Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime | 10:00pm | SHS Alumni Tour | 5:00pm | Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer | 11:00am | WSNS Moving On Ceremony [6.18.18] |
| 9:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4/16] | 11:00pm | SHS Girls Lacrosse vs Matignon [5.3.18] | 6:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.1.20] | 12:00pm | Healey School Moving On Ceremony |
| 10:00am | WSNS Moving On Ceremony | Friday, May 15 | | 7:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] | 1:00pm | Kennedy School Drama Club [6.9.18] |
| 11:00am | WHCIS Moving On Ceremony | 12:00am | SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18 | 8:00pm | El Sistema Spring Concert | 2:30pm | El Sistema Somerville Showcase |
| 12:00pm | ESCS Spring Concert [6.4.19] | 12:30am | SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017 | 9:00pm | String Fest & Summer HONK Concert | 4:00pm | Healey School Spring Concert 4-8 |
| 1:30pm | Healey School Spring Concert [5.31.19] | 1:30am | Public Domain Theater | 10:00pm | MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer v Revere | 5:00pm | SHS Football 2006 |
| 2:00pm | Class Day 2019 | 3:30am | Public Domain Theater [6.19] | Sunday, May 17 | | 6:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [4/14] |
| 4:15pm | SHS Graduation 2019 | 8:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4/15] | 12:00am | Girls Intramural Basketball Championship | 7:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4/15] |
| 6:00pm | Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime | 9:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [4/14] | 1:00am | Boys Intramural Basketball Championship | 8:00pm | Argenziano School 4-8 Spring '18 Concert |
| 7:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4/16] | 10:00am | SHS Football vs Bedford [11.8.19] | 2:00am | Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer | 9:00pm | WSNS Moving On Ceremony [6.18.18] |
| 8:00pm | WSNS Moving On Ceremony | 12:30pm | Student of the Qtr. - WHCS [11.13.19] | 3:00am | Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer | 10:00pm | Healey School Moving On Ceremony |
| 9:00pm | WHCIS Moving On Ceremony | 1:00pm | SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury [11.7.19] | 5:00am | Public Domain Theater [6.19] | 11:00pm | Kennedy School Drama Club [6.9.18] |
| 10:00pm | ESCS Spring Concert [6.4.19] | 2:30pm | Student of the Qtr. - WSNS | 8:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [4/17] | Tuesday, May 19 | |
| 11:30pm | Healey School Spring Concert [5.31.19] | 2:45pm | SHS Girls Soccer vs Waltham [10.25.19] | 9:00am | Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime | 12:30am | El Sistema Somerville Showcase |
| Thursday, May 14 | | | | 10:00am | SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts | 2:00am | Healey School Spring Concert 4-8 |
| 12:00pm | Class Day 2019 | 4:30pm | SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough | 11:30am | SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown [1.18.20] | 8:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4/16] |
| 2:15am | SHS Graduation 2019 | 6:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4/15] | 1:00pm | SHS Girls' Basketball vs Everett | 9:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.9.20] |
| 4:00am | Public Domain Theater | 7:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [4/14] | 2:30pm | SHS Hockey vs Everett [1.15.20] | 10:00am | Highlander Football 2013 |
| 8:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] | 8:00pm | SHS Football vs Bedford [11.8.19] | 4:00pm | SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden [1.21.20] | 10:30am | Highlander Football 2014 |
| 9:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3.24.20] | 10:30pm | Student of the Qtr. - WHCS [11.13.19] | 5:30pm | SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights | 11:00am | 93rd All City Track Meet 2014 |
| 10:00am | El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala | 11:00pm | SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury [11.7.19] | 6:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [4/17] | 1:00pm | 98th Annual All City Track Meet 2019 |
| 11:30am | SHS BOYS BASKETBALL 2017-18 | Saturday, May 16 | | 7:00pm | Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime | 3:00pm | Argenziano School's MLK Celebration |
| 12:00pm | SHS Alumni Tour | 12:30am | SHS Girls Soccer vs Waltham [10.25.19] | 8:00pm | SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts | 4:00pm | SHS Graduation 2019 |
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| 2:30pm | SHS Fall Sports Rally 2017 | 8:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.1.20] | Monday, May 18 | | 8:00pm | Highlander Football 2013 |
| 3:30pm | SHS Football vs Cambridge | 9:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.8] | 12:30am | SHS Hockey vs Everett [1.15.20] | 8:30pm | Highlander Football 2014 |
| 6:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4.2.20] | 10:00am | El Sistema Spring Concert | 2:00am | SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden [1.21.20] | 9:00pm | 93rd All City Track Meet 2014 |
| 7:00pm | SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3.24.20] | 12:00pm | MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer v Revere | 4:00am | Public Domain Theater | 11:00pm | 98th Annual All City Track Meet 2019 |
| 8:00pm | El Sistema Somerville 2018 Gala | 2:00pm | Girls Intramural Basketball Championship | 8:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [4/14] | 12:30am | SHS Graduation 2019 |
| 9:30pm | SHS GIRLS BASKETBALL 2017-18 | 3:00pm | Boys Intramural Basketball Championship | 9:00am | SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4/15] | 2:30am | Public Domain Theater |
| | | 4:00pm | Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer | 10:00am | Argenziano School 4-8 Spring '18 Concert | | |

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Composer

Doug Bielmeier:

His music brings him to a 'quieter' place

Doug Bielmeier creates commercial drone/experimental electronic music featuring lap steel with live processing.

Bielmeier's music is "drone work meant to shake you out of your shell. (Midwest Record)" and "hypnotically static yet ever moving within itself. (Classical-Modern Music Review)."

Albums include *Beast of Bodmin Moor* (Noisy Buffalo, 2019), *Costa Mesa Rocking Chair* (Ravello, 2018), and *Betty and the Sensory World* (Ravello, 2017), performed internationally at Circuit Bender's Ball (Nashville), Brooklyn Arts Gym (Brooklyn), and Muse Gallery (London) and broadcasted on WMBR (Cambridge), KALX (Berkley), WUTL (New Orleans) heard by 10K listeners (Drone Zone, Somafm.com).

Doug Holder: What is your connection to Somerville? In what part of town do you live? For how long, etc.?

Doug Bielmeier: My family has lived in Somerville for over a decade. I joined them two years ago from Nashville, Tennessee, where I worked as composer, recording engineer, and educator. I live right near the Davis T stop. My guilty pleasure is ABP (Au Bon Pain) hazelnut coffee.

DH: What makes this city unique?

DB: It really is a small town, with a small town feel and character. But with Cambridge and Boston right down Mass Ave. we have access to share our local art and culture with Bean Town and the world.

DH: What are you working on now?

DB: Currently, I'm working on a music and video commission for the NYC based new music ensemble, The Unheard//of Ensemble. This project is a collaboration with fellow Somerville glitch artist, and cat lover, Allison Tanenhaus. Currently, the working title is, *Corporate Responsibility Pledge*. The piece explores how corporations both positively and negatively affect the lives of people and their communities. The work includes instrumental writing for piano, violin, clarinet, and cello as well as computer/electronic music and glitch visuals. The work will be premiered by the ensemble in Fall 2020.

DH: What projects do you envision for the future?

DB: I'm excited to be part of the upcoming Digital Soup Series that plans to be an online event of new music and art, hosted by the talented and in-



Doug Bielmeier.

spired artist, from Jamaica Plains, Lani Asuncion.

DH: Is your work now influenced by the virus?

DB: My music is about quieting down (from the noisy world around us) or escaping to another place where we are free from responsibilities, angry bosses, clients, and world ending pandemics. I think the slow-moving elements and development of my music now seems even more appropriate and, in some ways, more justified. In a recent collaboration with local artist and video-synth creator, Christopher Konopka, we explore this slow progress and development in a new video and music work, *Empathy and Persuasion*. Definitely relaxation music.

DH: Do you think it will be in the future?

DB: The virus has caused everyone to downsize their life and has made their worlds smaller. For some this has allowed them to shed all the superfluous parts or their lives. We have all gotten closer to answering the question, "What do I need." I'll need to write music every day and I'll need to share the experience with other artists and listeners/audiences. So, if I can't reach them in studio spaces or performance venues then I'll have to find another way.

DH: It is hard to make a living as an artist—period? How has this situation affected you?

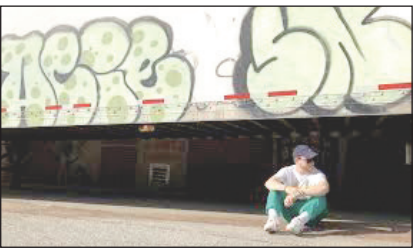
DB: My work has always been about a very simple and quiet process that takes a little work each day as part of a larger balanced life. So really my music and the process which I use to create it has really helped me through this pandemic. I think a lot of artists and musicians ride this wave of inspiration and frustration. I got off that ride a few years back, and I hope this current crisis can help others get back to a balanced creative lifestyle.

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

"My name is Marcelo Jerome Brociner. I'm currently the media teacher at Somerville High School, my alma mater. I am also a rapper, having written and released dozens of songs, and an event producer (see the annual ONE show or my 2017 exhibition in Hanoi, Vietnam). Attached are two poems that I have written in the time since the COVID-19 pandemic led to the closing of all Somerville school campuses back in mid-March."



Dance

As the heart circulates woe
Through and out of the system,

We can do nothing but
Move to our internal rhythm

So the anxiety paralyzing you
Is telling you to dance

Water the Soil

How unsettling this stillness is, waking gears that housed dust
For longer than we can recall in the pursuit of productivity

This incubation, relieved by brief masked ventures,
Asks us to recalibrate in the face of relative safety

For how quickly the shunned are deemed essential
When incompetence at the top is a pandemic of its own

Dependent on those once dehumanized for their supposed dependency,
It becomes broad as day, the unabashed disregard for humanity

As we wait for life to thaw out, the connectivity dug up by this despair
Gifts us a rare moment in which we are living in a shared reality

The solidarity buried within the soil of these momentous times
Is bound to fuel growth so as long as the skies have tears

— Marcelo Jerome Brociner

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Frontline responders honored with flyover

The 104th Fighter Wing and its F-15 fighter jets flew over Somerville on their path to health care facilities across Massachusetts to honor frontline responders during the COVID-19 pandemic on Wednesday, May 6.

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