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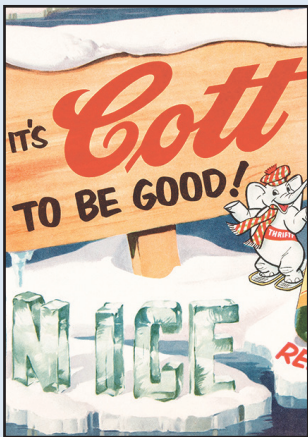


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Somerville's health emergency will remain in place beyond May 18



The City of Somerville will maintain its state of emergency status beyond the May 18 date set by Gov. Baker for statewide reopening of businesses and reinstatement of certain public events.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced today that the citywide state of emergency due to the threat of the COVID-19 virus will continue beyond Monday, May 18. Currently closed or restricted businesses and activities will remain suspended until restarting according to existing or forthcoming city-issued reopening schedules. The city's suspension of all city-sponsored or -permitted events is now also officially extended through the end of the year. Further decisions for Somerville's reopening efforts will continue to be made based on scientific guidance and the best available regional and local data.

Last week Gov. Baker issued statewide guidance for reopening. Somerville will assess the components of that plan and adopt an approach that fits the specific health and economic needs of the city and region.

"We need to move forward with a process that fits our community," Mayor *Continued on page 4*

'Fly Free' debuts at the Inside Out Gallery

By Shira Laucharoen

The Inside Out Gallery may very well be the only art gallery in Somerville that is open at this time. The space, operated by the Somerville Arts Council, can be found in the window of the CVS store in Davis Square, a public art display that viewers can see while passing by. An exhibit by Lilyanna Sayre is currently being showcased there, having gone up on May 10. Sayre's acrylic paintings, created on canvases that are taller than they are wide, reflect her interest in skydiving.

"This series is called *Fly Free*," said Sayre. "It's to depict the open air feeling in free fall. I wanted to bring awareness of the sport in my neighborhood. When most people think about skydiving, they think of it as a bucket list item or something that's not for them – but why not? People think of the part of skydiving under a parachute, but there's so much more that you can do in the sky."

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Artist Lilyanna Sayre's new exhibit is being shown at the Inside Out Gallery in Davis Square.

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In an effort to provide more walking and biking routes that allow for more social distance, the city’s **Mobility Team** has been developing a **shared streets** plan based on international best practices and customized to Somerville’s public health needs. By the end of May, the first shared route will be set up and more will follow citywide over the summer. For Shared Streets, low-volume or residential side-streets are opened up to pedestrians, cyclists, and other users while still allowing vehicles but limiting those vehicles to abutters, first responders, and delivery. Shared Streets provide new options for residents to safely make essential trips for food, healthcare, or other needs, while also offering the wellness benefit of new routes outdoors. Signage and flexible barriers alert all users to the shared use to help keep everyone safe. Somerville’s program will use temporary materials that can be modified based on our experience with the pilot. More info to come.

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.

Join in for upcoming **virtual town hall meetings** with Mayor Curtatone and city staff where you can learn about local COVID-19 impacts and the city’s response. You can either participate live via **Zoom** or by calling in **by phone**, or submit questions in advance and watch live on **City Cable TV** (channels 13 and 613 on RCN, channel 22 on Comcast). Meetings will also be recorded and rebroadcast later on the **City YouTube Channel** and **City Cable TV**. For more information on how to participate, visit somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall. Here are the upcoming meetings: **Parents Town Hall**: Thursday, May 21, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; **Youth Town Hall**: date to be announced (for teenagers and high school students)

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of May 20 – May 26 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday May 20	Partly Cloudy	61°/40°	0%	44%	E 9 mph
Thursday May 21	Sunny	75°/49°	0%	33%	SSW 11 mph
Friday May 22	Sunny	84°/57°	0%	37%	WSW 11 mph
Saturday May 23	Sunny	68°/49°	0%	51%	NE 16 mph
Sunday May 24	Sunny	61°/48°	0%	54%	E 11 mph
Monday May 25	Partly Cloudy	67°/51°	9%	54%	E 12 mph
Tuesday May 26	Partly Cloudy	77°/58°	10%	51%	SSW 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: Somerville to phase in reopening on more cautious timeline than state

Oh Boy says:

The State has granted certain businesses and places of worship the right to re-open. Curtatone can’t take that right away. If an eligible business or place of worship in Somerville wants to re-open according to the new regulations, they should re-open knowing the State has their back. Dare the City to try to shut them down. The City will lose any lawsuit on this, and they know it. State has authority here, not King Joe. Then rack up another lawsuit loss (on the taxpayers dime) for King Joe – Casino, Barstool Sports, and next a local salon or church . .

Response to: Lost generations: Addiction, homelessness and COVID-19

Falguni says:

Available resources include drug treatment centers, counseling, group meetings, intervention planning, and much more. Don’t delay, seek help now, and get your life back on the right track. why counseling is important: <https://www.addictionaide.com/>

Response to: Paragon Park

Leo connerty says:

Great column JIMMY
THE GOOD OLE DAYS
NO WORRIES

Jackie Levy Harrington says:

Great article Jimmy. I also spent many summers or weekends there with family. One time my dad & I got stuck at the very top of the double ferris wheel when the park had a power outage. We were stuck there for about an hour. They finally used ropes like a pulley system to move the wheels & get all the people off. Loved taking the ferry from Rowes Wharf. I went to Western Jr. High and our class wenon a fieldtrip to Paragon Park. Wonderful memories.

Response to: Obituary: William R. Cahill

Steve Keenan says:

I am very saddened to hear of Billy’s passing. Billy was the greatest-a good guy and a good firefighter. My condolences go out to his family. RIP, Billy.
Steve Keenan
SFD-Retired

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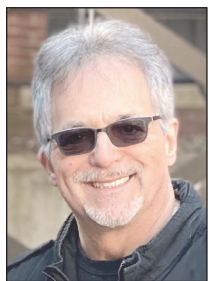
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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

It's Cott to be good!



Let's face it. What's better than free stuff? We all love something free. Sometimes people don't even care what it is as long as it's free. "It's a

stress relieving, squeeze ball thing with a non-popular candidate's advertising on it!" Oh yeah, give me two!

My friend's dad delivered for Hostess and we always got the freshest Twinkies, Cupcakes and Sno-Balls, right of his truck. Which reminds me of one of my

dad's favorite sayings for explaining free or "hot" stuff: "It fell off the truck!"

A neighbor who lived across the street from us decades ago worked for Drakes Cakes and every so often he had a trunkful of Ring Dings, Yodels and Yankee Doodles. I still remember vividly when the neighborhood kids would flock around his car when he came home from work and opened that treasure trunk.

In the 80's I had a roommate who worked for Honey Baked Ham. Ribs, ham and sides were always in the house. Not bad for a roommate I met at Redbones.

Free stuff from friends who worked at



319 Washington St., where The Shady Hill Pub was and Cott entrance.

cool places was the best. Call it fringe benefits or SWAG (Stuff We All Get.) We welcomed it and still do. One of my nicknames is Gimmy, as in "give me."

Growing up in Somerville there were a lot of bakeries and factories that turned out some pretty tasty treats. Apollo Cake, formerly on Garfield St., sold delicious pieces of loose brownies and hermits, and the neighborhood around the building always smelled great. The Hostess Factory was on Lowell St. where the VNA is now. The area kids had, "borrowing Twinkies" down to a science. Hires Root Beer Company was located on Clyde St. and Tower Root Beer and was first established in Somerville in 1914.

My uncle worked for Cott Bottling Company, formerly in The Ville and we always had lots of delicious soda and paper cups.

Cott beverages hired many Somerville residents. "The driveway entrance to the Cott Bottling Company was located on Washington St. alongside the site of the old Shady Hill Pub (see photo) at 319 Washington St. Somerville peeps worked there as forklift drivers, line workers, truck drivers and office staff.

Some Ville kids have memories of swiping cases of soda from a door on Leland St. Another kid recalls, "We would just go out back and open a trailer... with cases ... just wait for dark ... walk by the open door while the bottles were moving through the line."

A friend's account: "I actually worked there for a short period of time when I

got out of high school and my dad was a watchman there for a while too." Someone who was there shares: "I lived right in front of the plant. They had a big carbonation tank in our front yard. It scared me one night when the tank released pressure ... a loud, piercing screech."

The Cott bottling company in Somerville closed down sometime in the early 70's.

Unfortunately, a friend's dad worked there driving a forklift for 27 years and ended up with no pension. I wish I knew the story behind that sad situation.

We all enjoy freebies. What I miss most since officially being out of the full time work world are the perks. It stinks having to buy my own paper clips and tape!

But back in the day we were adventurous to say the least. We helped ourselves to whatever we thought we could get away with. Not exactly proud of it as it was technically stealing, but it was a part of our childhood. We took the open door policy to another level. No brag, just fact. Luckily we never got Cott – I mean ... caught.

From Google : The Cott Corporation began in the early 1950's when Cott Black Cherry soda was served to the children of the founder of the company, Harry Pencer, at a camp on Lake Winnepesaukee. Cott rapidly expanded in the 1950's when it was based in Manchester, NH. The Cott Bottling Company, as it was known then, had bottling plants in Manchester, Natick and Somerville, Massachusetts, and in Portland, Maine.



Former site of Cott's on the Dane Ave. side.

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We ask you to bear with us while we implement these guidelines. The safety of our patrons and employees remain our number one priority as we continue to operate and maintain our small business during this difficult time.

Our hours of operation moving forward will be
12:00 to 8:00 p.m. until further notice.

Be safe and stay healthy – The Mount Vernon Restaurant

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Disorderly suspect relieved to get a jail cell

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the 711 on College Ave. last Friday on reports that a man had broken a glass window of the store. Initial reports indicated that the suspect had been encountered by a police officer earlier in the evening around the same the location.

While in route to the scene, Somerville Control notified officers that they had received another 911 call about the suspect, who was now making his way towards Seven Hills Park while brandishing a knife. Units arrived on scene at Seven Hills Parks and searched the area. However, the suspect was nowhere to be found.

Officers made our way towards the 711 store on foot. While approaching the store, a random bystander told them that the

suspect was running between the subway platforms, and was making his way up the escalator on the College Ave. side of the station.

An officer looked across the street at the station and immediately recognized the man walking out the door as the suspect, and and the one he had encountered earlier in the evening.

The officer approached the suspect, later identified as Paul Phaneuf, of Woburn, and ordered him to turn around and put his hands behind his back.

Phaneuf reportedly failed to comply and instead made an attempt to run. He was quickly apprehended and taken to the ground by officers on the scene.

While attempting to handcuff Phaneuf, he reportedly

used forced to resist and tried to pull his arms apart. However, Phaneuf was eventually handcuffed and searched for weapons.

In Phaneuf's right back pocket a concealed black handled buck style knife was found. The knife was concealed in the open position with the blade locked opened.

During the entire procedure Phaneuf reportedly yelled profanities and made threats to harm the officers. He became extremely agitated and boisterous, continuing to yell profanities while some members of the public watched and videoed the incident.

Officers spoke with a 711 employee, the reporting party. The store was reportedly in disarray and many items were displaced

and scattered on the ground.

The employee stated that Phaneuf entered the store, paced around then yelled at him, asking if he had seen his wallet. When the employee replied no, the suspect became enraged, slapped a small display off the counter then walked towards the exit. Just before exiting, Phaneuf purposefully knocked over a stack of shopping baskets, according to the store employee.

About two or three minutes later the suspect returned and reportedly threw two cobble stones through one of the store's windows.

The owner of the store was able to show police video of the entire incident which was consistent with the employee's account of the incident.

Phaneuf was transported to the station for booking, at which time he reportedly continued his boisterous behavior, began fighting with officers and had to be subdued with pepper spray.

It was learned at booking that Phanuef had two open warrants for prior crimes. A short time after booking, while Panuef was in his holding cell, he defecated and urinated on the floor, then smeared his feces on the plexiglass window. In response, 24 Trauma cleaning service was called in to clean and sanitize the cell.

Phanuef was booked on charges of disorderly conduct, malicious wanton defacement of property, and resisting arrest, and on warrant charges of larceny over \$1200 and felony nighttime breaking and entering.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:	May 15, 9:14 p.m., arrested	disorderly conduct, malicious	ty, and resisting arrest, and on	\$1200 and felony nighttime
Paul Phaneuf, of Woburn,	at College Ave. on charges of	wanton defacement of proper-	warrant charges of larceny over	breaking and entering.

Somerville’s health emergency will remain in place beyond May 18

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Curtatone said. “Safety and a sustainable recovery will be the guiding stars of our local reopening efforts. We will evaluate every element of the Governor’s plan and determine what works best here and then implement a timeline that aligns with local and regional data concerning the spread of this disease. COVID-19 is not going away any time soon, so we will take things one informed step at a time. We do not want to risk rushing back to a perceived state of normal in the short-term, only to put people’s lives needlessly at risk or jeopardize our economic recovery. As the most densely populated city in New England, we cannot afford to be haphazard with our response to this public health threat.”

Earlier this month, the city announced initial steps toward reopening with a phased return for construction work that requires the approval of detailed

safety plans before sites are allowed to begin work. The start of seasonal street sweeping also will take place on Monday, with residents being asked to voluntarily move their cars as no tickets will be issued for parking in a street sweeping zone in the initial weeks.

Today, the city announced that to help control the spread of the coronavirus, all city-sponsored or permitted public events and large gatherings will be canceled through the end of the year (December 31, 2020). Virtual events and other creative and safe alternatives will be held where possible. Should conditions improve, smaller events may be reconsidered. School-sponsored activities, athletics, and Parks and Recreation Programming remain under review, and guidance will be shared at a later time.

Key Reopening Effort Includes New Mobile Testing Unit

Next week, as part of Somer-

ville’s efforts to control the virus and prepare for reopening, the city’s community COVID-19 Action Plan will expand its testing component. In collaboration with the Cambridge Health Alliance and Cataldo Ambulance, the city will launch a mobile testing unit to increase the program’s reach into every area and demographic of the city, allowing the most vulnerable residents to be tested more easily. Full details about the schedule and hours of the mobile testing unit will be released closer to the official launch. The program currently offers free on-site testing at Somerville Hospital for all residents.

“We need to put a robust comprehensive test, trace, isolate program in place in order to reopen safely,” Mayor Curtatone said. “Understanding the science behind how this disease operates and getting local data that allows us to make truly informed deci-

sions is the only way we’re going to be able to assure the wellbeing of a community as dynamic and diverse as Somerville. And the first step in that process is testing, testing, and more testing.”

Initial results of Somerville’s communitywide testing program show new cases in every section of the city and across all age groups, with the highest numbers coming from those in their 20s and 30s.

“We have made a commitment to building a system in which everyone can be tested,” said Somerville Health and Human Services Director Doug Kress. “This is a vital step toward making that happen, and we encourage everyone, regardless of whether they are symptomatic, to seek out testing.”

While Somerville will be conducting its own internal assessment for setting reopening policies, the Mayor continues to actively work with neighboring

cities and towns to share information and best practices.

“Decisions, including reopening, will be most effective if they are coordinated and regional,” Mayor Curtatone said. “We’re all reliant upon each other to do this successfully, and none of us want to squander the extraordinary sacrifices people have already made to stem the tide of this outbreak. Coronavirus does not care about where our city lines are drawn and, knowing that, we will continue to move forward in a measured fashion as a region.”

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](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and @SomervilleCity.

New health campaign proposed to prevent COVID-19 spread

By Alberto Gilman

The Somerville City Council gathered Thursday, May 14 for their regular weekly meeting. All 11 members were in attendance remotely.

On the agenda for the night, item eight of 46, ordered by City Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo, was discussed due to health concerns for Somerville residents.

The order calls for the creation of city-wide posted signage to remind residents of the penalties and public health risks associated with COVID-19. There has been a reported increase of littered used masks, gloves and wipes. The Department of Communications would take charge in its formation.

According to Strezo, residents have reported the increase in litter. She personally has counted five to ten instances of personal protective equipment litter around the city. Typically, on walkways and public areas.

No fine enforcement is being pushed for but the increase of litter is a cause for concern.

“The PPE gloves can be bright colors like yellow or purple,” Strezo said. “Some parents and grandparents I’ve heard from are afraid that the children are going to pick up the gloves and think it’s a balloon, putting the discarded gloves into their mouths.”

Strezo added that the litter poses a threat to city employees who conduct cleaning and disposing of this material. Furthermore, the risk of spreading can be increased if materials not collected prior to rain forecasts drain into the city water system.

Ward 4 Counselor Jesse Clingan offered additional comments on Strezo’s order. “I did put an order in last week asking the DPW to put designated receptacles out,” Clingan said. His hope is that this order can encourage more diligence in disposing of these materials.

Commenting further, Strezo added that discussing with the DPW that most of these materials discarded can be mostly discovered around grocery stores and parking lots.

Councilor At-Large William A. White Jr. added that communication



Concerns over contaminated PPE littering is prompting the city to actively confront the issue.

can be sent out to shopping locations to install or highlight receptacles to help resolve this issue.

In the city of Somerville there are 20 main food retailer locations for residents. 20 parks and recreation locations are also located in the area. These do not include outside and secondary distributors and areas of recreation, both in Somerville and the surrounding areas of residence.

According to Council President Matt McLaughlin, 17 people in the city of Somerville have died from the disease since the initial outbreak of COVID-19.

The item was approved and referred to the Public Health and Public Safety Committee with Ward 4 Councilor Kat-jana Ballantyne signing on to the order.

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Supporting local businesses directly

By Alberto Gilman

The Somerville City Council gathered remotely on Thursday, May 14, discussing a resolution submitted and headed by Ward 3 Councilor Ewen-Campen, other councilors and the mayor in support of Somerville restaurants.

“Every single restaurant in Somerville, in the state, basically in the country has either been forced to close its doors all together,” Ewen-Campen said. “If they’ve stayed open, they’ve switched entirely to pickup and delivery.”

Since the initial beginning of lockdown in the state, COVID-19 has caused difficulties for the restaurant industry. The resolution calls for supporting Somerville restaurants by capping fees charged by third party delivery services during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Ewen-Campen went on to further say that some of the restaurants in Somerville are dependent on third party delivery apps such as Grubhub, Uber Eats and Doordash. This is a first time process for these businesses.

People transition to takeout and pickup options from local and chain restaurants and distributors for the convenience. Yet these apps also stimulate discussion about how charges are made.

Ewen-Campen further stated that third party delivery services are charging fees as high as 25-30% per order. In the midst of the pandemic, falls in revenue make this burden on struggling businesses difficult. Uber and Grubhub are currently in discussions for a merger, which causes more difficulty.

“We are not in a position to just set a cap,” Ewen-Campen said. “Thankfully, there is a bill pending now which is 5054 in the house that would cap delivery fees for the duration of the pandemic.”

Councilors McLaughlin, Rossetti, Clingan and Davis signed on to the order during the meeting. Councilor Davis commented by stating that even before the pandemic, these third party entities have caused problems for these companies. The steps that residents can take to lend their support on this issue is to spread the word and go through direct websites and use pickup instead of delivery.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. The Senate made history last week when it held the first remote session with just a few members in the Senate chamber. Most members watched and listened to the debate from the comfort of their home or business office through their computers and voted via phone.

Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives’ and senators’ votes on one roll call from the week of May 11-15.

ALLOW THE STATE TO BORROW BILLIONS OF DOLLARS (H 4677)

House 157-0, Senate 38-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would authorize the state treasurer to borrow billions of dollars needed to keep the state running through the end of June. The funding is needed as a result of diminishing income tax revenues during COVID-19 when the Bay State moved the tax return filing deadline from April 15 to July 15 in addition to the loss of sales tax and other revenue as a result of business shutdowns. State tax collections dropped in April by more than \$2.3 billion compared to April 2019.

The Legislature and the administration accomplished this by agreeing to engage in RANs — Revenue Anticipation Notes. This means that the state will borrow in fiscal 2020 the amount of money that was deferred or estimated to have been deferred by the movement of the tax filing date. Then the state would use fiscal year 2021 revenues to pay back the loan.

Supporters said they anticipate the borrowing could reach up to \$3 billion in order to keep the state financially afloat. They said the state is obligated to pay its bills and has no other choice.

“The legislation that advanced today will help the commonwealth responsibly meet near-term budget challenges as we continue to address the impacts of COVID-19,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland).

“In order to protect the commonwealth’s taxpayers and maintain fiscal discipline during this public health crisis, the bi-partisan legislation passed by the Senate today authorizes the commonwealth to finance the recent extension of the 2019 state individual income tax filing deadline and provides a necessary bridge to help us get through the next few months until the next fiscal year,” said Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “The passage of this bill will allow the commonwealth to meet its fiscal obligations and pay its bills without negatively affecting our residents in the midst of this pandemic.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the borrowing).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

\$502 MILLION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS FOR COVID-19 COSTS – Gov. Baker announced that he is preparing to distribute up to \$502 million from the state portion of the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to local cities and towns for their costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan will allow cities and towns to apply for estimated fiscal year 2020 needs immediately and then apply for fiscal year 2021 funds

at a later date.

The funds must be utilized by municipalities for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 response effort, consistent with parameters established by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES” Act) and guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department.

The Baker administration said the available funds represent approximately 25 percent of the funding the state received from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund and will help ease municipal cashflow pressures. It plans to distribute money to cities and towns quickly and efficiently and maintain necessary flexibility to allocate additional funds if unanticipated needs arise, or if federal rules change. These resources will also help ease municipal cashflow pressures.

“The COVID19 funding being released today is a much-needed resource to offset the unprecedented core municipal services costs being absorbed by all 351 cities and towns in the commonwealth,” said Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston). “The demands on our first responders, the need for personal protection equipment in our nursing homes, IT upgrades needed for staff to support constituents from home and much more will be needed for the foreseeable future. This funding will enable the mayors and city administrators to continue to focus on constituents’ welfare and not divert their time and energy to cuts that would have a devastating impact on our communities.”

Not everyone agrees. “Never let a crisis go to waste,” said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation (CLT). “This one has clearly defined who the ‘essential workers’ are and [who] are not. Municipalities and the state now have their own ‘new normal starting points’ when it’s over. Federal helicopter money dropped over the states to assist in this crisis of course needs to be distributed to the cities and towns as designed. Fortunately, limited by CLT’s Proposition 2½, municipalities can’t raise revenue through property tax hikes over 2.5 percent annually, and squeezing that from the record number of unemployed won’t be easy.”

“The funding is an important first step in recognizing the tremendous costs incurred by communities in helping to address the pandemic and helping them maintain their fiscal stability,” said House GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading).

“The state is awarding money to cities and towns that they are borrowing from the federal government,” said said Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance Executive Director Paul Craney. “Massachusetts is already the highest indebted state in the country per capita,” said Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance Executive Director Paul Craney. “The best way out of this economic depression is to allow business owners and their workers to safely get back to work. Small businesses are the backbone of the Massachusetts economy, without them, the state is doomed.”

VOTING IN THE AGE OF COVID-19 – The Elections Laws Committee held a virtual online hearing and heard testimony on several bills from many participants who weighed in on what changes to make in the voting procedures for this year’s Sept. 1 primary and Nov. 3 General Election. There were some differences on three main issues: whether to mail ballots to every voter or only those who request one; how many days early pre-Election Day in-person voting should be allowed;

and how polling places should be physically set up and spread out in order to maintain social distancing.

“As a committee, we felt it was important to live-stream a virtual hearing to maintain transparency and allow constituents to experience the hearing remotely,” said Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) Senate chair of the Election Laws Committee. “We heard a great deal of testimony and insight today on the various possible solutions to the challenges COVID-19 has imposed on our elections. The committee has a lot of work to do in the coming days as we carefully review the testimony, but I am confident that we have the tools to modify our elections to promote health, safety and accessibility and to ensure that citizens can safely exercise their right to vote this fall.”

Congressman Joe Kennedy kicked off the hearing with his support of universal mail-in voting as the way to increase voter “turnout” and not spread the virus. “No-fault absentee ballots just aren’t going to be good enough,” Kennedy said. “Seven days of early voting is not good enough. Mailing ballots to some, but not all, is not good enough.”

“Voting must be safe,” said U.S. Senator Ed Markey who is being challenged for re-election by Kennedy in the September primary. “It must be accessible. And it must be paramount. No one should have to choose between their personal well-being or the well-being of others and exercising their constitutional right to vote. Democracy is our shared responsibility.”

Pam Wilmot, the executive director of Common Cause Massachusetts supports universal voting by mail and says local officials, many of who work alone or part time, “will just not be able to keep up with the demands of the multi-step absentee ballot requests process.”

“Sending every voter a ballot by mail for the November election will cut clerks’ workload in half,” said Wilmot. “It will ensure that every voter who wants to vote at home can do so. Vote by mail is a tried and true voting system that has worked well in states across the country for decades ... The policy has proven successful in increasing access to the ballot while also ensuring elections are fair and secure.”

Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) disagreed. She said universal mail-in voting in the September primary is “impossible.” She filed a bill which she said is “feasible” and would send ballots to voters who request them for both upcoming statewide elections.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh cautioned that it would cost cities and towns lots of money if they had to mail a large number of ballots. He also noted the communities would have to spend money to hire more temporary staff. “A lot of what I’m talking about is staffing and making sure we have appropriate staffing for this, because we’ve never seen the potential magnitude of mail-in ballots we’re going to see in this year’s elections,” said Walsh.

“There is no definitive answer to the question of whether Massachusetts should automatically send absentee ballots to all registered voters, only a complex trade-off between expanded opportunity and election security,” said the Center for State policy Analysis in written testimony. “Polling places need to remain open as an option for all voters, including those with unstable housing, individuals with disabilities and minority groups that have historically shown a preference for in-person voting.

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Allowing early voting for the September primary could also improve access.”

In mid-April, the American Council of the Blind, the parent organization of the Bay State Council of the Blind submitted written testimony urging the committee to protect the voting rights of people who are blind and disabled during the current pandemic. “Implementing Vote by Mail programs without offering an accessible online absentee voting alternative for people with disabilities is not going to be acceptable to the community of people with disabilities,” said the council.

The League of Women Voters submitted written testimony. “While the League supports mailing a ballot to all voters ahead of the November election, we also believe that in-person voting must be available, with provisions in place to assure voting is safe for voters and election workers. In-person voting is a necessary option if mailed ballots don’t arrive in time and may be the preferred way to vote for some voters.”

“The window to pass [a bill] in a timely manner is certainly shrinking,” said John Rosenberry, Secretary of State’s Bill Galvin’s legislative director. He urged legislators to get going and agree on a compromise bill before time runs out. Others echoed his concerns and noted ballots have to be printed and cities and towns will need to put a new voting-by-mail system into place.

Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown) summed it up: “Today we heard great testimony from election officials and advocates addressing a variety of challenges we face as we work to ensure fair, safe and secure elections during this unprecedented time. I look forward to continuing to work together to reach a solution that allows all voters in the state to freely exercise their right to vote during this election cycle.”

IMMUNITY TO CONTRACTORS (S 2700) – The Judiciary Committee is looking at a measure that would provide immunity to contractors and sub-contractors from any suit or civil liability for damages that occur during the period of the COVID-19 and six months after that. The bill lists several reasons including unforeseeable shortages in available workforce; unavoidable schedule changes resulting from federal, state or local government orders; contractor/sub-contractor compliance with federal, state and local government orders; Massachusetts’ Stay at Home order, and related orders to close businesses.

“As we slowly re-open sectors of our economy, we must be mindful of the ongoing public health crisis and the danger faced by workers of the construction sector,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxboro). “I know that many contractors and sub-contractors recognize how important it is to protect the health of their workers and many have acted swiftly to put in place additional procedures and equipment. With worker safety and protection as our top priority, we want to ensure that employers are protected from liability for doing the right thing on behalf of their workers.”

“It is critical that the construction industry and sector follow all COVID-19 safety guidelines exactly, and in doing so they should not be held responsible for delays in construction due to the current pandemic we are facing,” said House sponsor Rep. Linda Campbell (D-Methuen).

EMERGENCY PAID SICK TIME (S 2701) – The Labor and Workforce Development Committee is considering legislation that would guarantee all workers at least 10 additional 8-hour days of job-protected paid sick time for use by employees who are not covered by

a similar federal program during the COVID-19 pandemic or future public health emergencies.

Workers would be paid by their employers at their regular level of pay, up to a maximum of \$850 per week. Employers would then be fully reimbursed by the state. These 80 hours of paid sick time would be in addition to the 40 hours which each worker currently has under a sick time law signed into law by the governor in 2014.

Supporters said many front-line workers are struggling economically and are without adequate paid sick time. They said the current 2014 law giving 40 hours of paid sick leave is outdated and inadequate in today’s era during these trouble times of uncertainty. They noted that Raise Up Massachusetts led that 2014 campaign to create Massachusetts’ 40-hour total Earned Sick Time Law, but the 40 hours of sick time it provides workers each year doesn’t meet the scale of this major public health crisis.

“Protecting the health and safety of Massachusetts residents is our top priority in this crisis,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester). “No worker should be forced to come to work when they may be contagious. That is why we need to build on the success of the 2014 earned sick time law and the new federal paid sick time law to ensure that during this public health emergency, all workers have access to the job-protected paid sick time that they so desperately need.”

“In order to ensure that all those who feel sick or have been exposed to COVID-19 can stay home and avoid exposing others to the virus, all workers must have the ability to miss work to care for themselves or their family,” said Anabel Santiago, grassroots coordinator for the Coalition for Social Justice and a member of the Raise Up Massachusetts steering committee (the group leading the charge for the bill). “No worker should face a choice between going to work sick or losing the pay they desperately need to make ends meet. As Massachusetts develops a plan to begin to reopen the economy, it is essential that all workers have access to additional job-protected paid sick time.”

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“It’s a billion dollars, but it’s actually a net zero to the state. And for us to access what we believe is a very significant amount of resource that the federal government, through the emergency declaration, has signed up to reimburse us for, we need to spend [the money] first to get them to reimburse us and that’s basically what that is.” — Gov. Baker asking the Legislature to authorize \$1 billion in state spending related to the COVID-19 pandemic. He says that the federal government will reimburse Massachusetts for the cost of many things like personal protective equipment and temporary field hospitals.

“If you’re a true patriot, right now the best thing you can do is abide by what the governor is asking us all to do, and we’ll just have to go forward from there.” — Attorney General Maura Healey

“We need leaders with ideas bold enough to meet the challenges before us but with demeanors humble enough to collaborate in order to achieve them. Ambitious, pragmatic change rooted in social and economic justice will lead us to a better future.” — Former Gov. Deval Patrick announcing formation of the Together Fund PAC to help Joe Biden’s campaign for president and U.S. Senate and House candidates in “swing” districts or states.

“The COVID-19 crisis has cost a million jobs in Massachusetts since early March, with low-wage food preparation, sales and office support workers among

the hardest hit. If the crisis continues through the summer, more than 178,000 Massachusetts households will be unable to make rent and mortgage payments.” — From a research project of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

“We do seem to see the beginning of travel. We will obviously get the data for all of last week soon and we’ll see if that continues. There is a phenomenon that has been dubbed ‘quarantine fatigue’ in which people are sort of getting tired of being home. This may indicate that we are seeing some quarantine fatigue, because we are seeing an uptick in travel even though we have not begun to open the Massachusetts economy.” — Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollock saying that although travel is generally down 50 to 70 percent in Massachusetts, it looks like there might be a slight increase in traveling soon.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of May 4-8, the House met for a total of two hours and 32 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 29 minutes

Mon. May 11	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. Senate 11:24 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Tues. May 12	No House session No Senate session
Wed. May 13	House 11:03 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 14	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 12:03 p.m.
Fri. May 15	No House session No Senate session

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Somerville Chef Cassie Piuma nominated for James Beard Award 2020

By Isabel Sami

Cassie Piuma, Chef and owner of Somerville restaurant and bar Sarma, was recently nominated for the James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Northeast for the sixth year in a row. A native of Duxbury, Massachusetts, Piuma has been cooking for over 20 years and has worked in the kitchens of Oleana, Sel de la Terre, and The Butcher Shop in Boston before opening Sarma in 2013.

Receiving the nomination for the James Beard Award again is a vote of confidence for Piuma. “It’s a crazy huge honor and vote of confidence, not only from the foundation but from our industry peers,” Piuma says, adding that it’s a sign that as a chef, she’s on the right path. Since 2015 Piuma has been nominated for the award, qualifying as a semi-finalist in 2016.

Piuma opened Sarma in 2013, serving Middle Eastern and Mediterranean inspired dishes. Influenced by her upbringing

in a Greek household where food was a priority, Piuma crafts recipes that use ingredients and flavors that she grew up with, but also says she finds inspiration everywhere: cookbooks, childhood memories, travel, and walking outside her front door.

Piuma uses classic Turkish, Lebanese, and Greek staples such as lamb, pistachios, feta, sumac, and eggplant in her dishes at Sarma while also adding her own modern fusions to her cooking. Menu options include shrimp saganaki, black sea cornbread, jalapeño whipped feta, and tahini chocolate chip cookies, shaped by the traditional and modern. One Yelp review calls the menu “playful and full of intrigue.”

When choosing a location for her restaurant, Piuma picked Somerville because she wanted to open Sarma in a diverse community, describing Somerville as “a bustling, real-deal neighborhood.” In the last seven years, her restaurant has become a neighborhood favorite,

scoring four-and-a-half stars on Yelp and making it into Boston Magazine’s Best of Boston 2019 list. The name “Sarma” refers to a bite of food that is wrapped or rolled, but Piuma says the broader definition is an embrace. “We want to welcome our guests with open arms,” she says, proving why Boston and Somerville residents return to Sarma again and again.

Her advice for young chefs is to find a mentor and stick to them like glue. Piuma found her own mentor in Ana Sortun of Oleana, a James Beard Award-winning chef who is also co-owner of Sarma, and they worked together in Sortun’s restaurant for 11 years before opening Sarma.

In her time as a chef, Piuma has learned “that like most things in life, you get out what you put in,” she says. “It’s a labor of love.”

Sarma is currently open for take-out Wednesday through Sunday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and they begin taking orders at noon. Find their menu here or call at (617) 764-4464.



James Beard Best Chef Award nominee, Cassie Piuma, chef and owner of Sarma.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Spicy Potato Salad

Every week we get a produce box delivered from Ball Square Fine Wines, they partnered up with Katsiroubas Bros. Each box contains a variety of vegetables and fruits, like romaine lettuce, broccoli, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, lemons, limes, mangos, avocados, cucumbers, watermelon, honeydew, cantaloupe, pineapple, celery, apples, grapes, mushrooms and more.

There is enough for a family of 3-4. Last week’s box included a large bag of potatoes, so I decided to change it up from potato frittata and home fries to a potato salad. As a side note, Ball Square Fine Wines will deliver wine, beer and spirits as well as a large selection of charcuterie ingredients. It’s a great way to support local business. See their website for additional information: ballsquarefinewines.com.

- 3 lbs. potatoes, peeled and 1” dice
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup sweet relish

- 2 teaspoons Sriracha or other hot sauce
- 1 celery stalk, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- Parsley garnish, optional

Place the prepared potatoes into a pot and fill with cold water until the potatoes are covered by about an inch of water. Bring to a boil and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. In the meantime, add the mayonnaise, vinegar, relish, Sriracha, celery, pepper and salt, to a large bowl and blend well.

Drain the potatoes and add to the mayonnaise mixture. Gently coat the potatoes. Fold in the scallions. Transfer to a serving bowl and sprinkle the paprika over the top and add the parsley garnish. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving. Serves approximately 8 people.

Visit Dorothy’s website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.



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OBITUARIES

Pauline M. (McKinnon) D'Aurora



Pauline M. (McKinnon) D'Aurora-of Walpole, formerly of North Reading, May 16th after a courageous battle with Covid-19. Beloved wife of the late Carmen D'Aurora. Loving mother of Dina Zoob and her husband Sam of East Walpole. Adored Nana of Alexis and Jordan. Sister of Sharon Romano and her husband Ronald of FL. Daughter of the late Anne Steffe. Daughter-in-law of Rosa D'Aurora and her late husband Biagio. Sister-in-law of Anthony D'Aurora and his wife Mary of Woburn, Ben Iacono of Newburyport and the late Frank D'Aurora and Maria Iacono. Best friend of Sandra McGoldrick and her husband Donnie of Somerville. Pauline is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Pauline worked for over 40 years at Winter Hill Bank in

Somerville starting as a teller and with hard work and determination achieved the title of Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer.

Pauline was the most generous, kind, selfless and strong woman you could ever meet. She loved her family with every ounce of her being and loved spending time with her grandkids every chance she could. Everyone of her family and friends knew they could depend on Pauline to be there, help, guide and when needed, advice. She was always just a call away. All that knew Pauline will miss her love, smile and compassion.

Due to the current restrictions in place all services are being privately held. Pauline will be laid to rest with her husband Carmen who sadly passed away less than a month ago. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pauline's name to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or online at <https://donate3.cancer.org/>

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Pauline M. (McKinnon) D'Aurora, please visit our floral store: <https://www.cotafuneralhomes.com/obituary/Pauline-DAurora/sympathy>

William R. Cahill



William R. Cahill – 64, Retired Somerville Fire Dept., Of Canton, formerly of Somerville passed away after a short illness on May 16, 2020.

Beloved husband of Deborah A. (Parker).

Loving son of the late Richard W. Cahill and Theresa (Lemos).

Devoted father of Richard W. Cahill of Canton, Jamie L. Howard and her husband Jason of Asheville, NC, Katelyn

M. Cahill of Canton, and Michael J. Cahill of Canton.

Dear brother of Patricia Ashman, Jeannie Denehy, and Judith Senesi.

Adoring grandfather of Nicholas Cahill and Jenna Howard.

William retired as a firefighter after 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Somerville. He was a US Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He will be buried with Military Honors at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

Funeral Services are private at this time. A celebration of William's life will be held for family and friends at a date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Fraternal Order of Fire Fighter Military Veterans.

Somerville youth leader wins statewide Youth Leadership Award

This year, the annual Kick Butts Day event at the Massachusetts State House could not take place. However, youth from The 84 Movement still wanted an event to celebrate their efforts to reduce the influence of the tobacco and vaping industries in their communities. So the young leaders created and participated in a virtual training and awards ceremony via Zoom on April 29.

The 245 participating youth and adults from around the Commonwealth all work to educate and mobilize young people in their communities about tobacco and vaping industry targeting.

The 84 Movement virtual event celebrated the groundbreaking legislation in Massachusetts that restricts the sale of flavored tobacco products, including mint and menthol products. The importance of the new law and other efforts to protect youth is heightened during the time of the coronavirus as evidence grows that smoking and vaping can harm the body's ability to fight COVID-19.

Opening remarks at the virtual Kick Butts Day: Take Down Tobacco awards ceremony were delivered by Senator John Keenan and Representative Danielle Gregoire, co-authors of *An Act to Modernize Tobacco Control*. They emphasized that youth activism played a pivotal role in the development and passage of what Senator Keenan called "the nation-leading law." Senator Keenan explained that the strong bill became a law because "quite simply we had an incredible group of young people standing up for their generation."

During the awards ceremony, awards were presented to individuals and chapters of The 84 Movement for their dedication to reducing the impact of tobacco in their communities and across Massachusetts.

The 2020 Youth Leadership Award went to Ishivita Bali, a youth leader of the Somerville Positive Forces (a program of Somerville Cares About Prevention). The award is given to one young person each year who goes above and beyond the call of duty in promoting the work of The 84 and who embodies what it means to be a leader in the fight against tobacco.

In accepting the award, Ishivita Bali reviewed activities that she and her chapter engaged in to counter how the tobacco in-



Ishivita Bali, recipient of the 2020 Statewide Youth Leadership Award.

dusty targets teens as replacement smokers. She concluded by reflecting, "Especially in these unprecedented times, it is very empowering to see how we can stick together, even though we are physically apart, by coming together on this virtual event and appreciating each other to provide support and impact positive change. That's why, my chapter and I have put together a video and more media to show how we can "flatten the curve" through acts of kindness in our community and educate that youth who smoke or vape are likely to be more vulnerable to COVID-19."

At previous Kick Butts Day events at the State House, hundreds of youth from The 84 Movement visited their legislators telling stories of tobacco industry influences that concern them and explaining their work to pass protective local policies in their communities. Following this year's online event, The 84 Movement chapters are virtually thanking their legislators for hearing their voices, listening to their local stories over the years, and doing their part to protect youth from a lifetime of nicotine addiction.

The 84 Movement is a program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, developed and managed in partnership with Health Resources in Action. Created in 2007, The 84 represents the 84% of Massachusetts youth who did not smoke cigarettes (in 2017 that number was 93%).

For more information on The 84 Movement and the work being done throughout the Commonwealth to reduce tobacco and vaping industry influence on youth, visit www.The84.org, mass.gov/vaping and www.makesmokinghistory.org.

The Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership supports communities' efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to second-hand smoke; enhance state and local tobacco control efforts by exposing tobacco industry tactics; mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies; and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, Community Partnerships serve as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts.



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COMMENTARY

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.

Reopening Somerville

Somerville will be working off a different reopening timeline than the general guidance announced earlier this week by Governor Charlie Baker. Some elements of the State plan will be enacted immediately, some will be modified, and some will undergo further assessment to make sure workers and residents are being properly protected and that the local economic recovery is better insulated from a potential second surge of the disease.

The specific elements of what Somerville will and will not be reopening as of Tuesday, May 19, are:

- Non-essential construction starts phasing in today according to the plan Somerville announced two weeks ago.
- Hospital and medical care facilities will be resuming high-priority preventative care visits as of today, and other medical providers will restart services on Monday, May 25, in

accord-ance with the State timeline and safety guidelines.

• Curbside retail also will begin on Monday, May 25, as allowed in the State plan.

• All additional reopening steps remain on temporary hold as the city assesses the State plan in order to make sure those phases of the reopening are practical and safe for our community. This includes, for example, hair salons, houses of worship, and playgrounds.

The city wants to make sure the reopening is handled equitably and fairly and that it does not cause disproportionate health consequences to already vulnerable communities. Some of the issues that will be considered as part of Somerville’s reopening plan include enforcement and protection for employees who raise safety issues, safe public transit, adequate COVID-19 testing for the returning workforce, sick leave, and access to protective equipment.

More information about reopening plans will be shared as it becomes available. To get the latest up-dates on business news and resources, business owners can sign up for the Econom-

ic Development Department’s newsletter at www.somerville-ma.gov/covidbizhelp.

Shared Streets Pilot Coming to Somerville

In an effort to provide more social distancing on some walking and biking routes, the City’s Mobility Team has been developing a shared streets plan, which does not fully shut down streets, based on international best practices and customized to Somerville’s public health needs. By the end of May, the first shared route will be set up and more will follow citywide over the summer. For Shared Streets, low-volume or residential side-streets are opened up to pedestrians, cyclists, and other users while still allowing vehicles but limiting those vehicles to abutters, first responders, and delivery. Somerville’s Shared Streets pilot will provide new options for residents to safely make essential trips for food, healthcare, or other needs, while also offering the wellness benefit of new routes outdoors. Signage and flexible barriers alert all users to the shared use to help keep everyone safe. Somerville’s program will use temporary mate-

rials that can be modified based on our experience with the pilot. More information will be coming on this pilot program.

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:

- 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.

Staying Informed During COVID-19

The City’s COVID-19 website, www.somervillema.gov/covid19, 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.

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While several states across the country have re-opened their economies, Massachusetts has just begun to roll out their plan to re-open the economy while continuing the fight against COVID-19.

The two pillars of our economy are

healthcare and education. Knowing that we will not see our economy bounce back until people feel confident enough to shop, play and eat at a restaurant, we need to ensure that Massachusetts is prepared for a second wave of this pandemic. We need

to be prepared for additional strain on the healthcare system.

Healthcare workers have been working around the clock to slow the spread of COVID-19. They are in need of relief and additional support. That’s why we need commonsense legislation that

will suspend outdated regulations to allow qualified workers, such as physician assistants, to help lead the fight against COVID-19.

James O'Brien
Somerville

Street sweeping resumes

Street sweeping has resumed as of Monday, May 18. It is not mandatory to move your vehicle, though the city asks people to do so if they feel they can.

Tickets will not be issued for vehicles in street sweeping zone, and the city will provide advanced notice before it starts enforcement in the future.

Yet it is important to clear debris from our streets so that catch basins do not clog, which leads to flooding in our neighborhoods. In addition, street sweeping reduces the amount of pollution entering our stormwater systems and the amount of allergens in our community at a time when we are in an emergency posture due to a highly contagious respiratory disease.

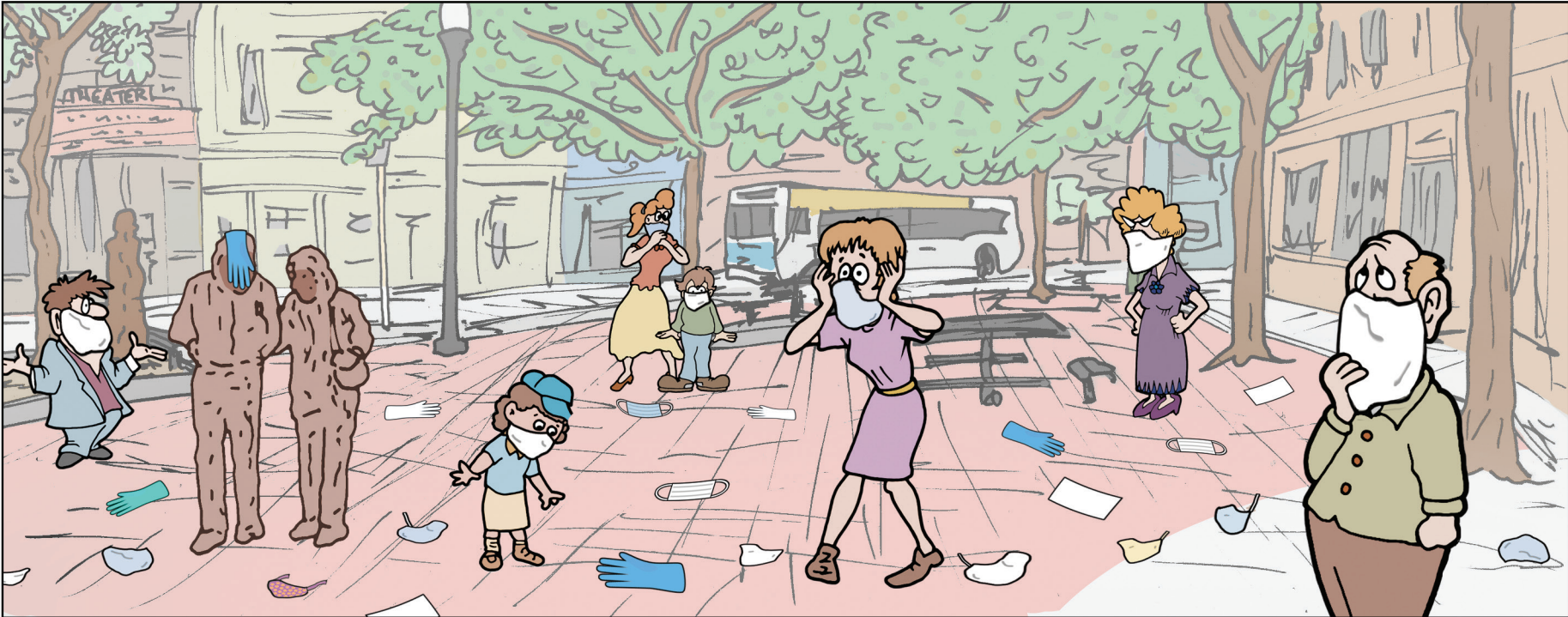


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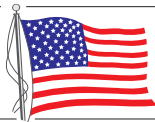
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Let's keep it safe and clean, Somerville.

Our View Of The Times



It should go without saying that littering in public – as well as private – spaces should be avoided at all times. It is especially imperative when it comes to the disposal of used personal protection equipment (PPE) that could be contaminated with the COVID-19 virus.

Incredibly, one can walk the streets of Somerville and find used masks, gloves, and wipes carelessly discarded on the

ground or in any number of inappropriate places.

Really? In the midst of this deadly pandemic, can anyone be so thoughtless as to put other's health – and possibly their very lives – at risk in such a callous way?

It's not as if there aren't trash receptacles within a few steps practically anywhere we may be in the city, especially at the entrances of stores and office buildings.

There is simply no excuse.

Think of how children may react when they find brightly colored gloves and masks that have been discarded in this way. How easy would it be for them to pick these potentially contaminated items up and play with them?

Adults, too, are put at risk with these items lying around where they clearly should not be. It is easier than many

might think to pick up the virus by simple contact and inadvertently transfer it to the mouth or nose.

And of course there is the simple fact that this unsightly refuse laying around is an eyesore and a disgrace to our city.

So let's wise up and make sure we dispose of these materials safely and responsibly. The consequences are as serious as they can be. Believe it.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to one of Somerville's all-knowing political pundits, **Mr. Feargal O'Toole**. A great guy, we wish him the very best on this his birthday. Happy birthday to an old friend to everyone here in Somerville from East to Winter Hill and beyond, **Vinny (Clue) Vicente**. Happy birthday to local Winter Hill resident **Brian Roche**. We hope he enjoys his day. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Helen Martino McCallum, Karen Keenan McCann, Rick Driscoll, Gene Duggan, Deirdre Grace, Iona O'Brien, Danielle Scrima** and **Danny McLaughlin** 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.

Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of **Pauline M. D'Aurora**. Pauline was the **Winter Hill Bank** Executive Vice President/Chief Lending Officer and former **Chamber of Commerce** Treasurer. She lost her battle with COVID19 on Saturday night. Winter Hill Bank President **Sandra McGoldrick** posted a thoughtful letter about Pauline online: [\[ber.org/news/pauline-m-daurora/\]\(https://somervillechamber.org/news/pauline-m-daurora/\).

Healthy, local food is important. The **Farmers Markets** will open next week at **Davis Square** \(\[www.massfarmers-markets.org/davis\]\(http://www.massfarmers-markets.org/davis\)\) on **Wednesday, May 20** and at **Union Square** \(\[www.unionsquaremain.org/2020-season\]\(http://www.unionsquaremain.org/2020-season\)\) on **Saturday, May 23**. But this year they will be different. Both markets will encourage only one person per household to do the shopping, incorporate social distancing guidelines and allow a limited amount of shoppers in the space. Please sign up for a shopping spot in advance at the market websites. SNAP and HIP benefits are accessible for shoppers in both markets. No gathering or socializing is allowed in the markets. See you there and remember that we are in this together ... from a responsible 6 ft. distance, of course.

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](https://somervillecham-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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.

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.

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: www.somervillema.gov/covidbizhelp.

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

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#731

1. When was the euro introduced as legal currency on the world market?

2. Where is the driest place on Earth?

3. What Supreme Court case ruled unanimously that racial segregation of children in public schools was unconstitutional?

4. Where is Crater Lake National Park?

5. What artist released the album *Diamonds and Pearls* in 1991?

6. What is the Mack Truck company's trademark?

7. What was Alfred Hitchcock's first film in color?

8. What city's subway system has the most stations?

9. Who played Chandler's father, Charles Bing, in the TV series *Friends*?

10. What is Barbra Streisand's middle name?

11. In what film did Bruce Willis play a time travelling criminal?

12. What American state has a bison on its flag?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Stephen Hawking was born exactly 300 years after Galileo died.

2. Table tennis balls have been known to travel off the paddle at speeds up to 100 mph.

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1. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" beginning

5. Clock std.

8. U- ____

12. Webber's "Evita" collaborator

13. Away from wind

14. Boy Scout rank

15. Picnic invaders

16. Digestive aid

17. Change, as in the Constitution

18. Like Tony Awards 2020

20. Entry document

21. Fill with spirits

22. 10 decibels

23. "Kiss Me, Kate" composer/lyricist

26. Sound of leaves in wind

29. Before, archaic

30. Admirer

33. "My bad"

35. Garments

37. Barbie's beau

38. Annoy a bedfellow

39. Result of too many drinks

40. Type of tunic

42. F in FWIW

43. Brown's beagle

45. M in "M. Butterfly"

47. Bar association

48. "Mack the ____"

50. Tony winner David ____ Pierce

52. Musical with the most wins, with The

56. Jellycicles' cries

57. Vietnam's neighbor

58. Flu symptom

59. Pond buildup

60. Sunrise point

61. "Just ____"

62. 4-time winner Tom Stoppard's output

63. Tap choice

64. Tallest volcano in Europe
- DOWN
1. Catch-22, e.g.

2. Brown bagger

CROSSWORD

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3. Before and after intermission

4. Final six lines of a sonnet

5. Sparkle

6. More than a scuffle

7. Like a ball ready for a drive

8. Musical with most nominations

9. Tony nominee, "Rock of ____"

10. Longer forearm bone

11. Bulb type

13. "All ____!"

14. Roof overhang

19. Humble requests

22. Pesky, clingy plant

23. Cribbage pieces

24. Un-written exams

25. Old episode

26. "La Bohème," reimagined

27. Shower accessory

28. Erasable programmable read only memory

31. Thumbs-up

32. Gridiron official, for short

34. Blood fluids

36. *Coveted destination

38. Mix-up

40. Typically has April 15th as deadline

41. In the thick of

44. Falstaffian in body

46. Base of the decimal system

48. Cattle enclosure in African village

49. Pirate's "necklace"

50. Setting of Tony winner 'Hadestown'

51. Vinyasa workout

52. #19 Down, sing.

53. The Grand Slam of showbusiness, acr.

54. The Colosseum, today

55. Pura ____, or pure silk

56. Atlas page

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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L O P E Z S A G S E N O R

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JAY CASHMAN, INC.,
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v.
ADIL DHOUIH,
Defendant.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION


WHEREAS, a civil action has been brought against Adil Dhouhi seeking judgment on counts of Money Had and Received, Unjust Enrichment, Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Breach of Loyalty, Conversion, Fraud, and Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing.

WHEREAS it appears to the Court from the Affidavit of Tom E. Zoller filed in this action that after the exercise of reasonable due diligence that no one can find Adil Dhouhi and that no personal service of the Complaint may be made upon Adil Dhouhi, it is ORDERED, pursuant to Mass.R.Civ.P. 4(d)(1), that notice of this suit be given to Adil Dhouhi by publishing this Order, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least twenty (20) days before said return day, in the Boston Globe and each of three newspapers of general circulation distributed within three miles of 15 Murray Court, East Boston, MA 02128; 16 Franklin Street, Apt. 1, Somerville, MA 02145; and 7 Lowman Circle, Peabody, MA 01960.

WE COMMAND YOU, ADIL DHOUIH, if you intend to make any defense, that on or by June 30, 2020, or within such further time as the law allows you, do cause your written responsive pleading (or other response as appropriate) to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Norfolk Superior Court, 650 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026 in said Commonwealth, with a copy to be served upon the Plaintiff's attorney, James G. Grillo, Esq., Davagian Grillo & Semple LLP, 365 Boston Post Road, Ste. 200, Sudbury, MA 01776, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein. If you fail to meet the above requirements, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.


Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(e), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the Plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiff's claim or you will be barred from making any such claim in any other action.

SO ORDERED.
Dated this 13th day of April 2020.



JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

WITNESS, Judith Fabricant, at Dedham, Massachusetts the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.



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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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REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES

Emergency e-calls and Intercom System Replacements
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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'Fly Free' debuts at the Inside Out Gallery

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In many of her paintings, Sayre develops a background that is purple and blue for the upper portion of the canvas and red, orange, and yellow for the lower part, representative of the sky during a sunset. Against this gradient are figures, seen falling through the sky in different poses. Sayre said that while her past works have been more restricted in terms of the lines and gestures of the paint, her newer work is more free flowing and fluid, as she wanted to express the feeling of freedom in the air.

Sayre began tandem skydiving around five or six years ago. Skydivers may follow different disciplines when falling, and many typically begin by flying with their belly facing down. Free flying can be a technique that allows for a faster fall, with divers facing with their heads down or in a sitting position. When leaving the plane, a diver does not immediately jump out from the door, but climbs out and holds onto a bar, before letting go. While Sayre has had a fear of heights for most of her life, she describes the process of diving as very liberating.

“People think of free falling as just falling out of the sky, with not much control,” said Sayre. “But you actually have quite a lot of control, in the speed and direction you’re going in. It’s definitely a lot of sensory overload when you first start. You get used to it after a while, and your bubble of awareness will start to grow.”

Sayre said that she was drawn to the Inside Out Gallery for its unique identity in Davis Square, as it allows less of a barrier to entry. While this moment may be a time of uncertainty, visitors are still able to participate in seeing art by walking past the window. Curator Heather Balchunas said that the gallery was created in 2009 as a way of highlighting local artists. The Somerville Arts Council tries to keep the work fresh and selects new exhibits every four to six weeks. Particularly during the time of the coronavirus, the presence of art as a part of life is particularly important, said Balchunas.

“Seeing art and engaging in art is helpful during this time,” said Balchunas. “At the Arts Council, having new artwork lends joy. It’s a nice respite. You’re able to take a breath, be present, and have a pleasant visual experience. When you get to experience a painting or music, or even if you’re dancing, it makes you smile. If we’re able to bring joy, that’s really important.”

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mission, please visit <http://www.ryan-harringtonfoundation.org/the-foundation/>.

May is **Mental Health Month** and, especially during a public health crisis, it’s important to remember to take care of your mental health. Here are some tips from the **CDC** on coping with the stress and uncertainty around COVID-19: Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting; Take care of your body; Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate; Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals; Exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep; Avoid alcohol and drugs; Make time to unwind.; Try to do some other activities you enjoy; Connect with others; Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling. Where to find help or someone to talk to: Hotlines and virtual counseling services are also available for adults and youth. We’ve compiled links to resources on the city website, or call the 311 COVID-19 Community Support Team at 3-1-1 or 617-666-3311 for information. Visit somervillema.gov/CoronaVirusHelp and click the “Mental Health & Wellbeing” tab. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency, or is contemplating suicide or harming others, call 911 immediately. If you or someone in your family is experiencing a mental health crisis, the **Boston Emergency Services Team (BEST)** is available 24/7 at 1-800-981-4357.

The **Somerville Public Schools** will conduct a public hearing to determine participation in the **School Choice Program** for the 2020-21 school year, **Wednesday, May 27, 6:45 p.m.** GoTo Webinar Online Meeting Platform. Please use the following web address to join the hearing: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1249113785733534224>. The Public is cordially invited to attend.

SHS Graduation will be live at Dilboy!

Dear SHS Seniors and Families,
Somerville High School

I am excited to share with you that, working closely with Mayor Curtatone, Superintendent Skipper, and Jill Lathan, Director of Parks and Recreation, we have developed a plan that will allow us to acknowledge and celebrate our Class of 2020 graduates in person in a modified outdoor event with social-distancing measures. This will done in a very controlled environment that ensures the safety of all involved.

In addition to the graduation celebration efforts I had previously shared with you, instead of delivering diplomas we will be holding a series of “drive-up” graduation events at the Dilboy Stadium parking lot over the course of two days. Graduating students and family members will be invited to Dilboy on either June 10 or June 11 where, over the course of a 3-hour period, each graduate will individually walk across the stage, receive their diploma, and have their photo taken. We have set up the following schedule over the 2- day period.

- Beacon House – Wednesday, June 10, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Elm House – Wednesday, June 10, 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- Highland House – Thursday, June 11, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Broadway House – Thursday, June 11, 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- Rain date – Friday, June 12

Please note, students will be assigned staggered times to report at thirty minute intervals. The assigned times to report will be provided to each student at a later date. IMPORTANT: Students must report during their scheduled time only.

Graduates arriving by car must enter the parking lot entrance on the Medford side of the stadium. Graduates and their family members must arrive in one car, must remain in their car, and will be directed on how to proceed to the staging area. Graduates arriving on foot will line up at socially responsible distances along the walkway on the Medford side of the stadium. Graduates should arrive at Dilboy wearing their cap & gown and ready to have their photo taken.

Caps & Gowns, along with Graduation Gift bags will not be delivered but can be picked up at Somerville High School on Wednesday, June 3, and Thursday, June 4, in a time manner similar to diplomas mentioned above.

- Beacon House – Wednesday, June 3, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Elm House – Wednesday, June 3, 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- Highland House – Thursday, June 4, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Broadway House – Thursday, June 4, 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Please note, students will be assigned staggered times to report at thirty minute intervals. The assigned times to report will be provided to each student at a later date. IMPORTANT: Students must report during their scheduled time only. Seniors should return any school chromebook, textbook, or other school property when picking up their Cap & Gown. Seniors with personal belongings in their locker should also inform us at that time and a staff member will retrieve these items from their locker. Please contact your Assistant Principal if you are unable to pick up your Cap & Gown at your assigned time and we will make other arrangements.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience. The Class of 2020 is very special and has faced many challenges unlike any other class has. We are very proud of the Class of 2020 and we hope this modified event helps students capture the sense of accomplishment that they rightfully deserve.

Please look for additional details to be posted online next week.

Sincerely,
Sebastian LaGambina, Principal



Shared streets pilot coming to Somerville

Note: this photo is from before the COVID-19 crisis, but it demonstrates a local street opened up for walking and biking.

In an effort to provide more walking and biking routes that allow for more social distance, the city’s Mobility Team has been developing a shared streets plan based on international best practices and customized to Somerville’s public health needs.

By the end of May, the first shared route will be set up and more will follow citywide over the summer. For Shared Streets, low-volume or residential side-streets are opened up to pedestrians, cyclists, and other users while still allowing vehicles but limiting those vehicles to abutters, first responders, and delivery. Shared Streets provide new options for residents to safely make essential trips for food, healthcare, or other needs, while also offering the wellness benefit of new routes outdoors.

Signage and flexible barriers alert all users to the shared use to help keep everyone safe. Somerville’s program will use temporary materials that can be modified based on our experience with the pilot. More info to come.



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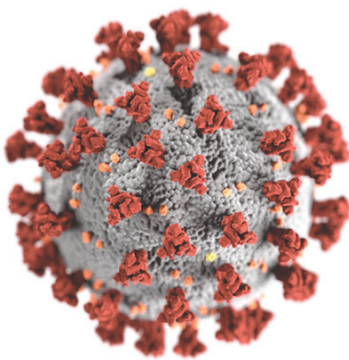
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| 5. Prince | 11. Twelve Monkeys |
| 6. Bulldog | 12. Wyoming |

COVID-19 update for 5/19/20



Dear Community Members,

Here is a COVID-19 update for Tuesday, May 19.

Please also be sure to check somervillema.gov/covid19 for information and resources that are updated frequently.

Latest news:

Case Counts: As of 5:30 p.m. today, May 19, a total of 808 Somerville residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 589 of them have since recovered, and sadly there have been 23 deaths. More Somerville case data can be found on the City’s COVID-19 Dashboard.

Somerville’s Reopening Timeline: Somerville’s reopening timeline will look a bit different than the statewide plan announced by Gov. Charlie Baker yesterday. Some elements of the State plan will be enacted immediately, some will be modified, and some are under review to make sure workers and residents are being properly protected and that the local economic recovery is sustainable and better insulated from a potential second surge of the disease. More information will be shared as swiftly as possible in the coming days. The specific elements of what Somerville will and will not be re-opening at this time are:

- Hospital and medical care facilities will be resuming high-priority preventative care visits as of yesterday (5/18), and other medical providers will restart services on Monday, May 25, in accordance with the State timeline and safety guidelines.
- Non-essential construction started phasing in yesterday (5/18) according to the plan Somerville announced two weeks ago.
- Curbside retail will begin on Monday, May 25, as allowed in the State plan.
- All additional reopening steps remain on temporary hold as the City assesses the State plan in order to make sure those phases of the reopening are practical and safe for our community. This includes, for example, hair salons, houses of worship, and playgrounds.

Join an Upcoming Virtual Town Hall Meeting to Discuss COVID-19: Join us for upcoming virtual town hall meetings with Mayor Curtatone and City staff where you can learn about local COVID-19 impacts and the City’s response. You can either participate live via Zoom or by calling in by phone, or submit questions in advance and watch live on City Cable TV (channels 13 and 613 on RCN, channel 22 on Comcast). Meetings will also be recorded and rebroadcast later on the City YouTube Channel and City Cable TV. For more information on how to participate, visit somervillema.gov/virtualtownhall. Here are the upcoming meetings:

- Community Town Hall – Tuesday, May 19, 7 to 8 p.m. (for general public)
- Parents Town Hall – Thursday, May 21, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Youth Town Hall – date to be announced (for teenagers and high school students)

Free COVID-19 testing: 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 p.m. It helps us move more safely toward reopening, the more people get tested. You do not need to have symptoms or a doctor’s referral.

Today’s Public Health Tip: What happens when a contact tracer calls?

If you test positive for COVID-19, you’ll get a call from a member of the State’s contact tracing team. It’s important that you take the call and answer their questions as best you can so that others who may have been exposed to COVID-19 can be informed and get tested. Contact tracers will only ask you for the names and phone numbers of people identified as your close contacts, and if you need additional resources during your recovery. They will never ask for a social security number, health insurance information, financial information, or immigration status. They will not share your name when speaking with close contacts, and they will not share your information with immigration officials or ICE.

Here’s what to expect:

- The MA COVID team will call everyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has been exposed to the disease. The number calling will either be: 833-638-1585 or 857-305-2728. Your phone should say the call is from “MA COVID Team.” Calls will be made daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is important to answer the call.
- During the phone call, a Case Investigator will ask you for a list of all the people you were within 6 feet of during the 48 hours prior to your symptoms and the places you visited. For those who do not have symptoms, include all contacts 48 hours prior to your diagnosis. The Case Investigator will also ask for the phone numbers of any people you identify so that they can be reached and notified about their exposure.
- The Case Investigator will also discuss any needs you may have for this time period and may connect you with a Care Resource Coordinator, who will help you get the support you need.
- The MA COVID Team will call your contacts to tell them they have been exposed to the disease and talk them through next steps. They will not release your name.
- A Case Investigator and/or public health nurses from the Somerville Board of Health will check in on you regularly to monitor your symptoms and needs. To aid your recovery, they will provide referrals to and assistance accessing supports including the Recovery Inn, counseling services, food access, and other needs.

–Thank You, Somerville. #InThisTogether–

Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact Nency Salamoun, at 617-625-6600 x2323 or NSalamoun@somervillema.gov.

Top tips for Global Running Day

June 3 marks Global Running Day. Here are a few ways to participate this year.

- Warm up. A quick warm up of dynamic stretches can prime your body for the run and is an effective way to ward off sore or stiff muscles later.
- Practice social distancing. While running with pals is one of the best ways to get motivated, you can practice social distancing by running solo or with just a family member. Be courteous of others on your route and keep your distance.
 - Cool down. While dynamic stretches are best for before the workout, afterward, practice yoga or a deep stretching routine.
 - Light the way. Running at night? Wear reflective attire or other illuminating gear to make yourself visible to bikers and cars.
- Stay connected. Just because you’re socially distancing doesn’t mean you need to be unsocial. Follow the conversation at #GlobalRunningDay on social media and connect with runners around the world. (SPM Wire)

Four resources that connect elders with food during Coronavirus

By Nathan Lamb

The Coronavirus pandemic has created new challenges for all of us. Helping older adults through this difficult time is our top priority at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

Many of the older adults we connect with have voiced concerns about food insecurity. Our Aging Information Center has received many requests for help in this department, so we thought this would be a good time to share some resources that connect elders with food during Coronavirus.

Meals on Wheels through SCES provides free delivery for people 60 and over. Recipients receive one frozen meal per day on Mondays through Wednesdays, and two meals per day on Thursdays and Fridays. We have added 220 new recipients since March and can usually enroll people within 48 hours. The program also serves spouses, caregivers, and dependents with disabilities of people receiving Meals on Wheels.

Municipal Assistance is available for residents of Cambridge and Somerville.

The Cambridge Community Food Line (617-349-9155) provides a weekly bag of produce

and shelf stable food for eligible households who are at high risk for food insecurity. The program is available for city residents who are homebound, cannot afford groceries, cannot access their usual food assistance, or are at-risk and do not have access to a regular food source.

The City of Somerville Emergency Food Sign Up (781-747-8198) allows city residents to sign up each week for a grocery bag of food. Delivery is available for those in quarantine or with limited mobility. For Espanol and Portugues: 857-270-4010; Kreyol: 617-404-5290.

Mutual Aid Organizations are community-based, volunteer-run groups that are providing local assistance. Both have been active in helping older adults get groceries, pick up prescriptions, and other errands.

The Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville (MAMAS) Network has a hotline (339-545-1315) where people can anonymously request assistance from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The group can also be contacted via email at mutualaidmamas@gmail.com. More information at mutualaid-mamas.com.

The Cambridge Mutual Aid Network can be contacted

via email at CambridgeMutualAid@gmail.com or by visiting www.cambridgemutualaid.info.

Project Bread has a food source hotline (800-645-8333) that can enroll people in state and federal hunger relief programs and help them connect with local resources. Project Bread offers assistance in 160 languages and can be contacted from 8-7 during the week and 10-2 on Saturdays. Visit projectbread.org/get-help for more information.

One last reminder: most grocery stores have implemented designated shopping hours for older adults. That information should be on the website of your local grocer. Some also are offering delivery, but there are sometimes additional costs and limited delivery slots. The City of Cambridge recently released a guide to reducing risk while grocery shopping.

For more information about programs that can help with nutrition-- or free advice and guidance on other challenges of aging, caregiving, and disability-- contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 or email info@eldercare.org.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder



Meals on Wheels driver Nancy Green hefts a pair of delivery bags during morning pickup at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). The SCES Meals on Wheels program has added new delivery routes since March, due to increased demand.

Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org.

Somerville to phase in reopening on more cautious timeline than state

Citing regional differences in COVID-19 impacts, warnings from experts, and a need for greater clarity on issues such as worker protections, the city will review the remaining state reopening plan before implementation.

As previously announced, Somerville will adhere to a different reopening timeline than the general guidance announced today by Governor Charlie Baker. Some elements of the state plan will be enacted immediately, some will be modified, and some will undergo further assessment to make sure workers and residents are being properly protected from a potential increase in the transmission of the coronavirus -- and that the local economic recovery is better insulated from a potential second surge of the disease.

The specific elements of what Somerville will and will not be reopening at this time are:

Non-essential construction starts phasing in today according to the plan Somerville announced two weeks ago.

Hospital and medical care facilities will be resuming high-priority preventative care visits as of today, and other medical providers will restart services on Monday, May 25, in accordance with the state timeline and safety guidelines.

Curbside retail also will begin on Monday, May 25, as allowed in the state plan.

All additional reopening steps remain on temporary hold as the city assesses the state plan in order to make sure those phases of the reopening are practical and safe for our community. This includes, for example, hair salons, houses of worship, and playgrounds.

"Our goal is to build on the good work that the Governor and the state's Reopening Advisory Board have done and

make sure each element of our reopening can be implemented successfully," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "We have been told repeatedly by experts that we have to be extremely careful about large gatherings of people and to limit close contact as much as is humanly possible. We must also recognize we are a long way from having this disease under control. In a dense urban environment, we need to give careful consideration to every action we take. So we are performing extra diligence to ensure workers and worshippers can return safely to those activities."

City officials will be focused on questions of equity and fairness to make sure there are not disproportionate health consequences to already vulnerable communities. For one, in what appears to be a complaint-driven system of enforcement, workers and consumers need

to know how to raise concerns and be assured they have protections from retaliation if they do so. Additional issues the city is reviewing include but are not limited to monitoring, adequate testing for the returning workforce, safe public transit, gaps in sick leave coverage, access to protective equipment, and what kind of support the state will offer for enforcement.

"We must ensure that our businesses, workers, houses of worship, and families have all of the clarity and support they need to safely follow the path to reopening," said Mayor Curtatone. "We are determined to prevent the deadly second wave that experts are warning will cost lives and disrupt our economic recovery if we move without caution."

The city will release further specifics about the local reopening in the coming days as it establishes policies and timelines,

and seeks answers from the state.

"Ultimately this is not a choice between public health and the economy," said Mayor Curtatone. "Our economy will not thrive if the health of everyone is not adequately protected."

The state has given us a lot to work through, and our aim is to do so responsibly but also quickly. We also will be working with neighboring communities to try to stay on the same page within our urban core. We must recognize that what works right now for the Berkshires is not necessarily right for metro Boston."

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](https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleCity) and [@SomervilleCity](https://twitter.com/SomervilleCity).

What you need to know about filing your 2019 taxes

Spring is the season of warmer weather and blossoming flowers, but it is also – usually -- the season of taxes. Tax Day is typically April 15, but the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently extended the deadline for filing and paying your 2019 federal income taxes to July 15, 2020.



While this gives you more time to get your tax records in order, the IRS recommends that anyone expecting to receive a tax refund should file as soon as possible. According to the IRS, most refunds are being issued within three weeks of a tax return's acceptance. You should also double check your state's tax deadlines. Some states have announced tax filing or payment extensions, but other deadlines remain in place.

Here are five other changes to keep in mind while you prepare your 2019 taxes:

- There is no longer a federal tax penalty for not having health insurance. However, some states will charge their own penalties for taxpayers who did not have health insurance in 2019.
- The standard deduction increased to \$24,800 for married couples filing jointly and to \$12,400 for single filers.
- If you received, sold, sent or exchanged any virtual currency in 2019, you will need to report that on your tax return.
- Mortgage insurance premiums above \$600 are now deductible. Mortgage premiums can also be retroactively applied to 2018.
- The Child Tax Credit doubled to \$2,000 per child, up to \$1,400 of which is refundable. The credit is also available to more families for the 2019 tax year, since the income thresholds for when this benefit phases out were raised to \$400,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$200,000 for individual filers.

Experts say it is never too early to begin thinking about and planning for the next year's taxes. Once you have filed your 2019 return, you may want to consider speaking to a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) professional for guidance on maximizing your 2020 tax benefits. A CFP professional can help you understand tax rules for retirement accounts, such as pre-tax contribution limits and tax credits available to savers, for example. You can find a CFP professional near you by visiting www.letsmakeaplan.org.

Timely and thoughtful tax preparation is an important part of a comprehensive financial plan. (StatePoint)

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New workshops – new tutorials



Boost your skills from the comfort of your living room with #SMCxHome with these new ways to boost your resume.

Audacity for Podcasting - May 25

Learn how you can use Audacity, a free audio editing and recording software for Mac and PC, to prerecord, mix, edit and export audio content for your radio show or podcast. Learn more at: <https://somervillemedia.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f666d0ca2473e6d81ef0dc44f&id=-21244f46aa&e=a6639670d7>

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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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On This Day in History May 20

- 1535 – French explorer Jacques Cartier sets sail for North America.
- 1536 – Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's second wife, is beheaded on Tower Green.
- 1588 – The Spanish Armada sets sail from Lisbon, Portugal.
- 1608 – The Protestant states form the Evangelical Union of Lutherans and Calvinists.
- 1780 – Near total darkness descends on New England at noon. No explanation is found.
- 1856 – Senator Charles Sumner speaks out against slavery.
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Wednesday, May 20

12:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Community Bulletin Board

7:30am DW In Good Shape

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Global 3000

9:30am Both Sides of the Bars

10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update

11:30am From My Heart to Yours

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

2:00pm Colores Latinos

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm DW Conflict Zone

4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

5:00pm Hello Neighbor

5:30pm From My Heart to Yours

6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP

7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment

8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits

8:30pm DW Euromaxx

9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, May 21

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash

1:00am Free Speech TV

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2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am DW Conflict Zone

7:30am DW Euromaxx

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Tomorrow Today

9:30am Hello Neighbor

10:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:30am The Chef's Table Series

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm The Somerville Line

1:30pm The Somerville Line

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

4:30pm The Struggle

5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:00pm #AFAD

6:30pm #AFAD

7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

8:00pm LIVE - Our View

9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony

10:00pm Community Bulletin Board

10:30pm The World Fusion Show

11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, May 22

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00am SCATV Secret Stash

1:30am SCATV Secret Stash

2:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am DW Euromaxx

9:30am Strata

10:00am NASA TV

11:00am SOM ARTS

11:30am Cambridge Calendar

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement

2:00pm Somerville Pundits

2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm Gay USA

5:00pm DW Global 3000

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm Grandstanders

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:30pm Greater Somerville

9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, May 23

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night

1:00am Free Speech TV

2:00am Free Speech TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am DW Focus on Europe

7:00am Effort Pour Christ

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am SMC Youth Media

9:30am Science 360

10:00am Dead Air Live

11:00am TeleGalaxie

12:00pm Somerville Storytellers

1:00pm Tele Magazine

2:00pm Reeling Review

3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session

4:00pm Tele Kreyol

5:00pm Henry Parker Presents

5:30pm Henry Parker Presents

6:00pm Somerville Pundits

6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go

7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News

8:00pm #AFAD

9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes

10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash

11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, May 24

12:00am Flotilla

1:00am NASA TV

1:30am NASA TV

2:00am NASA TV

3:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley

7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00am Effort Pour Christ

9:00am NASA TV

10:00am Tele Kreyol

11:00amMA House of Representatives Formal Session

12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment

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3:00pm Chico and B-Man

4:00pm African Television Network

5:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade

6:00pm Gay USA

6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

7:00pm DW Tomorrow Today

8:00pm Emergency Preparedness

9:00pm Dead Air Live

10:00pm Tele Magazine

11:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

11:30pm TUTV

SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, May 25

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

5:00am Free Speech TV

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am Somerville Storytellers

7:30am Going Postal

8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00am Science 360

10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News

11:00am Our View

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm SOM ARTS

1:30pm Somerville Storytellers

2:00pm NASA TV

3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pm African Television Network

5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race

6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP

6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers

7:00pm Tele Galaxie

8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction

9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade

10:00pm Colores Latinos

11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, May 26

12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing

6:00am NASA TV

7:00am NASA TV

8:00am Democracy Now!

9:00am The Chef's Table Series

10:00am Strata

11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show

1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP

2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction

3:00pm Democracy Now!

4:00pm SMC Youth Media

4:30pm Going Postal

5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?

6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News

6:30pm From My Heart to Yours

7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show

7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville

8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live

9:00pm The World Fusion Show

10:00pm Totally Working Out

11:00pm Box House Productions Presents

SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, May 20

9:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

9:40am COVID-19 City Update 5.16.20

10:00am Raising Families

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

11:30am Senior Circuit

12:00pm City Council Meeting 5.14.20

2:15pm SPD Ride Along

2:30pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

3:10pm Cooking w/ Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

4:30pm Community Virtual Town Hall

6:30pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

10:00pm Community Virtual Town Hall

11:30pm COVID-19 City Update 5.19.20

Thursday, May 21

12:00am City Council Meeting 5.14.20

7:00am SomerViva en Espanol - Public Charge

7:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

8:10am Health & Human Services Update

8:30am Senior Circuit

9:00am Raising Families

10:00am City's COVID-19 Testing Program

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

12:00pm Senior Circuit

12:30pm School Committee Meeting 5.18.20

4:00pm Chair Yoga w/Janine

5:00pm Raising Families

5:30pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

8:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

10:00pm Cooking w/Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

10:15pm SPD Ride Along

10:30pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone:

Saturday, May 23

12:06am Legislative Matters 5.21.20

7:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

8:00am Cooking w/ Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

8:30am Raising Families

9:00am School Committee Meeting 5.18.20

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Senior Circuit

12:00pm Legislative Matters 5.21.20

9:30pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:30pm SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

11:35pm Health & Human Services Update

Friday, May 22

12:00am School Committee Meeting 5.18.20

3:00am City Council Meeting 5.14.20

7:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

7:30am Cooking w/Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

8:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

8:40am Health & Human Services Update

9:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:00am Fit-4-Life #4

11:30am Raising Families

12:00pm CC-Finance Committee Meeting 5.18.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

5:00pm Senior Circuit

6:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

8:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

10:00pm Cooking w/Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

10:30pm SPD Ride Along

Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone:

Saturday, May 23

12:06am Legislative Matters 5.21.20

7:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

8:00am Cooking w/ Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

8:30am Raising Families

9:00am School Committee Meeting 5.18.20

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Senior Circuit

12:00pm Legislative Matters 5.21.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

5:00pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

5:40pm Cooking w/ Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

6:00pm Land Use Meeting 5.19.20

10:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

11:31pm CDC Handwashing en Espanol PSA

11:31pm Health & Human Services Update

Sunday, May 24

12:00am Public Health & Public Safety Committee

7:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

8:36am Cooking w/ Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

9:00am Senior Circuit

9:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

11:00am Fit-4-Life #5

11:30am Raising Families

12:00pm Senior Circuit

12:30pm Traffic & Parking Meeting 5.13.20

2:00pm Virtual Town Hall w/ Mayor Curtatone

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

4:30pm The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

6:00pm School Committee Meeting 5.18.20

8:30pm Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

Monday, May 25

12:00am Senior Circuit

12:30am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

2:07am Cooking w/Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

7:00am City Council Meeting 5.14.20

9:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Joe Curtatone

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

11:30am Cooking w/ Ellen: Fried Lemon Pasta

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Wednesday, May 20

8:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

9:00am SPL Storytime w/ Miss Alison [5.5.20]

10:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical

12:00pm SHS Football vs Cambridge

2:05pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough

4:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden

5:30pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS

6:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

7:00pm Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan

8:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical

10:00pm SHS Football vs Cambridge

Thursday, May 21

12:05am SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough

2:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden

3:30am Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan

8:00am SPL Storytime w/Miss Ann [5.7.20]

9:00am SPL Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.6.20]

10:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea

12:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs N. Andover

2:00pm SHS Football vs Malden [9.20.19]

4:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden

6:00pm SPL Storytime w/ Miss Ann [5.7.20]

7:00pm SPL Storytime w/ Miss Meghan [5.6.20]

8:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea

10:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs N. Andover

Friday, May 22

12:00am Semifinal: SHS Basketball vs N. Andover

1:30am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden

8:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

9:00am SPL Storytime w/ Miss Alison [5.5.20]

10:00am SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

10:30am HIGHLANDER FOOTBALL 2018

11:00am SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

1:00pm SHS Football vs Everett [10.13.01]

3:25pm SHS Football 2006

4:00pm SHS Football 2007

5:00pm SHS Football 2008

5:30pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

6:00pm Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan

6:30pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

7:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

7:30pm SHS Highlander Football 2011

8:00pm SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

8:30pm HIGHLANDER FOOTBALL 2018

9:00pm SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

11:00pm SHS Football vs Everett [10.13.01]

Saturday, May 23

1:25am SHS Football 2006

2:00am SHS Football 2007

3:00am SHS Football 2008

3:30am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

8:00am SPL Storytime w/ Miss Meghan [5.6.20]

9:00am SPL Storytime w/ Miss Ann [5.7.20]

10:00am SHS Football vs Everett [10.13.01]

12:30pm SHS Boys Soccer v Everett [9.29.14]

2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett

3:30pm SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

4:00pm SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

6:00pm SPL Storytime w/ Miss Meghan [5.6.20]

7:00pm Night Owl Storytime w/ Miss Meghan

7:34pm SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

8:00pm SHS Football vs Everett [10.13.01]

10:30pm SHS Boys Soccer v Everett [9.29.14]

Sunday, May 24

12:00am SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

12:30am SHS Football vs Lawrence [11.11.01]

2:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett

8:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

9:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

10:00am Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals '18

11:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead

12:30pm SHS Boys Basketball 2014-15

1:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs NDA Hingham

2:30pm SHS Girls Basketball 2014-15

3:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell 9/26/15

4:30pm SHS FOOTBALL 2017

5:00pm SHS Spring Concert '18

7:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

7:30pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

8:00pm Girls' Middle School Basketball Finals '18

9:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead 1.19.18

10:30pm SHS Boys Basketball 2014-15

11:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs NDA Hingham

Monday, May 25

12:30am SHS Girls Basketball 2014-15

1:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell 9/26/15

2:30am SHS FOOTBALL 2017

3:00am SHS Spring Concert '18

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [3.24.20]

9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Annemarie [4.10]

10:00am SHS Football 2000 -Revisited

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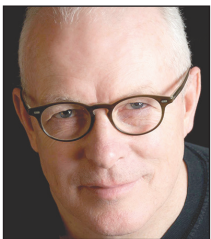
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Poet Kevin Carey writes *The Times*, "My friend and poet Sean Thomas Dougherty called the poems in my new collection *Set in Stone* "grief songs." I feel like that's an accurate description. Many of the poems deal with regret, the penance of the past, some of the joy of getting over. As in my two previous collections, the poems are pretty narrative, telling personal stories about me or people I've known over the years. Some about my love of basketball. I guess I can't get out of my own way when it comes to writing poetry. I do think this is an honest collection and for that reason alone I'm proud of it. It's let me get to know me better."

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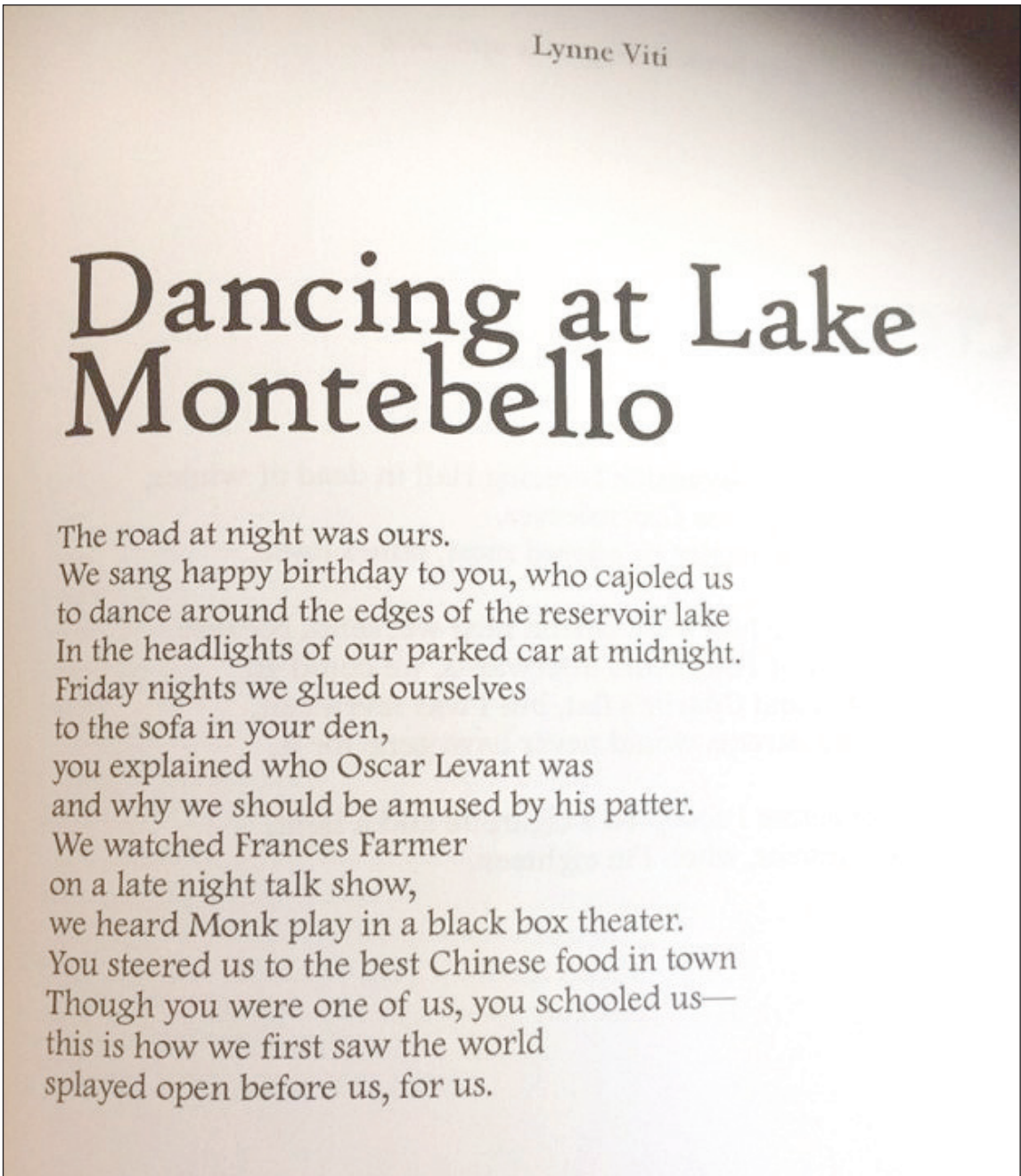
The City I Left

The city I left
had miles of barrooms
and Italian bakeries
and clam shacks.

The city I left
had poker machines
(that paid off) in the VFWs
and two race tracks
(horses and dogs) and the kids
there gambled their lunch
money in grade school.

The city I left had
Shirley Ave drug runners
and prostitutes
and strip clubs
from the beach to Squire Road.
The city I left had rotating
ethnic neighborhoods
Italian, Jewish, Puerto Rican,
Laotian.

The city I left
was my mother's home
until three years ago,
Lancaster Ave at the foot
of the General Edwards Bridge,
the constant rush of traffic
over the green iron grate,
houses packed in between
single car driveways, dogs
barking, seagulls squawking,
sirens around the corner
day and night.
In the city I left, five stops
on the blue line to Boston,



Dancing at Lake Montebello: Poems by Lynne Viti
(Apprentice House Press)

This is not a review, but a reflection and impression of this new poetry collection by Lynne Viti. The collection is titled *Dancing at Lake Montebello*. Viti, who lectured at Wellesley College for many years (and I had the pleasure to read with at a Sam Cornish tribute reading at the New England Book Fair), has penned a collection that has much to recommend it. I have always followed the dictum of William Carlos Williams, "No ideas but in things." And Viti has certainly learned the good doctor's lessons. Her poems are a cornucopia of images – no concept is left floating in the atmosphere but is attached to something that is tangible – we can taste, hear, feel it – smell it. In one poem, *Charm City*, the poet writes about her native city of Baltimore (methinks) and traces its transformation with a gimlet eye. She writes of her youth during the 60s, and all the totems of the times, " ...watched foreign films with subtitles,

learned to roll joints ... The posh steak houses grew tired and empty/ as their patrons/ died off,/ too old to travel, began to lose their teeth." I consider myself a student of gentrification, of the change, loss, and rebirth of cities, so I could appreciate this. Viti writes evocatively about a whole range of things from the Civil Rights Movement, the decline and death of friends, of meeting a young Sam Cornish in Baltimore, and is disarmingly honest about her bout with alcohol. Viti is a scribe of the cycles of life, encapsulated in her own experience. I was touched by her poem *Judgement* that describes her experience with her mother when JFK was shot. It captures the intensity I also felt as a 9-year-old boy, when we swerved in the car, my mother crying from the news from the radio of the fatal shot. I can remember the long, solemn, black and white processions across the TV screen, and the intimacy that tragedy can bring on. I am pleased that I published some of Viti's poems, and I think this book is a fine testament to her craft and more importantly her humanity.

I saw the last of the carnival
pack up its wagons and leave
the three-mile urban beachfront behind.
I saw the crowded barrooms thin
and die along Broadway,
I saw the gangsters

move to the suburbs
to hide out in their ranch houses
and barbecue steaks
and wash their cars
and plant grass over buried bags of cash.

— Kevin Carey

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