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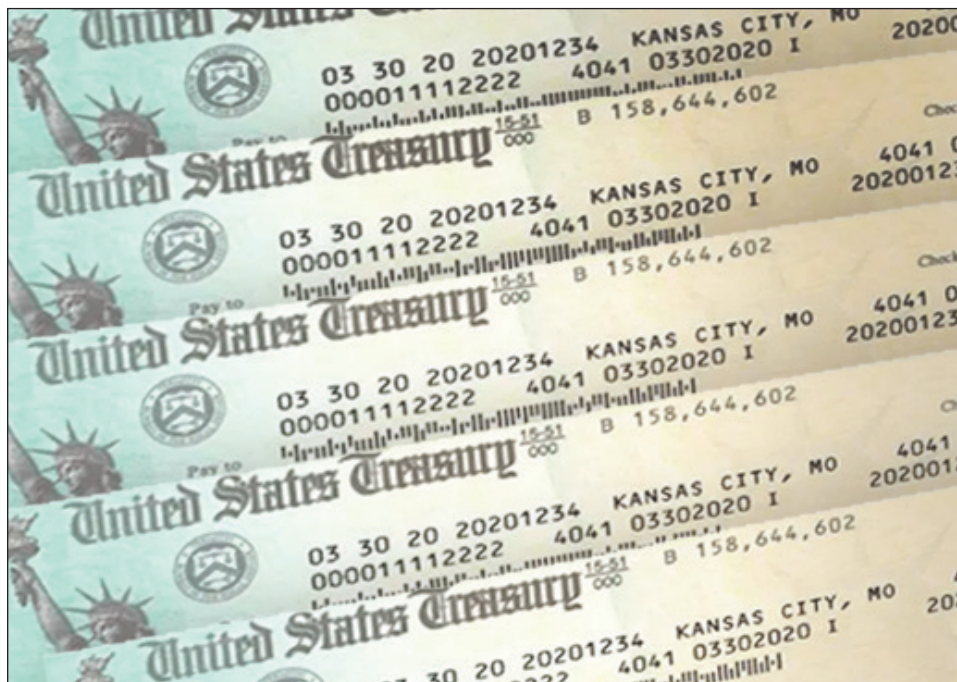
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The Somerville City Council passed a resolution last week expressing its support for bills put forward in the state House and Senate calling for equal stimulus funds for immigrant taxpayers.

By Jim Clark

A resolution was put forward at the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council offering its support of HD.5036 and SD.2916: An Act to provide equal stimulus checks to immigrant taxpayers.

Speaking in favor of the resolution and commenting on the introduction of the state level bills, Councilor At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah said, "We all know that in this crisis there are people who work and pay taxes and they do not qualify for unemployment benefits. So this will address just that. And thanks to our formidable State Rep. Christine Barber for filing this bill at the state level. In the House, Christine Barber filed the bill with Tricia Farley-Bouvier. And also at the Senate level we had Senator Jimmy Eldridge also presented this bill in the Senate. I really want to give a shout

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Somerville Open Studios takes to cyberspace for a change

By Isabel Sami

Last weekend, the annual Somerville Open Studios (SOS) event took place, but not in its traditional form. The citywide art event happened online from noon to 6:00 p.m. on the SOS website, featuring virtual galleries by 336 artists, and also on the SOS YouTube channel, where nearly 30 artists posted videos of their work and studios. During the event, six artists held Zoom livestream tours of their studios for virtual audiences.

For the past 22 years, Somerville Open Studios has been an event where artists in the city open their doors to visitors who want to tour these artistic spaces. All forms of visual art are featured, including painting, printmaking, jewelry, photography, and fiber arts.

During the weekend, there is normally a trolley system in place to transport visitors easily around the city to view the exhibits and studios, and the city lifts residential

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EHawk by mixed media visual artist Liz LaManche, one of the dozens of Somerville artists participating in last weekend's virtual SOS.

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Last week Gov. Charlie Baker announced that starting Wednesday, May 6, face coverings will be required in public in all cities and towns throughout the state. The statewide order does not apply to anyone under the age of two or anyone who is medically unable to use a face covering. Last week Somerville officials put an order mandating the wearing of face masks in public. Everyone age 2 or older must cover their faces in any public indoor or outdoor space. A scarf, bandana or any clean cloth will meet the city's requirement. The city may impose fines of \$300 on those who "willfully refuse to comply" with the face-covering order. For more on face coverings, see the "Prevention and Preparation" section of somervillema.gov/coronavirus.

In response to community requests, Somerville Winter Farmers Market have extended their pre-order only Farmers Market through May 16. Order ahead of time from our vendors, and pick up at the Armory on Saturday, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., 191 Highland Ave. Market pickup is outdoors and all social distancing guidelines will be followed, including line management and no touch transactions. Find updates on Facebook or via the Somerville Winter Farmers Market website.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Rosa Moccia, of the former Victor's Deli in Ball Square. We hope she enjoys her day. Happy birthday to Aida Sousa-Braga, who celebrates this week as well. Happy birthday to Beverly Childers this week, we hope she has a great celebration. Happy birthday to Dennis Sullivan, of the Berkeley St. Sullivan's. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Jack Costello, Karen Mancini, Millie L McCarthy, Jill Marie, Jim Breath, Cynthia Saltman, Karen Dupont, Virginia Fields, Carla Mangarella-Cook, Lisa Dervishian, and Janet McLaughlin a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, Continued on page 7

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of May 6 – May 12 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday May 6	Partly Cloudy	56°/41°	10%	50%	E 10 mph
 Thursday May 7	Rain	60°/43°	39%	55%	NNW 9 mph
 Friday May 8	Partly Cloudy	58°/40°	41%	39%	W 12 mph
 Saturday May 9	Rain	46°/36°	30%	46%	WNW 22 mph
 Sunday May 10	Partly Cloudy	57°/43°	1%	38%	W 18 mph
 Monday May 11	Rain	56°/41°	40%	54%	WSW 12 mph
 Tuesday May 12	Sunny	55°/40°	19%	44%	WNW 15 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 mayor announces face coverings are now mandatory in public

Bob Ross says:

About time. I'm not happy about it but this needs to be done. Thank you Mr. Mayor!

LindaS says:

I don't get why people have to complain about these kind of things. Is it such a huge deal to cover your face in public or stay as far from someone as you are able to?

People should study some history, and find out what it was like during other pandemics. I'm willing to bet that if all those people had to do was what we have been asked to do to stop the spread of those diseases, they would be more than happy to do it.

Put this in perspective, folks. This is not permanent, it's temporary. Death is permanent. Be thankful that you are still alive to be inconvenienced.

T.O. says:

Any suggestion as to where people can get masks? It seems with the medical community and compromised citizens there are none to be found.

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

I've had good success with eBay. Got pretty much everything I needed fairly fast. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer. Forget Amazon. Everything comes from China and it can take weeks, if not months.

Bob Ross says:

Studies have shown that Covid-19 absolutely is airborne as droplets from a person coughing or sneezing can linger in the air for hours after that person has since left the area.

Put your mask on.

Peter says:

This is an over reach and should be challenged in court as unconstitutional. The State Attorney General has stated the Face Masks can be advised and encouraged but no fine or punishment.

Arthur Moore says:

If you have any regard for your fellow human being you should be doing everything you can to respect them with your life, the same they should be doing for you. I could care less what this mayor says or political powers. I will do what I have to for my fellow person. Go watch or listen to a person dying from this. Trust me you would not want this. I only listened on the phone with my friend and that was more than enough. Even though I have been trying to do the right thing as the info came in.

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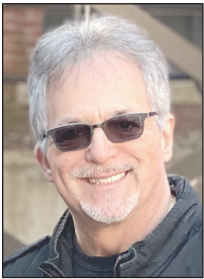


Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Mother's Day revisited



Mother's Day is Sunday May 10. Lots of us have sweet memories of getting mom that special gift that she so richly deserved.

When I was six (1959) I walked to Ball Square and bought my mom an apron at the (Savel's, I'm pretty sure) 5 & 10. I paid for it with a special silver dollar that I had received as a birthday gift from former Somerville politician and all around nice guy Lenny Scott. We lived downstairs and became like family with Louise and Lenny and the kids.

After my Dad found out that I had spent the rare silver dollar, he went down to Savel's and got the silver dollar back. Can you imagine paying one dollar for an apron? I can still picture the frilly pattern in my mind and I still have the 1882 silver dollar. We also still have a pair of candle-



sticks that I bought for my mom at the Bargain Center (they sold fire and smoke damaged items.)

Here are a few stories from some of my Somerville friends as we recalled Mother's Day gift buying in the simpler days of Somerville.

"I was 16 years old, working part time and put a mothers ring on layaway. A mother of seven, mom always wanted a mothers ring. She got it for Mother's Day 1968. I've had it since 2015."

"I remember my brother and I going to Mahoney's for Easter Lilies."

"My siblings and I walked to the Coronet Restaurant (Redbones today) for Mother's Day dinner with my mom who was working as a server."

"My mom was a smoker. I got her an ashtray from Kresges. I was eight. My sister reminded me."

"Buying a rose for my mom at Murphy's Florist when we were old enough to walk to Davis Square by ourselves. They always added baby's breath and wrapped it up nice (I'm sure our friend Ada at Bostonian Florist will be making many beautiful arrangements)."

"I always bought my mother perfume in a beautiful blue bottle, Midnight in Paris at the 5 and 10. Years later I found out she hated the smell (the bottle was pretty though!)"

"I would save my money from baby sitting and buy my mom Jean Nate because she loved it. I always was so excited and proud to give it to her. I miss those days so much."

"Me, my five siblings and my five cousins next door wanted to bake our mothers a cake. We made an angel food cake, but we all put in a drop of different color food coloring. It came out BLACK! It had red, green, blue, yellow and orange frosting!! It was the most disgusting looking cake you ever saw but it tasted delicious!"

"When I was 10, I wanted to give my mom something really special. I went to the store for her to get her, of all things, Juicy Fruit Gum like she asked. On my way there I found a 50 and a 20-dollar bill. Feeling rich, I got my mom two packs of Juicy Fruit and some of her favorite perfume, Heaven Scent. I went home gave her the gifts and the envelope with \$70 dollars in it. Needless to say she wanted to know where I found the money and I told her. She said thanks but we need to bring it to Police Station. Three weeks later the Police returned it to us as no one claimed it in the allotted time."

"My siblings and I lived near Porter Square. We went to Kresge's and bought a large picture to put on the wall behind our sofa. Mom loved the view of my older sibling holding the front of the picture



and me in the back. She loved it."

Mother's Day will be different this year. Phone calls and videos will temporarily replace hugs and kisses, but we will definitely make the most of it. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers everywhere. Stay safe.



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parking restrictions so visitors can go between studios easily. However, with the coronavirus pandemic causing citywide closures, shelter-at-home orders, and social distancing guidelines, holding the event in its usual fashion was impossible.

The cancellation of the physical event was disappointing according to SOS publicity coordinator Thea Paneth, who said, “Everyone was absolutely devastated. It’s all artists and members of the community working together to make the event happen. Having to cancel it was really distressing, but we saw the way things were going and that it wasn’t going to be possible or safe to open.”

SOS Board President Hilary Scott said that after cancelling the in-person event, the plans to pivot to a virtual platform were immediate. During the initial discussion about the online transition, SOS organizers decided on two distinct parts: a virtual gallery and livestreams.

With a virtual gallery on the SOS website, artists displayed four to eight pieces of their work, with an added feature of posting video tours of their studios and creative spaces on SOS’s YouTube channel.

After figuring out the gallery, the team then asked, “How can we salvage the live aspect?” They came up with a plan to do Zoom livestreams, scheduling

times for artists to broadcast and invite people into their space. These features brought both live and pre-recorded factors to the event, and links to the art and videos made it even more accessible.

“We’re excited that the YouTube channel is something we can keep going and add more aspects to year-round,” Scott said. As a member of SOS since it began 22 years ago, Scott was disappointed to have to cancel the in-person event as they were in the homestretch, but he is still pleased with how the event transitioned. He believes the SOS team “made lemonade when the world served us lemons.”

“We can come out of it with a more interesting and fuller experience,” Scott said. “SOS is such a physical experience. It’s opening up your door and having people walk in, and having to explain to the artist community that they could do this virtually was the challenge,” he said, adding, “We said, ‘we can do this, and it’s worth doing.’”

Scott believes that the online approach makes SOS more broadly accessible, as people who are not in Somerville can find the YouTube channel and wander into the artists’ studios whenever from wherever.

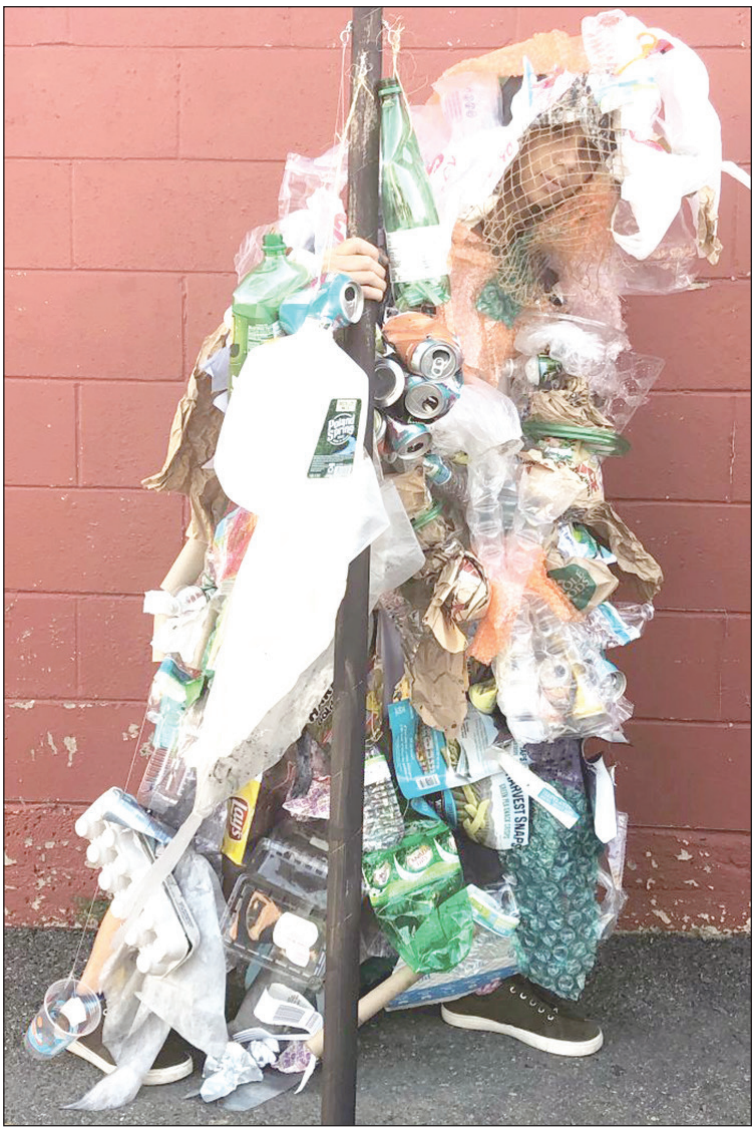
Though the virtual event was a success, Scott felt it was bittersweet since the weather last weekend was perfect, and he

missed seeing the hundreds of visitors, especially enthusiastic kids who usually attend.

Changing the event was sudden, but Paneth said that artists and volunteers at SOS offered their individual expertise to join the collective activity of transitioning online. Everyone on the team worked remotely, which was new since SOS members normally meet in each other’s living rooms, but now meetings take place over Zoom. Scott said there was a bit of a learning curve at first, but the team got used to the new form of communication.

Watercolor artist and designer Katya Popova agreed that there was a learning curve for those involved. Popova worked on the virtual transition team and was an early advocate of switching online and using Zoom to keep the event going. “We were really intensely working when the whole pandemic happened,” she said. “No one was sure if we wanted to cancel the event or if things would get better. We started thinking about other possibilities.”

With social distancing forcing the team members to work remotely, Popova worked from New Hampshire, and said that she grew closer with SOS members over virtual meetings. “I’m very grateful that the virtual work happened so we were able to pull this all together,” Popova said, adding, “It’s kind of a warm



Plastic/Trash/Hobo by Katya Popova.

feeling, so I’m grateful to the people involved, because they definitely made it all work.”

Scott voiced similar sentiments. “It’s a wonderful thing. Some open studios are organized by arts councils, but this is organized hands-on by SOS artists and we do the work ourselves. It means something. We

build community amongst each other working together, and it’s really been wonderful to be a part of it all these years.”

The SOS website and YouTube channel still have all the artists’ galleries featured, and anyone interested in seeing the work can visit at <https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org>.

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out to Christine Barber for taking such a profound initiative for putting this forward.

The bill put forward in the House reads as follows:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide stimulus checks to immigrant taxpayers who were excluded from the stimulus provisions of the federal CARES Act, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) When used in this section the following words or terms shall have the following meanings:—

“Commissioner”, the com-

missioner of revenue. “Eligible taxpayer”, a taxpayer who filed a Massachusetts income tax return for tax year 2019 using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (“ITIN”) and who is ineligible for the recovery rebate in section 2201 of the federal CARES act of 2020; provided that estate or trust shall not be considered an eligible taxpayer.

“Qualifying child”, an individual listed as a dependent by the taxpayer on Schedule D1 of the Massachusetts income tax return for tax year 2019 who is a child of the taxpayer or a descendant of such a child, or a brother, sister, stepbrother, or stepsister of the taxpayer or a descendant of any such relative, who lived in the same home as the taxpayer for more than half of tax year 2019, who has not provided over one-half of the individual’s own support for

the calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins, and who has not filed a joint return (other than only for a claim of refund) with the individual’s spouse under section 6013 for the taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins, and who had not attained the age of 17 years at the end of 2019.

(b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the case of an eligible taxpayer, there shall be allowed as a refundable credit against the tax for tax year 2019 an amount equal to the sum of—

(1) \$1,200 (\$2,400 in the case of an eligible taxpayer filing a joint return), plus

(2) an amount equal to the product of \$500 multiplied by the number of qualifying children.

(c) The amount of the credit allowed by this section shall be reduced (but not below zero) by 5 percent of so much of the taxpayer’s adjusted gross income as exceeds—

(1) \$150,000 in the case of a joint return,

(2) \$112,500 in the case of a head of household, and

(3) \$75,000 in the case of a taxpayer not described in paragraph (1) or (2).

(d) The commissioner shall disburse refunds payable under this section electronically to any account to which the payee authorized, on or after January 1, 2018, the delivery of a refund of income tax. In the case of an individual who, at the time of any determination made pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) has not filed a tax return for tax year 2019, the commissioner shall disburse refunds payable

under this section by substituting ‘2018’ for ‘2019’ in the definitions of “eligible taxpayer” and “qualifying child” and in subsection (b). (e) For an eligible taxpayer to whom no electronic refund is disbursed pursuant to subsection (d), the commissioner shall notify such taxpayer by first class mail and provide information prominently listed on the website of the department of the availability of the refund provided for in this section together with instructions on the application process. (f) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.”

The bill put forward in the Senate was functionally identical to the House bill.

The Somerville City Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution supporting these bills.

PorchFest becomes CouchFest in response to social distancing guidelines

By Isabel Sami

Somerville’s annual PorchFest is back this year as CouchFest, the same basic event for local musicians to perform at home for audiences, but this year from a safe distance, broadcasting online. Since 2012, PorchFest has been a day-long event where musicians can sign up to perform on their porches or front lawns where audiences come listen to them play.

This year the event was disrupted by the shelter-at-home orders and social distancing guidelines set due to the coronavirus pandemic. The usual format for the event became impossible, so organizers moved it online. Musicians can choose to broadcast live on Facebook, post pre-recorded “premiere” performances, or post an old video of their songs to participate.

Links to the Facebook live performances and music videos will be uploaded to the PorchFest site, where there is a map of locations where every band is playing virtually. Around 60 bands are registered to play, and the audience can click on parts of

the map that are linked to performances, which is supposed to replicate a “virtual music tour of living rooms around town,” according to organizers.

One thing is certain: organizers emphasize safety. They announced that under no circumstances should musicians gather to play unless they are already quarantining together. In an email about the event, they state, “Please do NOT gather a band together to play for this. We also ask that you play inside – as playing outside might encourage people to congregate.”

Somerville Arts Council executive director Gregory Jenkins said that by March it was clear PorchFest could not take place in-person, but the virtual event will replicate the original event as much as possible. “The intent is still the same,” Jenkins said. “On Saturday from 12 to 6, you can go to our website and still peruse a map of the city and see where these various bands are going to be performing virtually.”

CouchFest is set to take place on Saturday, May 9, with performance times based on where the band is located. West Somer-



Somerville band Nowhere Lights will be joining the roster of local musicians participating in the alternative CouchFest online event this Saturday.

ville musicians play from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.; Central Somerville play from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; and East Somerville from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

One Somerville band, Nowhere Lights, has been playing at PorchFest since it began nearly ten years ago. The four band

members normally play on guitarist Mike Murray’s porch in Teele Square, with audiences gathering on the sidewalk. This year, with band members living separately, Murray said they could not safely perform together, so broadcasting live was not an option.

“It’s pretty easy to livestream if you’re alone or if you’re with people that you’re playing with physically, but separately the latency issues between the locations make it pretty much impossible,” Murray said. “You can’t play a song together on Zoom. Have you

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Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Farro Stuffed Butternut Squash

This recipe produces a very satisfying, healthy, and delicious meal. I had a squash that needed to be used up, so I rummaged through my pantry looking for ideas. I always have a variety of beans, grains, nuts, and dried fruits on hand. This is what I came up with.

- 1 butternut squash, about 1 lb., cut in half lengthwise
- 1 cup farro, uncooked
- 2 medium shallots, minced
- 2 medium garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 15 oz. can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 +1 +1 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- Salt 1 teaspoon and pepper 1/2 teaspoon, plus dusting for squash
- 1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup feta

Preheat oven to 400°. Cut the butternut squash in half lengthwise. Using 1 tablespoon of olive oil, brush on the cut sides of the butternut and sea-

son with a dusting of salt and pepper. Roast until for tender, approximately 25-30 minutes. Prepare the farro according to package instructions.

Meanwhile, place the walnuts into a small, dry sauté pan, and toast for about 3 minutes over a low heat. Place the nuts in a small dish. Return the pan to the heat and add 1 tablespoon olive oil, add the shallots and sauté for 2-3 minutes until they are lightly browned. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.

Add the beans, shallot and garlic, zest, juice, walnuts, dried cherries, and remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the farro and stir until well incorporated. Spoon the mixture over the squash, add the cheese and serve. If you don’t have dried cherries, you can substitute dried cranberries.

If you don’t want to use feta, goat cheese would make a great alternative. I would also suggest adding some fresh herbs if you have them. Either mint or parsley would add a nice touch. There will be leftover farro from this recipe. It makes a great side to any meal or as a meal in itself.

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



COMMENTARY

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Updates on city services 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.

City Buildings to Remain Closed and Street Sweeping Delayed Until May 18

City buildings will remain closed to the public until at least May 18 and the beginning of street sweeping will be delayed until at least May 18. Further delays in reopening City buildings and starting street sweeping

are possible and updates will be provided as they are available. You can still access many services through the City’s website (www.somervillema.gov) or by calling 311. More information on how to access services is available under the “City Services Status” tab on www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus.

Curbside Textile Recycling Resumes

Our contractor Simple Recycling has resumed curbside collection of textile recycling. You can now put our Simple

Recycling pink bags on your normal trash day for pick up. If you need pink bags please call Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068 or put in a request at simplerecycling.com.

The Somerville Arts Council is Bringing PorchFest to You

Being stuck inside, unable to visit loved ones, and missing out on plans is hard on all of us. But the Somerville Arts Council found a creative way to make sure PorchFest goes on this year. On Saturday, May 9, you can join people across the city

at CouchFest – a virtual version of PorchFest. From noon to 6:00 p.m. you can catch live and pre-recorded performances from local musicians. To find out who’s performing and when, visit somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest/2020. Don’t forget to check back Saturday when even more videos will be posted - including ones made especially for CouchFest.

Staying Informed During COVID-19

The city’s COVID-19 website, www.somervillema.gov/corona

virus, 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.

Representative Barber files legislation to support immigrants during COVID-19 pandemic

State Representative Christine P. Barber (D-Somerville and Medford) filed legislation to provide state-funded financial support to immigrants who were excluded from the federal stimulus bill, in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Rep. Barber recently filed HD5036, An Act to Provide Equal Stimulus Checks to Immigrant Taxpayers with State Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield). This bill would provide a state-funded stimulus check to Massachusetts ITIN holders who file taxes but are not eligible to receive federal relief under the recent Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

ITINs (Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers) are issued by the IRS for tax filing purposes to individuals who are ineligible for Social Security Numbers. ITIN filers include undocumented immigrants and other vulnerable groups who pay taxes through alternative means. There are an estimated 57,000 ITIN filers in Massachusetts, yet the CARES excluded ITIN filers and their families from receiving critical stimulus checks. Families in which one member files their taxes with an ITIN, even if the other members are U.S. citizens or otherwise file with a Social Security Number, are also excluded from the stimulus funds – a significant issue which this legislation would also address.

“It is important for our state to step up to fill this gap left by the federal stimulus bill,” said State Rep. Barber. “These are our neighbors--members of our community who are paying their taxes but have been excluded from the financial assistance that has been critical for so many. This bill attempts to level that playing field to ensure that no members of our Commonwealth are left behind during this crisis.”

Rep. Barber is working with partners including the Welcome Project, the Brazilian Workers Center, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition, the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, and others to advance this legislation. This bill is currently before the Joint Committee on Revenue.

— Office of State Rep. Christine P. Barber



Little Sisters of the Poor medical request

The Metro East MRC has received a request for the following medical support at the Little Sisters of the Poor rest home and skilled nursing center in Somerville:

- RN/LPN
- CNA/PCA
- EMT

All volunteers must have an active medical license. **Compensation is available.**

All volunteers must have a signed waiver on file to be eligible.

During these times we know that so many are compelled to assist our community in any way possible, we welcome all of your help and support. When volunteering please note that the location to which you will be assigned will involve supporting the treatment and care of those who have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus or have themselves tested positive for the disease.

Please take these factors into account as you consider your role in assisting. This facility has adequate personal protective equipment to provide to volunteers.

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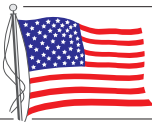
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Have a happy Mother's Day, Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



In the midst of the darkness of these troubled times, there is one particular beacon of goodness and light that pierces through the gloom to warm our hearts and lift our spirits – Mother's Day.

While life as we know it has been far from normal in recent months, this is one occasion that can restore a bit of normalcy and order for us as we pause to honor the beloved matriarchs of our families.

Of course, some may have to celebrate in less than ordinary ways, due to the social distancing and shelter-in-place guidelines that by necessity are keeping many of us from gathering together. Whether by phone, internet, or snail mail, a lot of folks will have to make do with making contact in whatever alternative ways they can manage.

And then there are those who are fortunate enough to be able to give their moms a warm hug in person, and either enjoy some of their incomparable home cooking, or cook a fabulous meal for them for a change.

However we manage to do it, let's make sure that they know we are thinking of them and express our gratitude for all they have done for us throughout our lives.

Depending on their individual circumstance, they themselves may be going through some feelings of anxiety during this stressful time. Especially among the elderly. Let us make an effort to reassure and comfort them, and quell their fears and concerns.

Let them know that you are doing well, and that you will do everything you can to see after them. Just as they would do for you.

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we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Officer Ozwaldo Martinez is a well-respected 13-year Veteran of the **Somerville Police Department**. Since **March 25**, Officer Martinez has been fighting Covid-19. At only 35 years old, Ozzy has spent the last month in a coma and on a ventilator. He has been critical at points but he continues to fight. Whether you have known Ozzy for 10 minutes or 10 years, you know he is the type of person that brings positivity to your life. He treats all his friends like family, and we all know family is the most important thing to him. Ozzy is the most kind-hearted, genuine person most of us know. He is always a guy you can count on. He will always answer your call no matter what. He has gone out of his way for so many people. He lives to help others in whatever way he can, and now it is our turn to try and help him. Ozzy will have a long road of recovery ahead of him, however with our help we can make it a little easier for him and his family. Your donation big or small will go a long way in helping him get back on his feet. Ozzy is a warrior and will get through this, but he is going to need help. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ozzy-martinez>.

Pilot East Somerville Market takes place on **Sunday May 10, Mother's Day**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pre-order from participating businesses and then pick up your order safely on **Sunday**. Go to the Market website to learn more about the participating businesses: **Deano's Pasta, All She Wrote Books, Spoon Soup Co, Wild Fox Perogi, and PERILLAS**. For more information, go to: <https://www.eastsomervillmainstreets.org/market>.

City buildings will remain closed to the public until **at least Monday, May 18**. The beginning of street sweeping has also been delayed until at least May 18. Further delays are possible, and we will share updates as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 crisis. As a reminder, all city-sponsored and permitted events are canceled through June. Many city services are still available online and 311 is available 24 hours a day to answer any questions or for service requests. You can find more information on the city's COVID-19 response at www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus.

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.

East Somerville Main Street's Dancing in the Streets will continue, however **Salsa Night** is moving to **September 24**. Featuring salsa dance instruction from **Salsa y Control Dance Studio**, Salsa y Control is Boston's premier and one of the most beloved dance companies in the area. They offer top quality and easy to follow instruction to get you on the dance floor in no time. Their class will provide a fun and welcoming environment for everyone of all levels.

Applications are open for the **Somerville Small Business COVID-19 Relief Fund**. Businesses should apply by **Monday, May 11**, at 3:00 p.m. to be considered. Eligible applicants should apply online at www.somervillema.gov/BizRelief. Multilingual application support is available.

The **Somerville Cares Fund** has so far raised more than \$160,000, but the need in our community continues to grow. If you are able, please make a donation at <https://www.somervillema.gov/somervillecares>. And those who need assistance can apply at <https://www.caasomerville.org/somerville-cares-fund-request>.

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

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

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

FUN & GAMES

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What Bananarama song was featured in the 1984 film *The Karate Kid*?

2. What brothers formed the band INXS?

3. Who holds the Major League record for most hits by pitches?

4. What type of phobia is nyctophobia?

5. What was the first known cookbook published by an American?

6. What John Trumbull painting was used on the bicentennial two-dollar bill?

7. What president imposed the first federal income tax?

8. In the Harry Potter series, what color is the Ravenclaw house?

9. Which instrument has forty-seven strings and seven pedals?

10. Who created the animation for Monty Python?

11. What is the tallest building in America?

12. What is considered the sweetest fruit in the world?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. Someone paid \$14,000 for the bra worn by Marilyn Monroe in the film *Some Like It Hot*.

2. In Washington D.C., no building can be built taller than the Capitol.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

21ST CENTURY

ACROSS

1. A bit cracked

5. Traitor's blow?

9. Cause of Princess' downfall

12. Hawaiian tuber

13. Prospector's mother?

14. Heavy footsteps

16. "Iliad" or "Odyssey"

17. Caribbean color

18. Frustration, in print

19. Proponent of colonization of Mars

21. Small island

22. Edmond Halley's apparition, 2061-2062

23. Expression of disgust or recoil

24. 2007 "Invention of the Year"

27. Give satisfaction

31. Neither a win nor a loss

32. Having no courage

35. Medicinal houseplant

36. Dodge, as in a tax bill

38. Take the gold

39. Anti-seniors sentiment

40. Immigrate

41. Bold and without shame

43. Take illegal drugs

44. Adverb of steep

46. Tower of London guard

48. Legalized in many states

49. Cambodian monetary unit, pl.

51. Gift toppers

53. Major spring 2020 occurrence

56. 23andMe unit

57. Baron Munchausen, e.g.

58. Original thought

60. Not yes or no

61. Nobel Peace Prize home

62. Long forearm bone

63. Formal wear, colloquially speaking

64. Review service

65. Walter White's concoction

CROSSWORD

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

6	4	3	7	9	5	1	8	2
9	1	5	4	8	2	3	6	7
7	8	2	6	3	1	4	9	5
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Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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OBITUARY

Robert E. Carroll



Robert E. Carroll, 78, retired Police Chief for the City of Somerville, died at his Winchester home on May 1, 2020. He was the beloved husband for 57 years of Annette (Boudrot) Carroll.

He was the dedicated father of Kevin Carroll and his wife Louise of Natick, Bethanne Saef and her husband Jeff of Boston, and Patrice Carroll of Worcester; the proud grandfather of Timothy, Stephen, Margaret, Emma, Benjamin, Caroline, and Emily. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. He has been reunited

in heaven with his beloved son, Bryan Carroll who died in 2019, as well as three siblings, James, William, and Theresa.

He attended Cambridge schools followed by graduation from Northeastern University in Boston and FBI National Police Academy in Quantico, VA. He served as Past President of the MA Chiefs of Police Association, and spent his entire thirty-year career as a devoted and loyal member of law enforcement for the City of Somerville. A proud Marine, he served his country honorably.

Services will be determined at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

Arrangements are under the care of Dee Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Concord.

Somerville resident awareness bulletin – tire and rim thefts



Recently, Ward 5 has seen a rash of motor vehicle tire and rim thefts. The suspects are believed to be operating a dark gray 2014 Acura TL with no front plate.

Residents are asked to call 911 should they see a vehicle matching this description or any suspicious parties between the hours of 1:00 and 4:30 a.m. Please read the list to understand what behavior could indicate a theft in progress.

- Thefts occur on small side streets.
- Two male suspects park a 2014 Acura TL on a nearby street and walk the area between the target vehicle and their own for approx. 20 minutes.
- The tires and rims are eventually removed and then stashed halfway between the cars.
- The suspects return to their Acura, drive the area and finally return to retrieve the stolen tires and rims.



Please do not engage or confront any individuals. Call 911.

Keeping personal information safe during a pandemic



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Americans are spending more time at home, which means they're likely spending more time online. While their attention is focused on staying healthy, they shouldn't forget to stay vigilant about cybersecurity either.

The FBI recently warned that cybercriminals are taking advantage of the current environment to steal personal information and money. The scams come in various forms, including fake emails from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization claiming to offer new information on the virus; emails asking users to verify personal information for an economic stimulus check from the government; and emails selling counterfeit COVID-19 related products or treatments.

Personal health information can be a target for hackers too.

According to the Office of the Inspector General, personal health information (name, social security number, Medicare number) can be stolen and used to file false Medicare or other health insurance claims. If this occurs, individuals might experience a disruption in medical care should they need it.

Bob Davis, deputy chief information security officer, Cigna, has a few simple steps to protect individuals and families from threats.

- Never open email or attachments from unknown senders. Many scams occur when clicking on fraudulent links or attachments in emails. Sometimes these emails can look similar to

- those received from legitimate sources, such as a health insurer, making it difficult to notice the difference. Pay attention to details: does it look like other valid communications you've received? Is the sender email address correct? To check a link's legitimacy, hover over the text to see where it will redirect.

Also note, when communicating with health insurers online, it will likely be done through a secure email portal, which automatically encrypts (secures) emails and can only be accessed by signing in using a pre-determined password.

- Guard personal information. As a general rule, health insurers will never ask for credit card information or account passwords in an email. Report emails asking for this information to your health insurance company immediately.
- Hang up and call back. Not all threats occur online. Be wary of phone calls from someone claiming to be your health insurance company asking for personal information. To confirm legitimacy, simply hang up and call the customer service phone number listed on the back of the insurance card. In most cases, if information or payment is needed, individuals will receive a letter in the mail, not a phone call.
- Monitor texts and social media. Many use cell phones as a primary way to communicate, so it should be no surprise that cybercriminals are turning to text messages as a way to steal information. Text messages should be approached the same way as

emails. Don't click on links or share information with unfamiliar numbers. Same goes for social media. Don't click on suspicious advertisements or links.

- Remind friends and family. Just like friends and family are reminded to stay healthy, the same should be done with cybersecurity threats. Remind loved ones, especially the elderly, to pay close attention to unsolicited emails and calls, and to limit the information they share over the internet. If seniors think that they may have been victim of a scam, they should contact Medicare as soon as possible at 1-800-MEDICARE. (StatePoint)

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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this public meeting and hearings **will be conducted via remote participation.**

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TO CALL IN

Phone number: +1 (562) 247-8321

Access code: 704-098-230

DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS (PUBLIC HEARING)

HPC.ALT 2020.07 - 58-66 Bow Street / 369-377 Somerville Avenue
Applicant: CBI Consulting
Owner: Gerrior Square Condominium Trust, through their agent
Agent: Harvest Properties, LLC
Replace existing siding, window trim/window elements/window pediments on Bow St & Somerville Ave facades; some alterations with non-traditional materials

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

HPC.DMO 2020.07 - 26 Hawthorne Street
Applicant: Thomas W. Matthews
Owner: same as applicant
Demolish principal structure.

All applications summarized above are available to the public on the third floor of City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue (Monday - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). A cases may be continued to a later date, please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website, email historic@somervillema.gov or call (617) 625-6600 x2500 to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing, via e-mail to historic@somervillema.gov, or by US mail addressed to the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. All written comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.

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Answers

1. Cruel Summer	6. Declaration of Independence (1817)
2. The Farriss brothers	7. Abraham Lincoln (1861)
3. Hughie Jennings, hit 287 times	8. Blue and bronze
4. Severe fear of the dark	9. Pedal harp
5. American Cookery by Amelia Simmons	10. Terry Gilliam
	11. One World Trade Center, N.Y.C.
	12. Mangoes



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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

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TO CALL IN

Phone number: 1 (415) 655-0060
Access code: 382-934-494

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

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

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

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT: Boynton Yards

LOCATION: Boynton Yards, Somerville, Massachusetts

PROPONENT: Boynton Yards LandCo LLC (a joint venture between DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners and Leggat McCall Properties LLC)

The undersigned has submitted an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) on behalf of Boynton Yards LandCo LLC (a joint venture between DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners and Leggat McCall Properties LLC) (collectively the "Proponent"). The Boynton Yards project (the "Project") is subject to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

This will initiate review of the ENF for the Project pursuant MEPA implementing regulations (301 CMR 11.05(7)). Electronic copies of the ENF may be obtained upon request from:


Kyle Greaves
VHB/Vanassee Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110-2354
617-607-2988
kgreaves@vhb.com

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties.

The Secretary of the EOEEA will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and within approximately seven days will issue a MEPA Certificate. All persons wishing to comment on the Project should write to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the Project.

By: Kyle Greaves, AICP - VHB
(agent for the Proponent)

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

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

TO USE A COMPUTER

Webinar ID: 245-796-803

TO CALL IN

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


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

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

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>.

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

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The Contractor shall be required on site within one week as scheduled by SHA.

Stock: The Contractor shall use SHA stock unless otherwise authorized. Items purchased by the Contactor at the SHA's request shall be billed at no more than cost plus 15%. The Contractor will be require to present the original itemized invoice to the SHA. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

Payment Invoicing
Contractors' invoices must be itemized to reflect contract pricing for each item.

Proposal Information available on April 29th,2020 at 9:00 AM and can be obtained by emailing Brian Langton at BrianL@sha-web.org or calling 617-625-1152 ext.331

Proposal must be received by **May 14th, 2020 at 11:00 AM** Proposals can be mailed to **Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Department** 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 or emailed to **BrianL@sha-web.org**. Please contact Brian Langton BrianL@sha-web.org with any questions.

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Here is a COVID-19 update for Tuesday, May 5

Please also be sure to check somervillema.gov/coronavirus for information and resources that are updated frequently. Latest news:

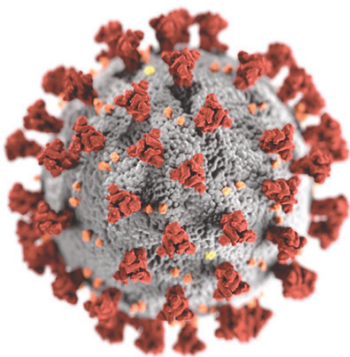
- ♦ **Case Counts:** As of 8:30 p.m. yesterday, May 4, a total of 639 Somerville residents have tested positive for COVID-19, 277 of them have since recovered, and sadly there have been nine deaths.
- ♦ **Face coverings required statewide:** Last week Gov. Charlie Baker announced that starting Wednesday, May 6, face coverings will be required in public in all cities and towns throughout the state. The statewide order does not apply to anyone under the age of two or anyone who is medically unable to use a face covering.
- ♦ **More capacity at the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA):** To better help the more than 650,000 Massachusetts residents who have applied for unemployment since the COVID-19 crisis began, DUA has expanded its call center capacity. The DUA call center at (877) 626-6800 now has 1,200 employees, up from 50 pre-crisis. Multilingual call agents are available.
- ♦ **Pick up the phone for contact tracers:** If your caller ID tells you that “MA COVID Team” is calling, that’s one you should pick up. Staff from the State’s Community Tracing Collaborative are calling people who have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 to make sure they’re aware and to share information about healthcare and quarantine procedures.
- ♦ **Extended deadline to apply for insurance through the Health Connector:** An extended enrollment period is available through May 25, for qualified Massachusetts residents who are uninsured. Anyone who has recently lost their coverage should apply. Learn more at mahealthconnector.optum.org.
- ♦ **Curbside textile recycling is back:** Our contractor Simple Recycling has resumed curbside collection of textile recycling. You can now put out Simple Recycling pink bags on your normal trash day for pick up. If you need pink bags please call Simple Recycling at 866-835-5068 or put in a request at simplerecycling.com.
- ♦ **CouchFest is this Saturday:** The Arts Council found a creative way to keep one of our favorite festivals going - this Saturday PorchFest is becoming CouchFest. From noon to 6 p.m. you can watch online performances from local musicians. No need to worry about a rain date or putting on shoes. You can find links to performances on the CouchFest map. If you’re a musician who would like to participate, you have until May 7 to register on the Arts Council’s website.

Today’s Assistance Tip: Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) starts in May

Massachusetts families with school-aged children who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals will start receiving an extra \$28.50 in EBT benefits per week per student this month. The additional funds are part of the federal P-EBT program. The Department of Transitional Assistance will be sending letters to eligible families this month with more information, including when your P-EBT benefits will begin. If you have a child or children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school and you do not receive a letter about P-EBT by late May, call Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline at (800) 645-8333 (TTY 800-377-1292). P-EBT benefits can be used at any store that accepts EBT or SNAP benefits.

Today’s Public Health Tip: Go outside, but be safe

With more warm, sunny days in the forecast, more people will be heading outside. Going out to get some sun and exercise can have a positive impact on mental and physical health, but it’s important to go outside safely. Don’t forget to stay at least six feet away from anyone not in your household – that might mean waiting to come back to a park or walking route when it’s less crowded – and to wear a face covering to protect others.



Creative ways to go beyond the curriculum while home schooling

Today many parents are seeking ways to keep their kids engaged and learning beyond the schoolwork remotely assigned by teachers. Many of the team members at Pilot Pen are parents, too. Below, they share some fun and creative ways you can use the power of the written word to help create special moments for kids while imparting valuable lessons.

Share life skills

Adjusting to this new normal has found parents wearing even more hats than usual. Many are simultaneously tackling work responsibilities, navigating home schooling and taking care of chores. Make the most of this time by showing kids how to be more organized. It’s a valuable lesson they can learn by watching you. The Pilot team recommends teaching kids to keep a daily schedule using erasable FriXion ColorSticks, which allow for color coding activities and staying organized with 16 ink shades to choose

from. The unique, thermo-sensitive ink means there’s no need to worry about mistakes – simply erase and revise.

Adding a creative twist to daily tasks is also a great way to teach children life skills. Sorting laundry can be a fun color-matching game for toddlers, while older kids can learn valuable kitchen skills with a family recipe challenge. These practical life skills can help kids develop confidence and independence, while providing quality time together.

Focus on family

Having children connect with loved ones can have significant benefits. Start a multi-generational gratitude journal together to create a tangible reminder of what’s truly important. Add context to your kids’ history lessons by sharing and writing down real stories of relatives’ lives during key historical periods. This can help children grasp the lasting importance of these events, while enhancing

their sense of family pride. The Pilot team recommends G2 gel ink pens, which come in more than 25 smooth-writing shades to bring color to family stories or color-code the family tree to see one person’s impact through the generations. Take the time to video chat with relatives and get them involved in the project. You can make the most of the present while creating a lasting memory of your family’s unique legacy.

Experiment with creativity

For parents looking for creative activities outside the curriculum, consider exploring cursive writing, lettering or drawing. These activities stimulate the brain in ways digital devices cannot and increase kids’ ability to retain information, giving them a sense of accomplishment. Use Pilot’s new ultra-vibrant Juice Paint Markers for imaginative projects or to personalize household items. Ideal for a variety of surfaces like paper, wood, glass, plastic,



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fabric and stone, it’s a great opportunity to customize everything from canvas shoes to reusable water bottles while giving kids a hands-on lesson on surface porosity (Juice Paint can be easily wiped clean from non-porous surfaces!). Who says you can’t mix art with science?

To learn more and for more inspiration, visit [PowertothePen.com](https://powertothePen.com) and instagram.com/pilotpenusa.

Adjusting to this new normal is challenging. However, there are many creative ways families can go above and beyond the school curriculum to learn, explore and stay both positive and productive. (StatePoint)

Six steps to get your CARES Act funds fast

Millions of U.S. residents will receive government stimulus payments (also known as Economic Impact Payments) under the CARES Act. Payments to eligible recipients will arrive by either direct deposit or a paper check.

Here are some helpful tips from Wells Fargo that may help you access your funds as soon as possible.

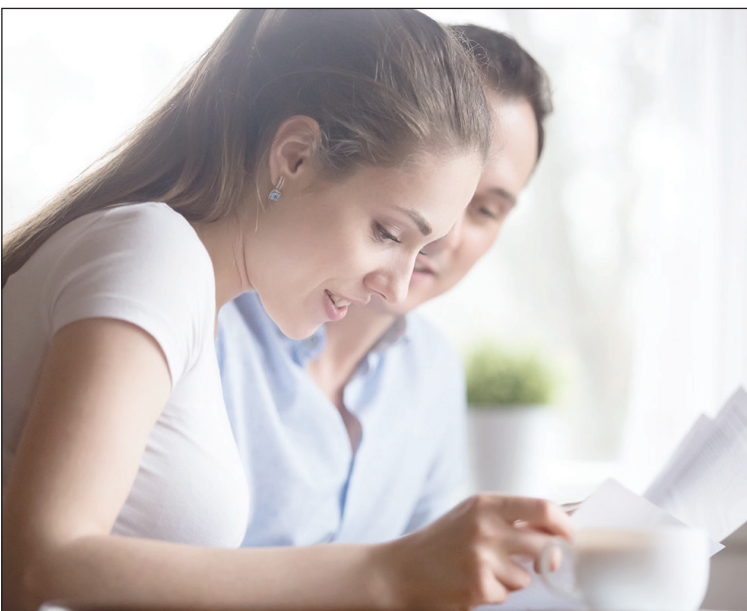
- 1. Determine if you qualify for a government stimulus payment. Your eligibility is determined by the federal government. To learn more about eligibility and payment amounts, visit [IRS.gov/coronavirus](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) under the “Economic Impact Payments” link.
- 2. Learn how you’ll receive your stimulus payment. If you

filed a federal tax return in 2019 or 2018 and typically receive your tax refund through direct deposit, your government stimulus payment will likely arrive the same way. If you did not file a tax return or have not given the IRS your direct deposit account information in the last two years, you’ll likely receive a U.S. Treasury check in the mail

3. Set alerts for your government stimulus payment deposit. Use mobile and online banking to check your account balances from home so you know when the stimulus payment is deposited. Set a deposit alert on your checking or savings account to be notified once you receive a direct deposit.

4. Know where you can deposit a paper check. If you have a checking or savings account, you may be able to make a mobile deposit if your bank has a mobile app, or make a deposit at an ATM. Make sure to check your bank’s applicable daily and monthly mobile deposit limits.

5. Look before you leave. Make sure to verify if your local bank branch is open, as they may have reduced hours or services. In the case of Wells Fargo, customers can go to the Wells Fargo branch locator for the latest information on closures, hours and services by visiting [wellsfargo.com/locator/](https://www.wellsfargo.com/locator/). Customers can also visit Wells Fargo’s COVID-19 resources and support page for additional information at [wellsfargo.com/coronavirus](https://www.wellsfargo.com/coronavirus).



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6. Beware of scams. If you receive a suspicious email or text message, don’t respond, click on links, or open attachments. Check out [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more tips to help avoid becoming a victim of fraud. (StatePoint)

PorchFest becomes CouchFest in response to social distancing guidelines

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tried singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to anybody yet over Zoom? It’s not pretty.”

This year, Nowhere Lights is making two pre-recorded “premiere” videos, where each musician uses their iPhone to record themselves playing their songs, and Murray edits the clips together. A quad-screen format will show each musician — drums, bass, guitar, and vocals — playing in their own home. Murray said it is harder than he expected to stitch the clips together with his editing software, trying to line up the audio for the tracks perfectly.

“PorchFest on a beautiful spring day is a pretty magical event where people are just having a great time and it’s really fun. It’s hard to imagine that there’s

going to be quite as much as excitement around this, but I’m psyched to do it,” Murray said, adding that it’s fun — and frustrating — to learn the editing software, and he likes that he can create something that people can view more times in the future.

Somerville band Aqua Hamster plans to livestream on Facebook this Saturday. Guitarist Tony Basile, who has experience livestreaming from his weekly Instagram performances, and his bandmate Ben Peirce live together and are using the opportunity to perform as a duo during CouchFest. Aqua Hamster’s third band member, Ian Dumais, will take over after an hour and livestream by himself in his home to participate.

“I think there’s still demand to watch it,” Basile said. “It’s been

really popular every time that we’ve done it, so I hope people can find it as much fun.” Basile says his band is glad they can perform even during the pandemic. “We’ve done it a lot of times and it’s always been so fun, and we’re so glad we can still participate this year, even if it’s not safe to gather yet.”

The Somerville Arts Council wants to give artists a platform, and Jenkins echoed this sentiment, saying, “People are responsive in the sense that they appreciate the opportunity to perform and to promote their work through our social media platforms. The Arts Council does all these events and festivals, so the question now is, how can we do them virtually?” Jenkins said the biggest challenge currently is being un-



Aqua Hamster, shown here playing during the 2017 PorchFest, will be livestreaming their music for CouchFest this weekend.

able to do live events. For now, at least people can still enjoy Somerville’s music scene from the comfort of their couch. Tune in to CouchFest at <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest/2020> on Saturday, May 9.

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1861 – Arkansas becomes the ninth state to secede from the Union.

1877 – Chief Crazy Horse, who brought General George Custer to his end, surrenders to U.S. troops in Nebraska.

1937 – The dirigible Hindenburg explodes in flames at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

1941 – Bob Hope gives his first USO show at California's March Field.

1945 – Axis Sally makes her final propaganda broadcast to Allied troops.

1954 – British runner Roger Bannister breaks the four minute mile.

1960 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

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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 7

12:30am SCATV Secret Stash

1:00am Free Speech TV

1:30am Free Speech TV

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 8

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 9

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 10

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

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6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects

6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today

7:00pm Emergency Preparedness

8:00pm Dead Air Live

9:00pm Tele Magazine

10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

11:00pm TUTV

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, May 11

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

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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 12

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

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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

11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, May 6

7:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

7:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

8:55am Poetry Reading by Lloyd Schwartz

9:00am City's COVID-19 Testing Program

9:50am Health & Human Services Update

10:30am City Alert 5.5.20

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Chair Yoga w/ Janine

12:00pm School Committee Meeting 5.4.20

3:30pm SomerViva em Português - March 2020

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

5:00pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

6:00pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

11:00pm City Alert 5.5.20

11:15pm Health & Human Services Update

11:30pm SPD Community Update 4/10/20

Thursday, May 7

12:00am City Council Meeting 4.28.20

7:00am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

7:40am City Alert 5.5.20

8:00am Chair Yoga w/ Janine

8:30am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

9:00am SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

9:30am Cooking w/ Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake

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

11:00am Fit-4-Life #4

11:30am SomerViva en Español - Public Charge

12:00pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

5:00pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

5:45pm SPD Ride Along

6:00pm SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

6:30pm Cooking w/ Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake

6:45pm Mental Health During COVID-19 Pandemic

6:45pm Health & Human Services Update

7:00pm School Committee Meeting 5.4.20

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

10:45pm Health & Human Services Update

10:55pm Health & Hygiene PSA 2020

11:00pm SomerViva em Português - March 2020

11:30pm COVID-19 Update em Portugues

11:45pm COVID-19 PSA - Working From Home

Friday, May 8

12:00am Public Health & Public Safety Committee

7:00am City's COVID-19 Testing Program

7:45am SPD Community Update 4/10/20

8:00am Chair Yoga w/ Janine

8:30am SomerViva en Español - Public Charge

9:35am Talking Business

9:55am Poetry Reading by Lloyd Schwartz

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

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

12:00pm City Council Meeting 4.28.20

5:30pm Mental Health During COVID-19 Pandemic

6:00pm Cooking w/ Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake

6:15pm SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

6:30pm Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

7:30pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

10:00pm SomerViva em Português - March 2020

10:30pm Mental Health During COVID-19 Pandemic

11:00pm City's COVID-19 Testing Program

11:38pm What are the Symptoms of COVID-19

Saturday, May 9

12:00am School Committee Meeting 5.4.20

2:30am CC-Land Use Meeting - 4.23.20

7:30am Middlesex County Update w/Marian Ryan

8:00am City's COVID-19 Testing Program

8:45am SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

9:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

9:30am The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:30am Cooking w/ Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake

12:00pm CC-Finance Committee Meeting 5.6.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:30pm Return to Italy

6:00pm City Council Meeting 4.28.20

11:00pm Mental Health During COVID-19 Pandemic

11:30pm SomerViva en Español - Public Charge

Sunday, May 10

12:00am CC-Finance Committee Meeting 5.6.20

7:00am Chair Yoga w/Janine

7:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

8:50am Health & Human Services Update

9:00am SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

9:15am SPD Ride Along

9:30am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz

11:00am Fit-4-Life #4

11:20am COVID19 Olderamericans Prevention PSA

11:30am Talking Business

12:00pm School Committee Meeting 5.4.20

3:00pm SomerViva em Português - March 2020

3:30pm COVID-19 Update em Portugues

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

5:30pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

6:45pm SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

7:00pm CC-Legislative Matters 5.7.20

11:30pm City Alert 5.7.20

Monday, May 11

12:00am City Council Meeting 4.28.20

7:00am Faith In a City: Fire & Roses

8:30am Health & Human Services Update

9:00am Cooking w/ Ellen: Orange Cornmeal Cake

9:15am SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

9:30am City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

11:30am Chair Yoga w/Janine

12:00pm CC-Land Use Meeting - 4.23.20

4:00pm Fit 4 Life 2020 #2

4:26pm COVID19 Olderamericans Prevention PSA

6:00pm Public Health & Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, May 12

12:00am CC-Legislative Matters 5.7.20

7:00am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging

8:15am Health & Human Services Update

8:25am COVID-19 PSA - Working From Home

8:30am City Alert 5.7.20

9:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #3

9:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

11:00am Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

11:21am COVID19 Olderamericans Prevention PSA

11:30am SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

12:00pm CC-Legislative Matters 5.7.20

4:00pm Fit-4-Life #6

4:20pm SPD Community Update 4/10/20

4:25pm COVID-19 Update em Portugues

4:30pm SomerViva em Português - March 2020

5:30pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

6:00pm City Council Meeting 4.28.20

11:00pm Mental Health During COVID-19 Pandemic

11:30pm SPD Mask-Wearing Enforcement Discussion

Wednesday, May 13

12:00am School Committee Meeting 5.4.20

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Wednesday, May 6

12:00am Boys Intramural Basketball Championship

1:00am Girls Intramural Basketball Championship

2:00am Girls' Indoor Soccer Finals

3:00am Boys' Indoor Soccer Finals 2018

8:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Alison 4/14

10:00am SHS Class Day 2015

12:30pm SHS Graduation 2015

3:00pm CTE Senior Awards Night 2015

4:30pm SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge - 10/25/14

6:05pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

7:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Alison 4/14

8:00pm SHS Class Day 2015

10:30pm SHS Graduation 2015

Thursday, May 7

12:30am CTE Senior Awards Night 2015

2:00am SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge - 10/25/14

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan 4/15

9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Ann 4/16

10:00am SHS Football v N. Reading 9/25/15

12:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer v Everett

2:00pm SHS Football @ Boston Latin 2015

4:30pm SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell 9/26/15

6:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan 4/15

7:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Ann 4/16

8:00pm SHS Football v N. Reading 9/25/15

10:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer v Everett

Friday, May 8

12:00am SHS Football @ Boston Latin 2015

2:30am SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell 9/26/15

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Annmarie 4/17

9:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

10:00am SHS Graduation 2015

12:00pm SHS Graduation 2016

1:00pm SHS Graduation 2017

3:00pm SHS Class of '18 Graduation

5:00pm Capuano Kindergarten Spring Concert 2014

6:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Annmarie 4/17

7:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

8:00pm SHS Graduation 2015

10:00pm SHS Graduation 2016

11:00pm SHS Graduation 2017

Saturday, May 9

1:00am SHS Class of '18 Graduation

3:00am Capuano Kindergarten Spring Concert 2014

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Annmarie 4.10

9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Alison 4/14

10:00am CTE Senior Awards Night 2015

12:00pm CTE Senior Awards Night 2018

2:00pm SHS CTE Awards Night 2019

4:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball v Medford 12/22/15

6:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Alison 4/14

7:00pm SHS Graduation 2015

8:00pm SHS Graduation 2016

10:00pm SHS Graduation 2017

8:00pm CTE Senior Awards Night 2015

10:00pm CTE Senior Awards Night 2018

Sunday, May 10

12:00am SHS CTE Awards Night 2019

2:00am SHS Girls' Basketball v Medford 12/22/15

8:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

9:00am El Sistema Spring Concert '18

10:00am All City Middle School Spring Concert 18

12:00pm Brown School Spring Concert 2018

2:00pm Argenziano School Spring Concert 2019

3:00pm All-City Middle School Spring Concert 5/19

4:00pm SHS Spring Concert '18

6:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

7:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert '18

8:00pm All City Middle School Spring Concert 18

10:00pm Brown School Spring Concert 2018

Monday, May 11

12:00am Argenziano School Spring Concert 2019

1:00am All-City Middle School Spring Concert 5/19

2:00am SHS Spring Concert '18

8:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Ann 4.1.20

9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Alison 3.24.20

10:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Hampshire Reg'l

11:30am SHS Girls Basketball v Dracut

1:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS (Rd. 2)

3:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Hampshire

5:00pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - Healey School

6:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Ann 4.1.20

7:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Alison 3.24.20

8:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Hampshire Reg'l

9:30pm SHS Girls Basketball v Dracut

11:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Burke HS (Rd. 2)

Tuesday, May 12

1:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Hampshire

3:00am Student of the Qtr. Awards - Healey School

8:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime

9:00am SPL Storytime with Miss Annmarie 4.3

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12:00pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNs

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist

Allison Tanenhaus:

A Public Artist in the time of the Plague

Allison Tanenhaus is a self-taught digital abstract glitch artist who specializes in abstract geometrics, vibrant color fields, optical perspectives, playful patterns, mind-bending motion, and unexpected dimensional qualities. Applications include public art, street art, and commercial art, branding design, and multimedia presentations and performances.

Recent commissions and installations include Bulfinch Crossing, the ICA Store at the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, New England Synth Fest, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, and “GlitchKraft: Allison Tanenhaus + Friends” at Emerson Contemporary. She frequently creates music videos and album art for electronic musicians in Somerville, including The Square Root of Negative Two and Doug Bielmeier.

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

Allison Tanenhaus: I’ve lived right outside Davis for 16 years.

DH: What makes this city unique?
AT: There’s an authentic adoration for hard work, progress, creativity, and connection that I really vibe with. We have lively art and music venues, delicious and diverse restaurants, and other big-city benefits, but there’s a small-town flavor that permeates, which I find comforting and appealing. There’s also deep respect and support for the artistic community – from the top of the administration on down – which is vital and much appreciated.

DH: What are you working on now?
AT: I’m working on creating and compiling short animated clips to pair with sound samples from local musicians. Mini music videos, essentially. The plan is that we will each post on social media to cross-promote the endeavors in our respective mediums, as well as prompt ourselves to stay active in the creative process.

DH: What projects do you envision for the future?

AT: I’d love to continue creating multimedia installations for galleries and other venues, but those opportunities would only be online for the time being, which does cut down on immersive and collaborative qualities. Hopefully when the world opens up again, there will be an invigorated appetite for new public artworks that everyone can joyfully experience out in the open.

DH: Is your work now influenced by the virus? Do you think it will be in the future?

AT: I’m finding that I’m becoming more experimental – trying out new techniques, styles, and technology – so that I can stay nimble and relevant. My work is mostly abstract, so I don’t know



if the virus’s impact on my art is apparent yet. Perhaps more obvious themes or imagery will emerge, especially when looking at a body of work collectively and in hindsight.

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

AT: Like many artists, I make a living from various simultaneous streams. In my case, it’s creating art installations that are either environmental. For example, building wraps, wallpaper, prints, and digital displays for construction sites, train stations, hotels, offices, architecture firms, and interior design projects. Or in the academic or art gallery world. I also sell collectible art – stickers, postcards, buttons, and tote bags – at in-person markets, plus work as a cat-sitter for the local company Thoughtful Paws.

Since people aren’t traveling, I’m not doing any cat-sitting. With galleries closed, I’m not able to exhibit. Art markets are of course cancelled. And since construction and renovation projects are on pause, I can’t progress on those kinds of projects, either.

From a distance, my fields all seemed to be unconnected, but through the lens of the pandemic, it turns out they are all reliant on people being able to come together. At home, in public, in entertainment venues, or in new destinations while traveling.

I’m doing my best to stick with art that can be experienced virtually, but there’s a huge reduction in opportunities – whether they’re exhibitions, performances, or commissions, revenue, and audience connection. And I really miss the kitties I used to cat-sit for!

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edited by Doug Holder

Filip Jucewicz splits his time between creative writing, woodworking and cycling. Filip is a graduate of Tufts University. He quarantines in Medford.



At the Bottom of Everything

I am not:
a mountain with a false
summit looming
over the climbing hut

I am not:
a fox
anticipating
the waking hare

I am not:
an ocean trench
filled with
darkness and squid

I am not:
an ant lifting
the last leaf
to hide the hill

I am not:
a desert
aching
for a flash flood

I am not:
a worm who
wiggles at the sight
of the trout

I am not:
a blind mouse
navigating
fatally coiled springs

I am just:
a by-chance
assemblage
of plasma, mucus and voids.

— Filip Jucewicz

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