Open for take out and delivery until further notice.

Our hours of operation moving forward will be

12:00 to 8:00 p.m. until further notice.

For delivery, please visit doordash.com

Somerville's original independent newspaper

# The Somerville Times

VOL. 8 NO. 32

SOMERVILLE, MASS. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

**TWENTY-FIVE CENTS** 

## **Inside:**



The old stuff is the best page 3



**Restoration on Central Street** page 11



**Musicworks** 

page 15

## **Tufts University meeting addresses** concerns and strategies for reopening



Plans and options for Tufts University's reopening were discussed at a virtual meeting last week.

#### By Alberto Gilman

As schools and colleges prepare to make their fall return, questions and answers were discussed during Tufts University virtual community Zoom meeting on Tuesday, August 4.

The meeting, conducted by Tufts University President Anthony Monaco and his staff, addressed a variety of concerns that members of the community brought up about the reopening

Director of Community Relations Rocco Dirico began the meeting with various updates and highlighting early work in the pandemic through providing assistance to patients, housing medical and essential workers on campuses, and partnerships with other health and community organizations.

President Monaco took over and began his Continued on page 4 remarks about reopening,

## Yoga studio considers lawsuit after delayed reopening

#### By Rachel Berets

At be. In Union Yoga in Somerville, owners Jaclyn Kryzak and Blanca Alcaraz re-sanded and recoated the floors for easier cleaning, updated their software for better contact tracing, and stopped rentals on towels and yoga mats, all in preparation for a reopening that never happened.

The yoga studio, which has been closed since mid-March is struggling financially and Kryzak and Alcaraz are considering a lawsuit after the City of Somerville delayed the Phase 3 reopening for the third time.

"Phase 3 has basically been swept under the rug," said Kryzak. "There's been no plan and that's really hard for businesses."

Phase 3 of the COVID-19 reopening plan which allows gyms, fitness centers, movie theaters, and cultural centers to reopen and operate indoors with limited occupancy has been delayed three times in Somerville because of Continued on page 9 rising case counts.



Until their studio can fully reopen, the operators of be. In Union Yoga are conducting classes in outdoor spaces, such as their parking lot and public parks. - Photo courtesy of be. In Union Yoga

REASON #10 WHY ADVERTISING IN PRINT IS BETTER:

Digital ads are adequate for delivering quick results with lots of data. But if you want to penetrate your market, print ads should probably be part of your strategy. By physically placing your brand in people's hands, you create lasting impressions that engage your audience in meaningful ways. The positive

> Contact us and let us show you the many ways we can help you achieve your marketing goals

The Somerville Times

email - adv@thesomervilletimes.com BETTER THAN EVER 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144



617-628-0600

617-625-5000

**OPEN 24-HOURS** A DAY!

24 hour GPS automated dispatching system

Please don't drink and drive.

Over 50 Years

Experience

Logan reservations our specialty - Call 3 days in advance to book your trip.

Plumbing • Heating • Gas Fitting • Industrial Work • Water Heater Replacement • Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

Proud to be a Somerville resident

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106



The views and opinions expressed in Newstalk do not necessarily reflect those of The Somerville Times, its publisher or staff. The column has many contributors.

The Council On Aging has masks available for Somerville residents who are 60 and over. If you are still in need of a mask or may know of a friend or neighbor who may still need a mask, you can pick it up at their drive-thru location Holland Street Senior Center, 167 Holland Street on Wednesday, August 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**#WearAMask** to protect your friends and family. Wear one for the people in your community you don't know you're connected to: the friend of a friend, the elderly neighbor, the person with an underlying condition who shops at your grocery store. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Brandon Wilson, the Executive Director of the Somerville Preservation Commission. We wish her a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Donna Cassaro-Sides**. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to Courtney O'Keefe of Ward 5, we know she is still looking out for ways to make things better in that ward. We wish her a great birthday. Happy birthday to one of our favorite guys, Sal Ferro (husband of our photographer, Claudia). We wish Sal a very happy birthday. We know he misses his Gloucester trips this summer but we are sure his family will make his day special. He is the best! We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Savanna Fair, Joseph Saturno, Walter Desharnais, Elizabeth Roche, Victor Martins, Adam Knight, Joseph Amaral Sr., Roy Bertocchi, Carmine D Ambrosio DAmbrosio, Maureen Marenna, Anita Dill Fusco and Anna Rosella 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.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Please join the Somerville Chamber of Commerce via Zoom for an engaging and timely morning Government Affairs Forum with Somerville City Councilor At-Large Kristen Strezo. Councilor Strezo is a fighter, a social Continued on page 7

## The Somerville Times

699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144 news@thesomervilletimes.com www.thesomervilletimes.com 617-666-4010 + Fax: 617-628-0422



闰 @somervilletimes



www.facebook.com/ thesomervilletimes

Publisher – Somerset Valley Publishing Inc. Editor – Jim Clark Assignment Editor – Bobbie Toner

Advertising Director – Bobbie Toner Arts Editor – Doug Holder

Writers: Jim Clark, Denise Keniston, Jackson Ellison, Michael LoPilato, Marshall Collins

Contributors: Jimmy Del Ponte, Dorothy Dimarzo, Blake Maddux, Bob Doherty, Ross Blouin Photographer: Claudia Ferro

#### The Somerville Times is published every Wednesday

A proud member of the following newspaper organizations:







© 2020 The Somerville Times except where noted. All rights reserved.

## Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of August 12 – August 18 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
<b>Ş</b> 55	Wednesday August 12	Thunderstorms	88°/70°	40%	27%	SW 11 mph
<del>\$</del>	Thursday August 13	Thunderstorms	85°/68°	42%	29%	ENE 9 mph
	Friday August 14	Partly Cloudy	81°/67°	19%	15%	ENE 12 mph
	Saturday August 15	Partly Cloudy	79°/65°	10%	16%	ENE 14 mph
<b>A</b>	Sunday August 16	Partly Cloudy	77°/64°	21%	11%	E 11 mph
•	Monday August 17	Rain	76°/64°	49%	21%	SE 12 mph
<b>A</b>	Tuesday August 18	Partly Cloudy	81°/63°	21%	11%	WSW 9 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: City Council to vote August 5 on proposed polling place changes

Why? says:

This change would mean that 3 Precincts will be voting at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. How is this a good idea? Parking is tight there for the Precinct currently using that location. How can they add 2 more to the mix? This move will also move polling places long distances. By law, they should be 'centrally located' in the Precinct. How will Seniors and the disabled get to these new locations. This is a very bad idea and will likely prevent people from voting.

#### Ron Newman says:

Here in 6-1 many people will be quite happy to have the polling place returned to the Dilboy Post, where it historically used to be.

#### Response to: They marched for him, too

Doug Holder says:

I used to see him often-sitting outside his apartment-with NPR in the background, and he was usually intensely reading a book. A friend, a retired college professor, told me about him. He described him as very well-read, intelligent and articulate. I should have done a story about him, and I am sorry I never did...I am glad this piece came into print-fills in some pieces....

#### Response to: Mickey Finn's: Menswear and much more!

Stephen Bertoncini says:

There is a Mickey Finn where I live in CT. Still a great store!

#### Response to: Thomas Lyons wants to bring New England Mobile Book Fair to Davis Square, Somerville

Jackie says:

Please open it in Union Square instead!!!

Joe B says:

NEMBS was part of my life growing up. Would make pilgrimages there to pick up remainders and academic books all thru jr high and high school. Years later, McIntyre and Moore in Davis (where i live now) was also a frequent destination. Was very sorry to see them close. I hope you can bring the Book Fair to Davis! The Book Fair was unique, and different from any local book store. Add to that the potential for authors to do readings, and I think you will fill a huge need!

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

## This old stuff



heirlooms treasure! Packed with memories and stories, a passed down family item is very special. For instance, I'm lucky enough to

own the icebox that was in my father's Somerville house where he grew up in the 20's and 30's. We know it was in the kitchen since at least 1920 when he was born. It's still in my grandfather's cellar but someday I'll bring it to my house. It will fit right in with the metal squirrel nutcracker my parents got for a wedding gift in 1951, and the small end table that my dad made in woodworking class at the Western Junior High School in 1934.

A friend of mine, who still lives in her family's home in Davis Square, refinished their old wooden icebox (see photo). It is now not only a historic family memento, but a beautiful piece of functional furniture. Very cool.

Having any passed down item at all is soothing for us. When we look at them we feel the presence of loved ones who once owned them and who we love and miss. We have stories that go along with the items that have been passed down from generation to generation. Our relics blend in with our decor and often an

heirloom armoire or dining room set have many stories attached. My home still has many of my parent's things. It's all around me and I love it.

Other Somerville friends had their own stories to share with us shown below in quotes:

"We have a bunch of old tools that my grandfather used when he worked for the city of Somerville many years ago. We also still have the coal bin in the

Pertaining to the antique ice boxes:

"Sam Roberts was the Ice delivery man via horse and buggy. He later went on to work at HP Hood. His brother "mush" was a goalie in the NHL. Proud Somerville family."

Asked if there were any family heirlooms in his house, my friends said, "Yes! My house, built in 1870s, has been in my family for over 100 years. Lots of family members have lived in this house!"

"We still have a bowl that was given to my mother from a 90-year-old woman as a shower present in 1947. The bowl was the elderly women's present for her wedding. The glass bowl was made in a Somerville glass factory."

"I have several bureau scarves that my grandmother made. She grew the cotton, weaved it into thread and then weaved or crocheted this thread Continued on page 11



## O'Donovan Law Office 741 Broadway Sean T. O'Donovan, Esq.

## Specializing in:

- Zoning/Permitting
- Real Estate
- Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Estate Planning/Wills & Trusts

**CALL FOR INITIAL** FREE CONSULTATION 617 629-8888 FAX 617 623-7990

## **MOUNT VERNON**

RESTAURANT

14 Broadway, Somerville MA

617-666-3830



A tradition of fine foods since 1935

Per the order of government restrictions in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are only open for take out and delivery until further notice.

Please note that we are offering in addition to our full menu platters and trays of food to go as well.

For delivery, please visit doordash.com

Our menus and specials are posted on our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Vernon-Restaurants-103209019028/

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

# By Jim Clark

## Sleepy drug dealer gets a wake-up call

Somerville police officers were dispatched to the McGrath Hwy. Star Market parking lot last Friday morning on reports of a man passed out behind the wheel in a SUV.

Upon arrival, a Star Market employee directed the officers to vehicle parked in the lot in front of the store.

As the officers approached the vehicle, the driver, later identified

as Jorge Alves Jr., of Cambridge, appeared to have just woken up and had half eaten McDonalds food in his hand and on his lap.

When police asked Alves Jr., if he was all right and what was going on he reportedly just nodded his head and said he was fine.

As officers were speaking to Alves Jr., they noticed multiple light brown baggies in plain view in the center console along

with aluminum foil, rolled up dollar bills, and what appeared to be a large sum of cash sticking out of a small backpack in the front seat.

After the officers had Alves Jr. exit the vehicle to get evaluated by EMT personnel, he was asked if there was anything in the car they should know about and he reportedly mumbled something about "brown" being in the car and that it belonged to his friends.

While Alves Jr., was being evaluated by the EMTs, the officers took a closer look at the small bags in the front console that were in plain view. There were five individual knotted glassine baggies containing a light brown powdery substance packaged into a larger glassine baggie.

There was also one separate

small glassine baggie partially opened containing the same powdered substance. The officers reported that they believed that the substance was heroin/ fentanyl, and packaged in a manner consistent with distribution of narcotics.

Alves Jr. was medically cleared by EMTs and placed under arrest on a charge of possession of a class A drug to distribute.

## Reports of shots fired in Somerville

Reports of shots being fired Monday in the area of Wheatland St. and Broadway have reached *The Times*. No injuries have been reported, and police are investigating.

**Arrests**:

Tevon Ngomba, August 3,

10:26 a.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of carrying a firearm without a permit, trafficking heroin-morphine-opium, defacing firearm serial number, and use of a firearm

in a felony.

bridge, August 7, 7:26 a.m.,

arrested at McGrath Hwy. Jorge Alves Jr., of Cam- on a charge of possession of a class A drug to distribute.

#### Tufts University meeting addresses concerns and strategies for reopening CONT. FROM PG 1

stating that there would be changes to the reopening plans since they were first released back in July. "Our strategy from the beginning has been a multi-layered strategy. We've had to adjust the environments and protocols for use of our campus facilities," Monaco said.

Monaco is aware of all the challenges and wanted to assure those concerned that preparing for the return of students is being taken very seriously with a

variety of committees and programs implemented for safety.

"We implemented layers of protection including education, wearing masks, distancing, hygiene, reporting on symptoms, health screening, ventilation and cleaning," Monaco said. "But as we know, no single intervention in that group can prevent an outbreak by itself so it's important that we think about other strategies which can enhance these normal layers of prevention."

The plan that Tufts will be following to ensure proper tracking is to invite everyone back, with the notion that some will take gap years or proceed online. Testing for students both on and off campus will occur twice a week along with other faculty and staff that interact with them on a regular basis. Other student facing staff will be tested once a week, Monaco said. Out of region students will be quarantined for three negative tests af-

ter arriving and then be enrolled in surveillance testing.

In order to ensure fast results, Tufts has partnered with the Broad Institute in Cambridge to help with checking for cases. Tufts will be submitting 18,500 tests a week during the fall semester. A reminder system and other tracking technology will help in keeping everyone safe.

Off campus and out of the region will arrive August 16. Out of region students who live on

campus will arrive on August 27. First week in September in region off campus students and then from September 8 – 13, in region on campus students will

Situated six feet apart, wearing masks on campus and in classrooms and finding new ways for students to not stay in large gatherings for long periods of time will be a new way to operate. No large gathering will take place of any kind this fall.

## Joint statement from Somerville and ledford mayors on Tufts reopening p

On Monday, Mayors Joseph A. Curtatone of Somerville and Breanna Lungo-Koehn of Medford sent the following letter to Tufts University President Anthony Monaco regarding the university's reopening plan:

On behalf of the cities of Somerville and Medford, we write to reiterate our serious concern about the University's Fall 2020 campus reopening plan, particularly in light of the recent uptrend in daily confirmed COVID-19 positive cases and transmission rates in Massachusetts and the Northeast in the last month. As we write this letter, 320 new cases and 12 new deaths have been reported in the Commonwealth. Additionally, given the lack of reliable testing available regionally, statewide, and nationally at a scale that would allow for an accurate assessment of prevalence and incidence, it is very likely that the true number of infections that remain undetected is far greater. While we acknowledge that, despite the University's participation in our communities' spring-time lockdown and continued summer-time social distancing efforts, a complete suppression of viral transmission is impossible, we ask that you reconsider the reopening plan that was developed under a previously reported set of health data and circumstances and ask that you, at a minimum:

- 1. Thoroughly reassess the Fall 2020 reopening plan through a peer-review process;
- 2. Reduce student population size both on- and off-campus;
- 3. Stagger the return of students. In particular, delay the return of in-region students both on and off campus while refining protocols and procedures, and enforcement measures, for students returning to the area in the first phase of your reopening plan;
- 4. Consider providing increased onsite faculty and staff testing comparable to student testing requirements;
- 5. Clarify off-campus enforcement protocols including any related follow-up, disciplinary action, health screening, and testing;
- 6. Reexamine and clarify student and faculty mobility protocols on and off-campus; and
- 7. Provide detailed testing process/protocols, contact tracing plans, daily data matrix, and de-identified enforcement/violation data to both Somerville and Medford.

Continued on page 6

## AFC adapts to maintain caregiver connections during COVID-19

#### By Nathan Lamb

Working with families in their homes is at the heart of how Adult Family Care (AFC) helps families provide care for loved ones. But with Coronavirus changing everything in recent months, the nonprofit program is sharply increasing use of videoconferencing technology to deliver support.

"Normally, the most important tool in our toolbox is the interpersonal relationships we develop by being in people's homes," said AFC Social Work Manager Nina Cohen. "We can't do that right now, so we're working twice as hard to make that personal connection."

The numbers bear that out. With AFC pivoting to telephonic support, its nurses and social workers are spending twice as much time every month with each family. In practice, the calls are a mix of a well-being check, support, and caregiver training.

AFC provided training in July on managing caregiver stress. It featured a series of discussion items to help caregivers gauge their current level of stress. The AFC team also provided advice on how to manage and reduce stress during the pandemic, sharing information drawn from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines.

"We recognize how vital human connection is for everyone's health and well-being"

"We had many good discussions," said AFC Social Worker Rachel Lynch. "A lot of times, caregivers appreciate just being heard out and reminded that many of the additional challenges they're dealing with are temporary."

Caregiving can be a stressful role under the best of circumstances. Support systems are often key to managing caregiver stress, but the Coronavirus pandemic has turned many routines upside down. For instance, Adult Day Health Centers have closed, and families must socially distance from those who usually provide informal support.

While teleconferencing has helped AFC maintain connections with many of the families they serve, some homes lacked the necessary technology. To support these households, AFC provided 46 of them with tablets.

"The pandemic has resulted in a great deal of social isolation for many families," said Cohen. "We recognize how vital human connection is for everyone's health and well-being. Therefore, maintaining a sense of connection with the families in our program has been our top priority during this time."

AFC Program Director Jeanne



Adult Family Care Social Worker Eliza Royer meets with AFC Social Work Manager Nina Cohen via teleconference. AFC recently provided tablets for 46 caregiver families, to help them maintain connection with the program through teleconferencing.

Leyden said the tablet distribution was a team effort, adding that she enjoyed reaching out to the families to tell them about the new equipment.

"It was just so nice to call the families and hear how appreciative they were," said Leyden. "There is no substitute for being in people's homes, but this helps."

AFC is a mission-driven

non-profit program that helps eligible adults receive essential care at home. The program serves adults who cannot live alone due to a medical diagnosis, by supporting friend or family caregivers with training, compensation, and ongoing support. To learn more, call 617-440-0987, email AFC@eldercare.org, or visit AdultFamilyCare.org.

# Dorothy's Corner

Prior to the closure of restaurants, I really didn't think much about making cocktails at home. I mean I had the

**Craft Cocktails** 

basic liquors on hand like bourbon, gin, scotch, rum, Sambvca, homemade limoncello, and of course craft beer and wine for when I had people over for dinner and the holidays.

But depending on where I went for dinner, I would occasionally have a specialty craft cocktail. So with extra time on my hands, I decided to try and make some of my own craft cocktails. I did a bit of research on the classic old school co cktails and added my own twist. I now make my own flavored simple syrups.

For instance, I made a mint flavored syrup for mint juleps and a jalapeño flavored syrup for the classic daiquiri. I use a 1:1 ratio of water and sugar. For the mint syrup, just add 1/2 cup of mint leaves with the water and sugar and dissolve over a medium heat, and bring to a boil for a minute. Once the sugar is completely dissolved, remove from the heat and let the leaves steep until the syrup is cooled. Strain and refrigerate for up to two weeks. For the jalapeño syrup, just substitute a 1/2 jalapeño pepper for the mint and follow the same instructions.

One other important and unique part to flavoring your cocktail are the

addition of bitters. I found an incredible chili lime bitters at The Boston Shaker in Davis Square. This was a great addition to that daiquiri I made with the jalapeño syrup. This addition provided a great subtle heat and made for a perfectly refreshing drink.

In a more recent visit to The Boston Shaker, I picked up a few other items to add to my mixing collection, a tin on tin Boston Shaker, a strainer, and a Japanese style jigger. They offer every tool needed to stock up your bar. The vast array of glassware for all sorts of specialty drinks, really unique Tiki glasses and mugs, fixings including cherries, onions, specialty ice cube trays, books about cocktails, gift sets, many types of bitters, some really great quality specialty syrups, and much more.

I highly recommend checking them out either online or in person. Sláinte!

The Boston Shaker 69 Holland Street Somerville, MA 02144 thebostonshaker.com

Monday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Sunday - Closed (617) 718-2999

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



## Draft Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan released for public comment

The City released a draft Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan last week, following a year of public meetings, online engagement, and community conversations about the future of the vacant Star Market site. The Plan proposes that the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) take a 2.8-acre area that includes the Star Market, Walgreens, and two buildings at the corner of Temple St and Broadway for the purpose of creating more green open space, affordable housing, and a mixed-use development. Community members are welcome to submit feedback on the draft to the SRA, who will vote on the approval of the plan no earlier than September.

Temple St and Broadway for the purpose of creating more green open space, affordable housing, and a mixed-use development.

Community members are welcome to submit feedback on the draft to the SRA, who will vote on the approval of the plan no earlier than September.

This Urban Renewal Plan is an important next step in implementing the Winter Hill Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted in 2016, and endeavors to incorporate more recent community feedback on key components like the project area boundaries along

with the process for ensuring continued public involvement. In addition to the Commonwealth's requirements for urban renewal plans, the Winter Hill Urban Renewal Plan also includes an equity analysis of how benefits and burdens for redevelopment may affect different populations and a detailed community process for the disposition of the largest portion of the site.

"I want to thank the many Winter Hill community members that came together to shape the future of a key block in their community," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "They deserve better than crumbling buildings and empty parking lots. We have the opportunity to make this block the beating heart of this neighborhood once again while also offering a model for building a higher percentage of affordable housing and adding green space in an urban community. The people of Winter Hill have been clear they envision something better than the decay that's taken place on that site, and this is their chance to make that vision a reality."

The Plan proposes turning the project area into three distinct projects. One vacant lot on Sewall St is proposed to become green open space, while another would become affordable housing. The remainder of the site, which includes the four buildings, would be subject to a community process detailed in the plan to determine an appropriate concept for the site and to assist in selecting a developer. As proposed, the plan would result in the displacement of two residences and four businesses, possibly as soon as 2024. These parties would all receive relocation benefits including financial support and site search assistance. The plan sets goals for creating at least 40 net new jobs, 200 new housing units (including at least 40 new affordable units), and 0.5 acres of green open space.

To become an adopted plan, the Urban Renewal Plan must be approved by the SRA, the Planning Board, the City Council and the State. Currently, the Plan is with the SRA, which will vote on its approval during its September meeting at the earliest. Should the Plan be approved by all required bodies, there will be a separate, robust community process on the design for the redevelopment. Participants have already expressed an interest in preserving a pharmacy use, bringing back fresh produce and maximizing public benefits of the redevelopment of this site. More work will need to be done as a community to determine the best possible outcomes for the site.

In the meantime, community members may share their feedback on the plan with the SRA by participating in public comment at the SRA's meetings or emailing written feedback to LDrago@SomervilleMA.gov. Project updates are available at www.SomerVoice.SomervilleMA.gov, and interested stakeholders may sign up for email updates. SRA meetings are posted to the City Calendar at www.somervillema.gov. Sign up for city alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

## Somerville announces early voting schedule

The City of Somerville will hold seven days of early voting ahead of the Tuesday, September 1, primary elections. All early voting will take place at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., and the schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 22, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, August 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, August 24, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, August 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, August 26, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, August 27, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



By taking advantage of early voting, anyone wishing to vote in-person can help spread out crowds over the week, which will help with social distancing. If you have questions about early voting, please email elections@somervillema.gov or call the Elections Department via 311.

#### Vote by Mail and Other Important Elections Dates

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Massachusetts voters will be able to vote by mail in both the September 1 State primary and the November 3 general election this year. Earlier this month the Secretary of State mailed all eligible voters (who have not already requested an absentee ballot) a vote by mail ballot application. Voters can use that application to request a ballot for the primary election, general election, or both.

Applications for a September 1 primary election ballot must be returned to the City of Somerville Elections Department by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26. However, we encourage you to return your ballot application to the Somerville Elections Department as quickly as possible. If you are not registered to vote, or need to update your address or party affiliation, you have until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, to do so. Visit www.somervillema.gov/elections to learn more about your options for registering. Anyone who registers to vote between July 1 and August 22 will be sent a vote by mail ballot application with their registration acknowledgment notice. Visit www.somervillema.gov/elections for more voting information or call 311 to connect with the Elections Department.

## Joint statement from Somerville and Medford mayors on Tufts reopening plan CONT. FROM PG 4

We ask you to reconsider your reopening plan and provide greater clarity on specific protocols because of overwhelming evidence regarding transmission rates, asymptomatic infections, lethality, and the impacts of the virus in densely populated communities, such as Somerville and Medford. We believe we are at another critical juncture in this ongoing and evolving crisis, where decisions that can markedly impact the transmission of this virus must be taken. A recent New York Times survey, prior to the start of a new academic year, indicated at least 6,600 cases were tied to about 270 colleges over the course of

the pandemic. Despite months of planning for a safe in-person return to class, and corresponding drastic changes to campus life, the virus is spreading widely at universities. We are concerned that inviting students to return so quickly and without a more careful staggered approach, without proper time for assessment and necessary adjustments, will significantly increase the risk of transmission in our communities and catalyze a potentially unmanageable increase in infections as we enter the fall and winter seasons. Tufts students, staff, and faculty are an integral part of both of our communities and our ultimate goal is a safe

resumption of the University's operation that balances all of our community members' needs.

The coronavirus pandemic has created unprecedented disruption for institutions of higher education and host communities alike. We deeply appreciate your significant efforts to keep students, employees, and the larger community safe. We also very much appreciate Tufts' exceptional partnership with our communities since the start of this pandemic. Early in the pandemic, the University provided Medford and Somerville use of its dormitories to house quarantined police and fire personnel, which provided safety and peace

of mind as we continued to provide essential services. We also thank you for the transparency and collaboration you have committed to in developing your school's reopening plan and for hosting a community meeting to address the concerns of Somerville and Medford residents. Despite everyone's best intentions and efforts to keep the spread of this virus low, and because of the ever-evolving nature of this virus, we remain concerned that the plan in its current form does not fully account for the immediate, increased risk posed to Somerville and Medford residents by the return of thousands of Tufts

students to our communities.

We hope that we can continue to use the avenues of communication and goodwill between your institution and our communities to reach an agreement that reflects our respective needs to keep students and residents safe.

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

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



## **Our View Of The Times**



It goes without saying that not everyone gets their way when election time rolls around. There are winners and losers, the satisfied and the disgruntled. As passionately as we may feel about our pet issues of interest, the inevitable day comes when our convictions are put to the test and the results are set in stone, for better or worse, depending on which side you are standing on.

The beauty and genius of our political system is in its very existence. Unfortunately, it is too easy to take it for granted. It is no cliché to say that there are many in this world who are denied the right to shape their homelands' laws and determine their own destinies. We are truly blessed in having this privilege, and we must always express our appreciation of it by getting out there and voting whenever

possible. There is no excuse for apathy. It is every American's duty.

So, for those of you who faithfully executed your civic duty, your fellow citizens salute you. Whether or not your candidate prevails, we can all take pride in the fact that our system still works, and the people have their say.

Whether one leans to the left, or right, or gently wavers in the middle, we must

all understand that we have much more that binds us together than what tears us apart. The system prevails, and because of that we are all winners.

With options such as early voting and voting by mail, we have more opportunities than ever to make sure our voices are heard, safely and securely.

Let the victorious celebrate, and the defeated regroup, for we shall always return.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

justice advocate, a single mom, a former punk rock singer, a co-chair of the Somerville Commission for Women, a journalist and a proud Somerville resident. Born on the South Side of Chicago, Kristen is the descendent of factory workers and formed a popular Chicago feminist punk band while studying community activism in college. She graduated with honors from DePaul University in 2006 with a degree in Women's Studies and Communications. She earned her degree from Harvard University extension in 2015 and won Harvard's commencement speech prize; her speech describing the unique needs of Sandwich Generation families. The Chamber's Government Affairs Series is sponsored by Winter Hill Bank. August 13, 2020, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Register at: https:// somervillechamber.chambermaster. com/eventregistration/register/1465

August 13 is International Left Hander's Day. So, to all those lefties out there in Somerville: Happy Left Hander's Day! FYI, in the USA today it's estimated that 13.1% of the population is left handed.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

There is still time to fill out the 2020

U.S. Census – and the time is now! Census takers have begun visiting Somerville homes that have not yet completed the Census. Census takers will be wearing PPE and taking safety precautions, but the safest way to complete the Census (and avoid a visit!) is to respond on your own at my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020. You can always verify the identity of a Census worker by calling the local Census office at 212-882-7100.

man cases of **West Nile virus** reported this summer, mosquitoes that tested positive for the virus have been found in neighboring towns, so it's important to protect yourself when you're outside. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk; if you will be outside during those

times consider using bug spray and/or

covering up with long sleeves and pants.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Although there have not been any hu-

Just Us Somerville (JUS), a group of People Of Color living in Somerville, is looking for local Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) artists to assist with the development and implementation of a Black Lives Matter mural street project. The plan is to create large

text on Broadway. According to Google, the roadway stretch is about 530 feet, starting from after the Medford Street intersection towards Central Street in Somerville. They are seeking an experienced visual artist who is willing to collaborate with the community in the making of a street mural of the "Black Lives Matter" as text and implementing additional graphics within the boundaries of the large text. How to apply: Fill out Google Form: https://forms.gle/9McbuxPEem5Py9VD7 Deadline for submission: August 17. The goal is to have the project done by September 12 and 13. If interested, please contact iaritza Menjivar: imenjivar@somervillema.gov.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

The COVID-19 testing site previously located at the Somerville Hospital has moved to 133 Middlesex Avenue (near the former Kmart site) in Assembly Square. The testing site is part of a larger COVID-19 mitigation strategy by the City of Somerville in partnership with Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). Patients can arrive at the site via vehicle, walking, or bicycle, and testing procedures will be the same as at the previous location: Patients must have an appointment to be tested. To make an appoint-

ment, call 617-665-2928 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). CHA patients can also use their MyCHArt account to set up an appointment. Testing is free and insurance coverage is not a requirement, although CHA may ask for insurance information for administrative purposes. You will not be turned away if you do not have insurance. You do not need to have symptoms to be tested. Immigration status will not be checked. Please bring a photo ID. Patients will receive a phone call with their results, which could take up to five days to come in. There is also a mobile testing unit that accepts patients at roaming locations throughout Somerville. To see the mobile site's upcoming schedule, visit the "Symptoms, Testing, & Medical Info" tab on www. somervillema.gov/covid19 or call 311. To make an appointment at the mobile testing site please call 617-682-0583 (English); 617-398-7770 (Spanish); 617-684-5625 (Portuguese); 617-735-5553 (Nepali); or 617-625-6600 ext. 2622 (Haitian Creole).

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Mark your calendars. This year's What the Fluff? festival will be a little zanier than usual as they celebrate through the sphere of cyberspace. Continued on page 10

## **FUN & GAMES**

# Ms. Cam's 1 Tio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Which instrument did Louis Armstrong play?
- 2. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
- 3. In the film Bambi, what is Bambi's first word?
- 4. What is gamophobia a fear of?
- 5. Who is the author of The Joy Luck Club?
- 6. Liberty cabbage is another name for what?
- 7. In what month was are there in a fathom? the attack on Pearl

- Harbor?
- 8. Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert sang what song at Super Bowl XLVI in February 2012?
- 9. Where is the MLB team the Diamondbacks located?
- 10. Which is the world's second largest country in land area?
- 11. When there are two full moons in the same month, what is the second called?
- 12. How many feet

Answers on page 11

#### SUDOKU FREE! American Standard WALK-IN BATHTUB SALE! SAVE \$1,500 $\checkmark$ Backed by American Standard's 140 years of ✓ Ultra low entry for easy entering & exiting ✓ Patented Quick Drain® Technology ✓ Lifetime Warranty on the bath AND installation, INCLUDING labor backed by American Standard ✓ 44 Hydrotherapy jets for an invigorating massage 866-612-7490 A+ BATED 2 3 5 5 9 O 8 4 6 8 6 2 8 5 2 8 1 8 6

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.

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

- 1. Bulls are colorblind and will usually charge at a cape regardless of color.
- 2. Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

#### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

LABOR DAY

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Delivery org.
- 5. U.N. workers' grp.
- 8. Pressure unit
- 11. Prune, previously
- 12. Congregation's echo
- 13. Lusitania's destroyer
- 15. Samoan money
- 16. Enthusiastic review
- 17. Police informers
- 18. More than 40 hours
- 20. First Nation nation
- 21. Not these
- 22. Paper or plastic?
- 23. Lads' girlfriends
- 26. Meal
- 29. Morsel
- 30. Labor Day, always
- 33. International Civil Aviation Org.
- 35. She turned to stone, Greek mythology
- 37. Quaker grain
- 38. Same as gnarls
- 39. Toothy wheel
- 40. Capital of Canada
- 42. Homer Simpson exclamation
- 43. Russia's plain
- 45. Zoroastrian archives
- 47. Simon & Garfunkel member
- 48. Sheik's bevy
- 50. Goes with sushi
- 52. Part of labor force
- 56. Jewish folklore creature
- 57. European sea eagle
- 58. Millimeter of mercury
- 59. Impolite dinner sound
- 60. "Dark" movie
- 61. Armor chest plate
- 62. Cupid's action 63. Type of evidence
- 64. "By \_\_\_\_ of" or "by means of"

#### DOWN

- 1. "\_\_\_\_ no good"
- 2. Bohemian, e.g.
- 3. Whimper

CROSSWORD 12



+ 4 MORE BURGERS FREE

#### ORDER NOW! 1.833.406.1259 ask for 63281KXJ

## www.OmahaSteaks.com/family588

GET THE GRILLER'S BUNDLE

INTRODUCTORY PRICE: \$7999

4 (5 oz.) Butcher's Cut Filet Mignon

4 (4 oz.) Boneless Pork Chops

4 (4 oz.) Omaha Steaks Burgers

4 (3 oz.) Gourmet Jumbo Franks

4 (4 oz.) Caramel Apple Tartlets

Omaha Steaks Seasoning Packet

4 (2.8 oz.) Potatoes au Gratin

© StatePoint Media

5. Mosque officials 6. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to

7. Comes before first Mississippi

8. Minute opening

4. "That \_\_\_\_!" and hurts

9. "For Pete's \_

10. Belonging to it

12. Not aria nor recitative

13. Open a beer bottle

14. Union responsibility

19. Labor Day is this puzzle's \_

22. Beyoncé, a.k.a. Queen

23. Like Labor Day weekend

24. Ovine sign of the zodiac 25. Type of weasel

26. "Pro" follower

27. Oodles

28. Fortune-teller's card

- 31. Sol, or la, or ti
- 32. Digital audiotape, acr.

34. Health and safety org.

36. Strike\_

38. Courtroom silencer

40. Choose

41. One who bends out of shape

44. Groom one's feathers

46. Used an emoji, technically

48. Long-necked wader

49. Embryo sacs

50. One-pilot flight, pl.

51. Reunion attendee

53. Jellystone Park denizen

54. Joanie of "Happy Days"

55. At a previous time, archai

56. Geological Society of America

57. Unofficial \_\_\_\_ of summer

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

#### Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

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

#### Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

												-		
0	٧	Α	L			S	U	Р					L	L
R	0	L	Е		O	Α	L	L		S	Р	R	Α	Υ
Α	Т	0	Р		J	L	Ν	Α		Е	R	0	D	Ε
L	Е	Т	Т	Е	R	М	Α	Z		Т	Ι	Z	Е	
			0	Ζ	Α	_	R		S	J	٧			
Κ	R	0	Ν	Е	R			D	0	Р	Α	Z	Т	S
I	Е	Z		Μ	Е	Z	C	Α	L		Т	0	R	Ι
Α	S	S	Α	Υ		0	в	—		ഗ	ш	0	כ	L
Κ	_	Е	>		Ρ	0	ഗ	ഗ	כ	Μ		S	Ш	Т
_	Z	Т	ш	R	—	М			z	Α	Ρ	Ш	R	Υ
			R	כ	U		ഗ	ш	ш	R	S			
	┙	0	Α	М		Α	ᆚ	Μ	Α	Μ	Α	Т	Е	R
С	Α	R	G	0		┙	Α	В	ഗ		L	0	C	Η
Α	М	Е	Е	R		ഗ	H	Α	Υ		М	0	R	Ε
М	Α	0				0	Е	R			S	K	U	Α

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

#### SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

#### **Taxi Rides**

Do you need a ride?

The COA has a new program just for you.

Taxi Rides for Somerville Residents 60 and Over

Rides can be used for:

Grocery Shopping in Somerville

Pharmacy Prescription pick up in Somerville

Routine Medical Appointments in the follow areas:

Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, Boston or the V.A. in Jamaica Plain or West Roxbury

Two Days Advanced Notice Required

For more information please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319

#### Mask Pick Up

The COA has masks available for Somerville residents who are 60 and over.

If you are still in need of a mask or may know of a friend or neighbor who may still need a mask, you can pick it up at our Drive -Thru location at the Holland Street Senior Center, 167 Holland Street, Wednesday August 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

#### "Music and Munch" Program

Why not pair your lunch with a celebration of music? This 45-minute session via Zoom will treat you to a playlist of diverse musical offerings: a little jazz, some "oldies but goodies," a smidgen of classical, a dip into barbershop, a trip to Broadway. The music is taped but the experience is live. Your guide is Somerville Resident, Laura Zoll, trained as a medieval musicologist and with a life-long love of all things musical. Your preferences will help shape the session. Learn a little, sing-along, relax and enjoy some Music while you Munch. Wednesday August 19 at 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Monday August 17th at 4:30pm to Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. You will then receive your email invitation to join the program via Zoom.

#### Join Our Email Lists

If you would like to receive a virtual copy of our monthly newsletter and daily tips please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

If you would like to become part of our Google Group please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

#### **Social Services**

Looking for a way to practice social distancing but still remain connected to other people? Look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging's Friendly Phone Caller program. We have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

#### <u>Facebook</u>

Stay connected via our Facebook page - often updated by Debby or Maureen. Informative, entertaining, lots of photos and updates. Visit our page at https://www. facebook.com/SomervilleCOA/

#### **Exercise Schedule**

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise Thursdays 1:00 .p.m. = Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise Thursdays 6:30 p.m. = LBT Fit-4-Life Zoom Exercise

#### **Somerville City Cable**

RCN = 13/Comcast = 22

The Fit-4-Life Exercise Show = Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### Fit-4-Life YouTube

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video # 1: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=4hd26HjpwBI&t=68s

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #2: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=QwHfyoEZaws&t=247s

Fit-4-Life Exercise Video #3: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=FcI2eBSS024&t=158s

#### Yoga YouTube

Yoga with Janine video #1 = https://www.youtube.com/

watch?v=vDGF\_EEbqF0&t=130s

For questions or to register for a Fit-4-Life Zoom exercise class, please contact Chris at CKowaleski@somervillema. gov or call 617-625-6600.

#### **Employees**

All employees can be reached by calling the city number at 617-625-6600 and ask for the extensions listed below.

Ashley E. Speliotis, LICSW, ME.d, CCM, Interim Director

ASpeliotis@Somervillema.gov

Connie Lorenti, Administrative Assistant Ext. 2319

CLorenti@Somervillema.gov

Chris Kowaleski, Health & Wellness Coordinator Ext. 2315

CKowaleski@Somervillema.gov

Natasha Naim, LICSW, Social Worker

Ext. 2317 NNaim@Somervillema.gov

**Debby Higgins**, Outreach Coordinator Ext. 2321

DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator Ext. 2335

MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

Josephine Raczkowski, Administrative Assistant

Ext. 2300

JRaczkowski@Somervillema.gov

Judy Calvey, Holland Street & Ralph & Jenny Director Ext. 2325

JCalvey@Somervillema.gov

## Somerville Prevention Services hosting series on substance abuse prevention

This summer, Somerville Prevention Services is hosting a series of free virtual presentations about a range of substance use prevention topics as one way to continue to educate and support community members during the coronavirus pandemic. Session themes include tobacco/nicotine, marijuana, problem gambling, anger management in recovery, and alcohol.

Upcoming presentations will be held August 13, August 20, and August 27 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Visit somervillema.gov/preventionservices shortly before the meeting to join live. Each session will also be recorded and posted online following the presentation. For more information, please visit somervillema.gov/preventionservices.



## Yoga studio considers lawsuit after delayed reopening CONT. FROM PG 1

While most of Massachusetts has been in Phase 3 since early July, on July 31, Somerville pushed back the Phase 3 reopening indefinitely, promising to update the public by August 17.

"We are watching as the virus rages and businesses are shut back down in states that ignored clear warnings that they were opening too quickly. We are also watching state and local data head in the wrong direction," said Mayor Joe Curtatone in a statement.

For the past few months, be. In Union Yoga has facilitated online classes and asked members

to purchase lifetime passes in an effort to keep their business afloat. They also received a Payback Protection Program (PPP) loan and a grant from the city, but Kryzak says that money will run out in a matter of weeks if they are unable to reopen.

"That [grant money] buys us a little over three weeks, but that's not a lot of time," said Kryzak. "If we don't reopen we are back in the same boat as we were before."

In an effort to help gyms and fitness centers, the city is allowing group fitness classes of up to 25 to be held in public spaces, but businesses must pay a

25-dollar fee to use public parks.

Kryzak and her team are trying to get as creative as possible, hosting outdoor classes in parks and potentially in their own parking lot, but Kryzak notes that most of the studio's outdoor classes have been operating at a loss.

"We had one person show up to a class in Lincoln Park and they pay anywhere from 12 dollars to 17 dollars a class," said Kryzak. "And we pay 25 dollars for the permit and we pay for the teacher."

Kryzak expressed frustration that small boutique yoga studios are lumped in with bigger

gyms as she believes that smaller studios have the means to social distance with masks, clean the studios, and conduct contact tracing in a way that bigger facilities do not.

A small study in South Korea even found that a yoga and pilates class did not have the same spread of COVID-19 as a higher intensity fitness dance class.

"We have a built-in capability to do contact tracing," said Kryzak. "People register online so we have their emails, we have their phone numbers, we have an electronic catalog of everyone that comes to every single class.

It's something that we can implement better than restaurants."

If Phase 3 doesn't begin by August 17, Kryzak is hoping that the studio's lawsuit could follow in the footsteps of a court ruling in Arizona last week that determined that gyms and fitness centers should have the opportunity to reopen.

"We are not looking to break the law, we are not looking to give people the wrong idea," said Kryzak. "We are able to fully comply with all the laws. Safety is our main concern. But if they delay again, our hope is that we would be able to file [a lawsuit]."

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

**GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

**LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)** 

#### **NOTE: DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED**

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on Tuesday, August 26, 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.

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

Registration URL https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3412991153959918607

Webinar ID 903-308-483

TO CALL IN

Phone # 1 (631) 992-3221 Access code: 295-816-297

**<u>DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS</u>** (PUBLIC HEARINGS)

#### HPC.ALT 2020.15 - 8 Aldersey Street

Applicant: Matt Ball Construct rear deck

#### HPC.ALT 2020.15 - 15 Campbell Park

Applicant: Contempo Builders Owner: Victor Del Porto

Construct left elevation dormer; re-build front porch

#### HPC.ALT 2020.22 - 56 Bow Street Applicant: Ashley Blum

Remove second story front porch

#### HPC.ALT 2020.23 - 50 Spring Street Applicant: Sara O'Neill of Sunbug Solar

Owner: Jeff & Clair O'Neill Install 18 solar panels on roof

#### HPC.ALT 2020.24 - 50 Spring Street Rear

Applicant: Sara O'Neill of Sunbug Solar Owner: Jess Torres & Arian Davisson Install 22 solar panels on roof

DETERMINATIONS OF "HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT" (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS) (NOT public hearings)

#### HPC.ALT 2020.16 - 4 Princeton Street

Applicant: KAP Development, LLC Owner: same as applicant Demolish all structures on lot

#### HPC.DMO 2020.18 - 40 Dickinson Street

Applicant: Honi R. Sanders & David A. Sanders Owner: same as applicant Demolish principal structure

#### HPC.ALT 2020.19 - 42 Webster Avenue

Applicant: The 24 Webster Building Trust Owner: same as applicant Demolish principal structure

As cases may be continued to a later date, please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide public comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing or via e-mail to <a href="mailto:historic@somervillema.gov">historic@somervillema.gov</a>. All written comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the HPC meeting.

8/12/20 The Somerville Times



#### 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 will be conducted via remote participation.

#### The meeting will be held using GoToWebinar.

Link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/regis-

Webinar ID: 804-316-059

**TO CALL IN** 

Phone number: 778-196-025 Access code:

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

374a Medford Street

15 Mossland, LLC, under §5.3.8 of the SZO, seeks a revision to a previously-granted special permit (previous case # ZBA 2018-124). RB zone. Ward 5.

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.

MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.



hearing on Wednesday, August 19, 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

#### TO USE A COMPUTER

ter/2478733924794022927

1 (562) 247-8422

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,

8/5/20, 8/12/20 The Somerville Times



#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP# 21-07

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

#### Fabville Lab Manager

The RFP package may be obtained online at: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after: Wednesday, August 12th, 2020. Sealed responses will be received at the above office until: Wednesday September 2nd, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please contact me with any questions at tchukhatsang@somerville-

Thupten Chukhatsang Procurement Analyst 617-625-6600 x. 3400

8/12/20 The Somerville Times

#### TO PLACE LEGAL ADVERTISMENTS IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES, CONTACT US **BY 12 PM MONDAY**

PH: 617.666.4010 • FAX: 617.628.0422

#### **Requirements for** outdoor dining in Somerville restaurants

In order to insure the safe and successful implementation of the city's outdoor dining initiative for restaurants in this time of pandemic, the Somerville Licensing Commission requires that all patrons adhere to the following:

- Masks are required at all restaurants, indoors and outdoors, unless seated.
- Unsafe behavior patrons must observe social distancing before entering, and after leaving, the outdoor seating areas.
- Overcrowding Seating must be separated by at least six feet. Restaurants cannot adjust their approved seating plans for tables and chairs.
- Operating after hours Food and beverage service must end by 11:30 p.m. All outdoor seating must be vacated by 12:00 midnight.
- Unruly behavior Alcohol must not be served to suspected intoxicated patrons, or anyone under the
- Entertainment No recorded or live music is allowed in any outdoor seating areas.

We urge you to call ahead for reservations. Please help us to keep you, other patrons, the general public, and our restaurant workers safe. The success of outdoor dining depends on all of us. Thank you for your cooperation. Stay safe.

For more information about Covid-19 visit https:// www.somervillema.gov/covid19.

#### Still time to fill out 2020 U.S. Census

There is still time to fill out the 2020 U.S. Census - and the time is now. Census takers have begun visiting Somerville homes that have not yet completed the Census. Census takers will be wearing PPE and taking safety precautions, but the safest way to complete the Census (and avoid a visit) is to respond on your own at my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020. You can always verify the identity of a Census worker by calling the local Census office at 212-882-7100.

For every person that responds to the Census, our state gains roughly \$24,000 over the next ten years for things like public schools, housing, hospitals, healthcare, and food programs. When everyone counts, that adds up to billions of dollars. That's why it's so important that everyone - including immigrants, children, and students - responds. Stand up and be counted, Somerville! We all depend on it.



#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 7

In a world reinventing itself, Fluff Fest 2020 unites us - albeit virtually through the one thing we can all believe in: the sweet, sticky, tasty, magical power of Fluff. For the love of Fluff, wherever our e-news reaches you, get ready to boast your worldwide Fluff pride, support independently-owned by scoring your Fluff stuff online, take part in innovation jubilation with arts, eats and oodles of family fun, and flock with fellow

friends-in-Fluff through the first-ever, virtual Fluff Festival on September 12. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Reminder: city buildings are still closed to the public. Although city buildings re-

main closed to the public, a number of city services are still available online or by calling 311. Check the "City Service Status" tab on the city's COVID-19 page for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

Healthy, local food is important. The Farmers Markets are open again in Davis Square (www.massfarmersmarkets. org/davis) and Union Square (www. unionsquaremain.org/2020-season). 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.

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.

## 58 Central Street restored to its original design

#### By Marian Berkowitz

Michael Steigman and Genevieve Boland bought their home at 58 Central Street in 2014 from a family that owned and mostly lived in the house for several generations.

Formally surveyed by an architectural historian, and known as the Adelbert Carpenter House, it is a full contributor to the nearby very well-preserved Westwood-Benton Road Local Historic District (LHD).

Since it has not yet been officially designated by the city, it is winning a 2020 Director's, rather than a Preservation Award. Built circa 1898, it was designed as a single-family house like all the houses in the LHD. The design is primarily Shingle Style

with some Greek Revival and Queen Anne features. It sits directly adjacent to the Somerville Museum, a treasured local institution, that was built in 1925, and is home to the Somerville Historical Society that serves as a repository for many local history records, collections, and cultural programming.

Michael and Genevieve explained that their house was the model home for the planned development of nearby Westwood Road which has several homes like theirs listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NR). It was very important to them to restore the house to its original design, but it was more important to do it right than to rush their effort.

It started in 2018, working



Owners Michael Steigman and Genevieve Boland on front porch of 58 Central

with John Moriarity, a Somerville carpenter, with extensive experience in historic restoration. To make it historically accurate, they used old photographs that Michael obtained in an unusual way, from a photo found on ancestry.com under the name of an ancestor of the previous owner. One photo shows the house as it looked in the early 1900's.

First, the deteriorating front porch was replaced, and new railings and balusters were installed. John designed the newel posts based on the old photographs. Michael and Genevieve chose custom balustrades to go with the posts.

To be consistent with the standards of the original period the balustrade was built at a lower height than is typical in modern construction. New wood was used to construct the boxes below the main columns of the porch which Michael explained "required the boxes to be carefully taken apart and reverse engineered." The old porch columns were functional but were now resting on 4x4's with concrete bearings underneath.

Old wooden gutters were replaced with new copper gutters and moved further back from the front of the porch so they would not obscure the beautiful new columns. Copper roofing can be seen above the bay window and complements the gutters.

Next, the dormer above the porch was sinking and needed to be replaced. Michael and Genevieve sought advice from Sally Zimmerman of Historic New



Early photo in the 1900's, before the Somerville Historical Society building appeared.



Exterior restoration done. The landscaping is still under discussion for the foreseeable future.

England for appropriate paint colors. The clapboard siding was painted blue, the trim cream, and other details are accented by Cottage Red paint.

The couple's extensive work was very fulfilling and the new exterior looks spectacular, enhancing the streetscape of this central road through the Spring Hill neighborhood. Congratulations!

Marian Berkowitz is a freelance writer in Somerville with a love of older houses and community

involvement.

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission gives out up to twelve awards each year to owners of designated historic properties (Preservation Awards) and of houses over 50 years old (Director Awards) to recognize their impressive exterior work over the last few years. This is the 25th anniversary of the Awards Program with 9 winners. Interviews with the owners plus photos of each property will be highlighted here over the coming weeks of summer.

#### This old stuff **CONT. FROM PG 3**

into the finished product. This was all done prior to 1917. I also have a few items that were wedding presents to my parents. They married in 1947."

"This bottle of Farr's (made in Boston) potion for gray hair sat

on my grandmother's window sill in Somerville for as long as I can remember. Sits on my sill now, reminds me of my grandmother, Somerville and the fact that now I have (some) gray hair."

"I have a clothes washing scrub



board and a metal curling iron that you put in the fire."

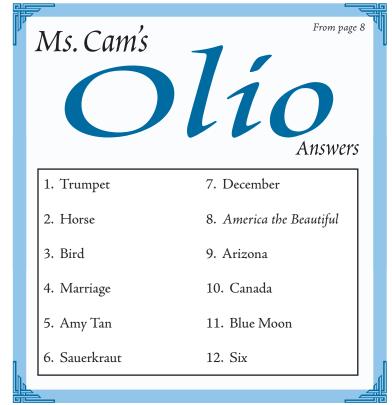
"I have the house my greatgreat grandfather bought in 1847 when he came from England. His son was Somerville City Clerk for quite a while in the late 1800s. (his portrait is in the City Clerk's office). I have a lawn roller and (non-electric) iron, as well as tools, photos, and odds and ends from the 1800s. This was the newer of only 2 houses on the street when when he bought it. The first house is still here too."

There are many families that are lucky enough to have handed down family things in their homes like old radios, bottles, sewing machines, clothing and furniture.

My son is using my parent's jewelry box, which still contains many of their pins, rings, coins medals, doo dads, watches and jewelry, some that have been in there since at least 1951. He never met his grandparents but he is very connected emotionally through their treasured belongings and all the stories.

You can call these hand me

down family artifacts conversation pieces, especially when the conversation is about our families and loved ones who once owned them.



## Health officials announce additional risk level changes for EEE

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) recently announced ten new EEE positive mosquito samples. These results include samples from Carver and Wareham in Plymouth County and from Canton in Norfolk County. As a result, the risk level in Wareham has been raised to high.



All residents are reminded to use mosquito repellent any time they are outside, and those in high and critical risk communities are advised to schedule their outdoor activity to avoid the dusk to dawn hours to reduce exposure to the mosquitoes most likely to spread EEE. DPH recommends the following precautions.

#### **Avoid Mosquito Bites**

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

#### Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

*Install or Repair Screens*. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on windows and doors.

For information on Mosquito Control activities, visit the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources webpage at State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB).

For other updates about EEE in Massachusetts, visit the DPH webpage www. mass.gov/eee.

Information including all West Nile virus and EEE positive results can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

# SMCxHome: Online Learning in Aug/Sept



During the business interruption due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SMC remains as committed as ever to offering media training to our community. We continue to offer virtual workshops to replace our on-site classes. These workshops are free to members and are offered to non-members for a fee. A zoom link will be shared with registered participants two days before the start of the workshop. Go to https://www.somervillemedia.org/smcxhome\_augsept/to learn more and to sign up.

#### USING ZOOM TO PRODUCE AN INTERVIEW SHOW

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom has emerged as a standout application for virtual meetings, workshops and events. In this workshop, learn to use this virtual conferencing and meeting platform to record your interview program. SMC member-producers who have not been able to get into our studios are highly encouraged to attend. Instructors: Heather Mack, Tina Cabral, Dave Ortega.

#### **EDIT AUDIO WITH ADOBE AUDITION**

Thursday, August 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Want to learn the basics of how to cut, fade, replace, and repair audio for videos, radio shows, or podcasts? Learn how to troubleshoot common issues including overmodulation and background noise, cut and edit together audio footage, create segues and crossfades, and more. Preference given to current Boston Free Radio DJs, but we will try to accommodate everyone.

#### USING PHOTOSHOP GRAPHICS AND PREMIERE

Monday, August 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In this advanced workshop, students will learn about alpha channel graphics, how to create them in Photoshop and import them into a Premiere project. (You must have Photoshop and Premiere installed on your home computer).

#### PLANNING YOUR PODCAST

Wednesday, September 9 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Online via Zoom Class Size: 8 students. Learn the difference between podcast and radio and why podcasting is one of the most popular new media forms to emerge in the past decade. Make a basic focus statement for your podcast concept and learn about what's involved in producing your very own podcast. lease note that this class will be recorded.

## Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



A termite walks into a bar and asks,
"Is the bar tender here?"

## The "Original" All Types Vent Cleaning

Restaurant Hood Cleaning
Dryer Vent/ HVAC Cleaning

Power Washing

Licensed and Insured in Massachusetts

We travel all over Massachusetts

Call today to find out our weekly specials!

Call Jimmy 857-366-3761

To advertise in
The
Somerville
Times
call
Bobbie Toner
617-666-4010

# On This Day in Kistory August 12

0030 – Cleopatra VII, Queen of Egypt, commits suicide.

1099 – At the Battle of Ascalon 1,000 Crusaders, led by Godfrey of Bouillon, route an Egyptian relief column heading for Jerusalem, which had already fallen to the Crusaders.

1791 – Black slaves on the island of Santo Domingo rise up against their white

1863 – Confederate raider William Quantrill leads a massacre of 150 men and boys in Lawrence, Kansas.

1896 – Gold is discovered near Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Canada.

 $1908-\mbox{Henry Ford's first Model $T$}$  rolls off the assembly line.

1935 – President Franklin Roosevelt signs the Social Security Bill.

1961 – The erection of the Berlin Wall begins, preventing access between East and West Germany.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

## Place your classified ad today - only \$1 per word! E-mail: ads@thesomervilletimes.com

#### **AUTOS WANTED**

CARS/TRUCKS WANT-ED!!! All Makes/Models 2002-2019! Any Condition. Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-985-1806

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! 2002 and Newer! Any Condition. Running or Not. Competitive Offer! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-416-2330.

#### **EDUCATION**

**COMPUTER & ITTRAINING** PROGRAM! Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Now offering a \$10,000 scholarship qualified applicants. Call CTI for details! 888-449-1713 (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

TRAIN ONLINETO DO MED-ICAL BILLING! Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTI! Get Trained, Certified & ready to work in months! Call 888-572-6790. (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Get FAA approved hands on Aviation mechanic training. Financial Aid for qualified students - Career placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 888-686-1704

#### **FOR RENT**

Warm Weather Is Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

#### **HEALTH & FITNESS**

DO YOU HAVE CHRONIC KNEE OR BACK PAIN? If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! Call 1-800-217-0504

OXYGEN-Anytime. Anywhere. No tanks to refill. No deliveries. Only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved! FREE info kit: Call 1-855-917-4693

GENERIC VIAGRA and CIA-LIS! 100 Pills \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. 24/7 CALL NOW! 888-889-

VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! 100 Generic Pills SPECIAL \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. 24/7 CALL NOW! 888-445-5928 Hablamos Espanol

#### MISCELLANEOUS

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/ no obligation. CALL 1-855799-4127.

APPLYING FOR SOCIAL SE-CURITY DISABILITY or appealing a denied claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys! FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide 1-866-945-2549! Mail: 2420 N. St. NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/ NM Bar)

**DEALING WITH WATER** DAMAGE requires immediate action. Local professionals that respond immediately. Nationwide and 24/7. No Mold Calls. 1-800-506-3367

DISHTV - \$59.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet, Free installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-925-7371

INVENTORS-FREE INFOR-MATION PACKAGE Have your product idea developed affordably by the Research & Development pros and presented to manufacturers. Call 1-855-380-5976 for a Free Idea Starter Guide. Submit your idea for a free consultation.

LIFE ALERT. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE brochure. CALL 800-457-1917

MOBILEHELP, AMERICA'S PREMIER MOBILE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM. Whether you're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No Long Term Contracts! Free Brochure! Call Today! 1-844-892-1017

STAY IN YOUR HOME longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-866-945-3783.

Earthlink High Speed Internet. As Low As \$14.95/ month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-855-520-7938

Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-855-498-6323! FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/ NM Bar.)]

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! **Dorrance Publishing-Trusted** by Authors Since 1920 Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services:

Consultation, Production, **Promotion and Distribution** Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-877-626-2213

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 888-609-2189

**DENTAL INSURANCE from** Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for [350+] procedures. Real dental insurance -NOT just a discount plan. [Don't wait!] Call now! Get your FREE **Dental Information Kit with** all the details! 1-877-308-2834 www.dental50plus. com/cadnet #6258

Two great new offers from AT&T Wireless! Ask how to get the Next Generation Samsung Galaxy S10e FREE. FREE iPhone with AT&T's Buy one, Give One. While supplies last! CALL 1-866-565-8452 or www. freephonesnow.com//cadnet

Stay in your home longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-855-481-3969 or visit www.walkintubquote.com/national

HughesNet Satellite Internet - 25mbps starting at \$49.99/ mo! Get More Data FREE Off-Peak Data. FAST download speeds. WiFi built in! FREE Standard Installation for lease customers! LimitedTime, Call 1-855-973-9254

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-402-0373

Cross country Moving, Long distance Moving Company, out of state move \$799 Long Distance Movers. Get Free quote on your Long distance move. 1-844-452-1706

Call Empire Today® to schedule a FREE in-home estimate on Carpeting & Flooring. Call Today! 1-855-404-2366

**DIRECTV - Switch and Save!** \$39.99/month. Select All-Included Package. 155 Channels. 1000s of Shows/Movies On Demand. FREE Genie HD DVR Upgrade. Premium movie channels, FREE for 3 mos! Call 1-855-781-1565

DISH Network \$59.99 For 190 Channels! Add High Speed Internet for ONLY \$19.95/month. Call Today for \$100 Gift Card! Best Value & Technology. FREE Installation. Call 1-855-837-9146 (some restrictions apply)

Stay in your home longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-855-534-6198

AT&T Internet. Starting at \$40/month w/12-mo agmt. Includes 1TB of data per month. Get More For Your High-Speed Internet Thing. Ask us how to bundle and SAVE! Geo & svc restrictions apply. Call us today 1-888-796-8850

DIRECTV NOW. No Satellite Needed, \$40/month, 65 Channels. Stream Breaking News, Live Events, Sports & On DemandTitles. No Annual Contract. No Commitment. CALL 1-866-825-6523

ATTENTION OXYGENTHER-APY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 877-929-9587

DISHTV \$59.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. 1-833-872-2545.

**NEW AUTHORS WANTED!** Page Publishing will help you self-publish your own book. FREE author submission kit! Limited offer! Why wait? Call now: 866-951-7214

Wesley Financial Group, **LLCTimeshare Cancellation** Experts Over \$50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 844-909-3339

**BOY SCOUT COMPENSA-**TION FUND - Anyone that was inappropriately touched by a Scout leader deserves justice and financial compensation! Victims may be eligible for a significant cash settlement. Time to file is limited. Call Now! 833-729-0164

Need some cash? Sell us your unwanted gold, jewelry, watches & diamonds. Call GOLD GEEK 1-844-209-9872 or visit www.Get-GoldGeek.com/nani BBB A+ Rated. Request your 100% FREE, no risk, no strings attached appraisal kit. Call today!

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-995-2490

**DENTAL INSURANCE from** Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 procedures. Real dental insurance. NOT just a discount plan. [Don't wait!] Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-888-623-3036 www.dental50plus. com/58 #6258

Protect your home with home security monitored by ADT. Starting at \$27.99/ mo. Call now to get a Free equipment bundle including: Keypad, motion sensor, wireless door and windows sensors. Call 833-719-1073

Were you or a loved one diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer, Endometrial Cancer, Fallopian Tube Cancer or Peritoneal Cancer in 2010 or later and used Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder regularly in the genital area previous to diagnosis? If so, you may be entitled to compensation. Call 877-761-9069.

CASH FOR CARS: We Buy Any Condition Vehicle, 2002 and Newer. Nationwide Free Pick Up! Call Now: 1-800-864-5960.

DIAGNOSED WITH LUNG CANCER? You may qualify for a substantial cash award - even with smoking history. NO obligation! We've recovered millions. Let us help!! Call 24/7, 833-518-0768

#### WANTED TO BUY

Wants to purchase minerals and other oil and gas interests. Send details to P.O. Box 13557 Denver, Co. 80201

Reader Advisory: The National Trade Association we belong to has purchased the above classifieds. Determining the value of their service or product is advised by this publication. In order to avoid misunderstandings, some advertisers do not offer employment but rather supply the readers with manuals, directories and other materials designed to help their clients establish mail order selling and other businesses at home. Under NO circumstance should you send any money in advance or give the client your checking, license ID, or credit card numbers. Also beware of ads that claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit and note that if a credit repair company does business only over the phone it is illegal to request any money before delivering its service. All funds are based in US dollars. Toll free numbers may or may not reach Canada.

## SCATV Channel 3 Schedule

SCATV is part of Somerville Media Center, home to Boston Free Radio, Somerville Neighborhood News and SMC Youth Media!

Join SMC today to make your own TV or Radio Production, learn skills like editing and field production and sign up for special media making workshops and classes for youth and adults! somervillemedia.org

3:00pm 4:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) Wednesday, August 12 Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am 12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party VOX POP: Somerville Connects 9:00am SMC Youth Media 5:00am Free Speech TV Free Speech TV 12:00am 4:30pm The Struggle 9:30am Science 360 6:00am 6:00am NASA TV Somerville Neighborhood News Dead Air Live Community Bulletin Board DW In Good Shape 5:00pm 10:00am 7:00am Somerville Storytellers 7:00am 6:00pm #AFAD 11:00am TeleGalaxie 7:30am 7:30am Going Postal 12:00pm 6:30pm Somerville Storytellers 8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) Community Lens: SHC 5K Race 7:00pm 1:00pm Tele Magazine 9:00am DW Global 3000 Reeling Review 8:00pm LIVE - Our View 2:00pm Both Sides of the Bars Somerville Neighborhood News 10:00am 9:30am PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony 9:00pm 10:00pm 3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session Our View 11:00am 10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer Community Bulletin Board 4:00pm Tele Krevol 12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show Somerville Neighborhood News SNN Neighborhood Update 10:30am 10:30pm The World Fusion Show Henry Parker Presents 5:00pm 1:00pm 11:00am SOM ARTS 11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night Henry Parker Presents 5:30pm From My Heart to Yours Somerville Storytellers 11:30am 1:30pm Somerville Pundits Friday, August 14 6:00pm 2:00pm NASA TV 12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show The Somerville Labor Show 6:30pm 3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News 12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party 7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go SCATV Secret Stash 4:00pm African Television Network 1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News 1:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News 2:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race Colores Latinos 1:30am SCATV Secret Stash #AFAD 2:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) Free Speech TV LIVE from VOX POP 9:00pm 10:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes 4:00pm DW Conflict Zone 6:00am NASA TV 6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers 4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library 5:00pm Hello Neighbor The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV) Heavy Leather Music Video Show 7:00am 7:00pm Tele Galaxie 11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash 8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction 8:00pm 11:30pm From My Heart to Yours 5:30pm 9:00am DW Euromaxx 9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade 6:00pm 6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News VOX POP: Somerville Connects Sunday, August 16 9:30am Strata 10:00pm Colores Latinos NASA TV 10:00am 12:00am Flotilla 11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP SOM ARTS NASA TV 7:00pm 11:00am 1:00am Tuesday, August 18 Cambridge Calendar The Thom Hartman Show 7:30pm 8:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment 11:30am 1:30am NASA TV 12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing LIVE - Somerville Pundits 12:00pm 2:00am NASA TV 6:00am 8:30pm DW Euromaxx Community Benefits Agreement 1:00pm 3:00am Free Speech TV 7:00am NASA TV 9:00pm 10:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX\_POP 2:00pm Somerville Pundits 2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library Bate Papo com Shirley Nossa Gentes e Costumes Somerville Pundits 6:00am 8:00am Democracy Now! LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party 7:00am 9:00am The Chef's Table Series 3:00pm 11:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am Effort Pour Christ 10:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm Gay USÁ DW Global 3000 NASA TV 9:00am Thursday, August 13 Ioanna Bremis HMS Clinicals 10:00am 11:00am Tele Kreyol SCATV Secret Stash 12:30am The Thom Hartman Show 12:00pm 5:30pm What's New Massachusetts? 11:00am House of Representatives Formal Session 1:00am Free Speech TV 1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP 6:00pm 7:00pm Grandstanders Emergency Preparedness 12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment 1:30am Free Speech TV 1:00pm SOM ARTS 2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction 2:00am Free Speech TV 3:00pm The Somerville Labor Show SNN Neighborhood Update Democracy Now! 7:30pm 1:30pm 3:00am Free Speech TV 4:00pm SMC Youth Media 8:00pm 8:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville Greater Somerville 2:00pm 3:00pm Chico and B-Man African Television Network 6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley Going Postal DW Conflict Zone 7:00am LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer Fur, Fins and Feathers Dedilhando a Saudade 4:00pm 5:00pm 9:00pm DW Euromaxx 7:30am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party Heavy Leather Music Video Show 5:00pm 6:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm 10:00pm Gay USA What's New Massachusetts? Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am VOX POP: Somerville Connects 11:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News 9:00am DW Tomorrow Today 6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today 6:30pm From My Heart to Yours 9:30am Hello Neighbor Saturday, August 15 7:00pm 8:00pm Emergency Preparedness Dead Air Live The Somerville Labor Show 7:00pm The Chef's Table Series VOX POP Comedy Night 10:00am 12:00am 7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville The Chef's Table Series 1:00am Free Speech TV 10:30am LIVE - Dead Air Live 9:00pm 8:00pm 11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals Free Speech TV 10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour 9:00pm The World Fusion Show 11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals 3:00am Free Speech TV 11:00pm

#### **CITY TV 22 (Comcast)** 13 (RCN) Schedule

Free Speech TV

Effort Pour Christ

DW Focus on Europe

#### Wednesday, August 12

12:00pm

1:00pm

1:30pm

7:00am School Planning Town Halls Pride Flag Raising 2020 Schools Re-Opening Press Conference Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am Fit-4-Life #6 11:20am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone 11:30am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo 12:00pm 1:00pm Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing 2:30pm Saude Mental e Cuidados 4:00pm 4:30pm Chair Yoga w/Janine City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo 5:00pm 6:30pm Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20 Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20 10:00pm 11:00pm Schools Re-Opening Press Conference Saude Mental e Cuidados 11:40pm Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

The Thom Hartman Show

The Somerville Line

Raising Families

Thursday, August 13 12:00am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20 6:00am Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone 7:31am Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz 8:00am Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone Saude Mental e Cuidados 8:45am 9:00am Senior Circuit "Mental Health" June 2020 Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 10:00am 10:30am City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo 11:00am 11:30am Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20 Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone 2:55pm 3:00pm 4:00pm Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 4:30pm School Planning Town Halls 6:31pm 7:00pm City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo School Committee Meeting 8.10.20 Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados Atualizacoes em Tempos de Coronavirus: 10:30pm 11:47pm

#### Friday, August 14

5:00am

12:00am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20 6:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan School Planning Town Halls Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone Fit 4 Life 2020 #1 9:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 3:30pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 6:00pm 9:00pm 10:30pm Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19 Saturday, August 15

12:00am 7:00am 7:30am 8:15am 8:30am 10:00am 10:30am 11:00am 11:30am 12:06pm 1:00pm 1:30pm

3:00pm 4:00pm 4:30pm 5:00pm 6:40pm

Raising Families School Committee Meeting 8.10.20 Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone

Chair Yoga w/Janine Schools Re-Opening Press Conference School Committee Meeting 8.10.20

Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers Finance Committee of the Whole 7.9.20 Chair Yoga w/Janine Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz Memorial Day Remembrance 2020 City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo Schools Re-Opening Press Conference Raising Families
Youth Mental Health During COVID-19 Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz **Raising Families** Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing

Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 Chair Yoga w/Janine Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados School Planning Town Halls Somerville Public Library 10:30pm 11:00pm Sunday, August 16

Monday, August 17

Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20 School Planning Town Halls 12:00am 6:30am Youth Mental Health During COVID-19 City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo 8:10am 8:30am Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing Fit 4 Life 2020 #3 Chair Yoga w/Janine 11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey 12:30pm 12:50pm Thank You from Mayor Joe Curtatone 1:00pm 2:20pm

Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados Pride Flag Raising 2020 Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus Fit 4 Life 2020 #2 National Night Out 2019 Somerville Public Library Schools Re-Opening Press Conference Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo Special City Council Meeting 8.5.20

11:30pm Monday, August 17 12:00am

2:30pm

4:00pm

4:30pm

5:30pm 6:00pm

7:00pm

7:30pm

8:00pm

12:30am

1:30am

3:00am

6:30am

8:31am

9:00am

10:00am

11:00am

11:30am

12:00pm

Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz Town Hall on Race and Equity in Policing East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19 School Planning Town Halls Youth Mental Health During COVID-19 Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey Saude Mental e Cuidados Fit 4 Life 2020 #1 Chair Yoga w/Ianine

School Committee Meeting 8.10.20 Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus

ArtBeat 2020 4:00pm Saude Mental e Cuidados 4:30pm 6:00pm

ArtBeat 2020

SCATV Secret Stash

7:40pm 7:56pm 8:00pm 8:30pm 10:30pm Tuesday, August 18 12:00am 3:00am ArtBeat 2020 6:30am

7:26am 7:30am 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 11:30am 1:00pm

10:00pm

11:00pm

1:30pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:10<sup>'</sup>pm 8:30pm 9:00pm 9:30pm

11:30pm

Wednesday, August 19 12:00am

Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers 12:30am Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados 1:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism 3:00am

**Totally Working Out** 

SCATV Secret Stash

Chair Yoga w/Janine

ArtBeat 2020

Box House Productions Presents

Serenading Seniors at Brady Towers

Virtual Town Hall w/Mayor Curtatone

What are the Symptoms of COVID-19

School Committee Meeting 8.10.20

What are the Symptoms of COVID-19 Somerville Public Library

Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

School Committee Meeting 8.10.20

Music & Movement w/Steve Gintz Fit 4 Life 2020 #1

Como Enfrentar o Novo Coronavirus Structural Racism Panel 6.23.20

Senior Circuit: Farewell Cindy Hickey

City Council Spotlight - Kristen Strezo Somerville Public Library

The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

Somerville Public Library School Planning Town Halls Doenças Crônicas e Cuidados

Somerville Public Library

Somerville Public Library

School Planning Town Halls

Saude Mental e Cuidados

School Planning Town Halls

Raising Families

ArtBeat 2020

ArtBeat 2020

Raising Families

## **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

#### Wednesday, August 12

7:00am Kennedy School Gr 4-8 Winter Concert SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden 8:00am 9:30am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #4 Argenziano School Winter Concert 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18] 2:30pm SHS Bosketball @ Beverly [1.30.18] 4:30pm Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.17] 5:30pm Kennedy School Gr 4-8 Winter Concert SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden 8:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #4 10:30pm Argenziano School Winter Concert SHS Girls Volley @ Beverly [9.12.18] 11:30pm Thursday, August 13

#### 1:00am

SHS Boys Basketball @ Beverly [1.30.18] 3:00am Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.17] 7:00am SPL Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.27] El Sistema Spring Concert SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16] 8:00am 9:00am 11:30am SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19] SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [5/27] 1:00pm 2:00pm El Sistema Winter Bash Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020 3:00pm 4:30pm SPL Storytime w/Miss Alison [5.5.20] SPL Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.27] 5:30pm 6:30pm El Sistema Spring Concert SHS Football @ Beverly [10.29.16] SHS Girls Basketball @ Beverly [1.29.19] 7:30pm 10:00pm

#### 11:30pm SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [5/27] Friday, August 14

El Sistema Winter Bash 12:30am 1:30am Full Circle Virtual Graduation 2020 SPL Storytime w/Miss Alison [5.5.20] SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts 3:00am 7:00am 8:30am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts 10:00am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3 SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20 WSNS Winter Concert 11:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm Gardening at SPL 7.16,20 1:30pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle 11.5.19 3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea 5:00pm Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan [5.17] 6:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts 7:30pm 9:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3 10:00pm SCALÉ Virtual Graduation 6.17.20 11:00pm WSNS Winter Concert

#### Saturday, August 15

12:00am Gardening at SPL 7.16,20 12:30am SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea 2:00am 4:00am Night Owl Storytime w/Miss Meghan 7:00am Girls' Indoor Soccer Final '14 - ESCS v WHCS SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op 8:00am 9:30am Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CO SHS Winter Concert 2019 11:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [4/14] SHS Boys Basketball vs MC [12.14.10]

3:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lvnn Classical 5:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime 5:30pm Girls' Indoor Soccer Final '14 - ESCS v WHCS 6:30pm SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op 8:00pm Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC 9:30pm SHS Winter Concert 2019 SPL Storytime with Miss Alison [4/14] SHS Boys Basketball vs MC [12.14.10] 11:00pm 11:30pm

#### Sunday, August 16

SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical 1:30am 3:30am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime 7:00am SHS Football vs Everett [10.13.01] 9:30am Girls' Indoor Soccer Final '14 - ESCS v WHCS 10:30am Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime Our Schools, Our City - Music Education SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20 11:30am 12:30pm Outdoor Track GBL Invitational 2014 3:00pm 4:00pm SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.15] SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield 6:30pm SHS Football vs Everett [10.13.01] 9:00pm Girls' Indoor Soccer Final '14 - ESCS v WHCS 10:00pm Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime Our Schools, Our City - Music Education SCALE Virtual Graduation 6.17.20 10:30pm 11:00pm

#### Monday, August 17 12:00am

Outdoor Track GBL Invitational 2014 SPL Storytime with Miss Meghan [4.15] SHS Boys Tennis vs Wakefield Gardening at SPL 7.16,20 SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4/16]

SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class. 8:00am 9:30am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical 11:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 5:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm

7:30pm 9:30pm 10:00pm 11:00pm

#### Tuesday, August 18

7:00am 8:00am 9:00am 1:30pm

9:30am 10:30am 3:30pm 5:00pm

6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm 9:00pm 10:00pm

Healey School Spring Concert [5.31.19] SHS Volleyball vs Greater Lowell Tech SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17]
Gardening at SPL 7.16,20
SPL Storytime with Miss Ann [4/16] SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class. SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical Healey School Spring Concert [5.31.19] SHŚ Volleyball vs Greater Lowell Tech SHS Hockey vs Lowell

#### 12:30am

SHS Football @ Beverly [10.7.17] SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [5/27] String Fest & Summer HONK Concert Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3 All City Middle School Winter Concert SHS Softball vs Winthrop SHS Baseball vs Medford SHS Drive Up Graduation [Beacon & Elm] SHS Drive Up Graduation [Highland & Broadway] SPL Storytime with Miss Annamarie [5/27]

String Fest & Summer HONK Concert

Jef Czekaj's Sequestered Storytime #3

SHS Softball vs Winthrop

All City Middle School Winter Concert

2:30am

3:30am

7:00am

# A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Jacques Fleury is a Haitian-American Poet, Author, Educator and a graduate studies student at Harvard University online. His book Chain Letter to America: The One Thing You Can Do to End Racism, A Collection of Essays, Fiction and Poetry Celebrating Multiculturalism is available at The Harvard Book Store and Amazon.



#### Branded: Black as Means of Commodity

Modern day black commodity, a derivative market of slavery... Black body;

Black culture;

Black branding;

Fetish objects of capitalism?!

Devalued laborers as fraught consumers,

Filling the coffers of their oppressors.

In history's vault...as Cedric Robinson wrote in Black Marxism:

"To be black was to have

No civilization

No culture

No religion

No place

No humanity Worthy of consideration."

In the cacophony of this capitalist country, black men were detained in their disparate

But imbricated roles, Like a run of toppled dominoes...casted as commodified bodies,

Disparaged workers and thronging consumers looking to escape their shame,

By wearing labels bearing someone else's name...today that is their game;

Yet still they use their style and swagger

In protest and in search of a new maneuver, as they watch the usurpation of their culture

Scattered along the margins of the society which excludes them; Their humanity and masculinity secondary to their race in a capitalist

Whose primary ideology is the working male body; but black men's souls become darkest at the

Crossroads of patriarchal privilege and racial repudiation;

That is to say...a real man must work no matter what!

But that work is hard to come by especially when that man is black! But as commodity they can "be like Mike" like professional athletes like Michael Jordan;

That is if they're willing to see their remarkable ability commercialized...

Successful blacks used as trope to sedate and tantalize, elevate and emphasize,

The promise of success for those blacks who are marginalized... But history manifested in our memory has taught us that tropes are in fact

Like the black characters in a horror movie...they are usually the first to get the axe!

Simply put black liberation is our collective investment, But as capitalist commodity it compels our collective divestment! Blacks need not succumb to being branded as "worthy" By capitalist elites who place no "worth" on their humanity.

— Jacques Fleury

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to:
Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## Americas Musicworks Works right here in Somerville!

I caught up with Americas Musicworks founder Rebecca DeLamotte. She talked about her music agency, her artists, and her mission.

From the Americas Musicworks website: "Americas Musicworks represents classical and jazz ensembles who tour throughout the United States and across the globe. We work closely with artists and arts presenters to develop successful long-term relationships. Our mission is to build audiences for live performances by delivering world-class musicianship, distinctive programs, and positive educational connections."

**Doug Holder:** You founded Americas Musicworks in Somerville. Before this you worked as an executive in the energy industry. Why the switch?

Rebecca DeLamotte: Yes, I spent more than 20 years as a marketing executive in the corporate world. Being married to a professional musician (flutist Peter H. Bloom), I was closely attuned to the life of a concert musician. Peter and his ensembles were superb musicians with terrific programs, but they were not well suited to promoting themselves, booking concerts, negotiating contracts and running a business. So, I decided to start my own company, Americas Musicworks, which would represent these groups and put my marketing and management skills to work for them. It was a way to bring my business experience together with my love for the arts.

**DH:** Somerville, often called the Paris of New England, is fertile ground for artists, musicians, etc. Tell us about your Somerville experience?

RD: I've lived in Somerville since 1993. My husband Peter has lived here for more than 40 years. We love the vitality of the city, the diversity and inclusiveness of our community; the energy of the street scenes; the wealth of restaurants of every size, shape, style and cuisine; the emphasis on green space and walkability; and the arts and cultural scene, with everything from Arts at the Armory to the Somerville Theater to HONK to Joe's Jazz & Blues Festival to the Fluff festival to ArtBeat to Porchfest, and many more.

**DH:** You represent a lot of musicians of various genres. Can you tell us a bit about your clients? Do you represent any musicians in Somerville?

**RD:** Americas Musicworks specializes in chamber music and jazz ensembles, but within those niches, we have a variety of groups. For example, Ensemble Chaconne is a Somerville group that performs renaissance and baroque concerts on historical instruments. One of their most widely-performed concerts is The Music of Shakespeare's Plays. Peter Bloom is the flutist with Ensemble Chaconne; Carol Lewis plays viola da gamba; and Chris Henriksen plays lutes and early guitars. Ensemble Aubade is a chamber music trio (Peter on flute, with Frank Grimes on viola and Mary Jane Rupert playing harp and piano) that tours across the Northeast, Southeast and Midwest; they perform familiar masterworks as well as new compositions by living composers. The Modernistics are a jazz quintet of singers, tap dancers and instrumentalists, performing hits by great American tunesmiths like Hoagy Carmichael, Harold Arlen, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin. The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra is one of the longest running large jazz ensembles in the world, celebrating its 48th season (!) this Fall, led by internationally-acclaimed composer Mark Harvey. Aardvark plays Mark's original compositions, as well as music by Duke Ellington, Mary Lou Williams, Dizzy Gillespie, Gerry Mulligan, and others.

DH: I really enjoy jazz- from Stan Getz, Max



Rebecca DeLamotte, second from the right.

Roach, Monk, Oscar Peterson to Louis Armstrong and everything in between. You represent the Mark Harvey Group. They seem to be bringing an original sound into play. Can you talk about this?

RD: Americas Musicworks has just released a new CD by The Mark Harvey Group called A Rite for All Souls. This is a long lost recording of a 1971 concert by The Mark Harvey Group, a quartet on the leading edge of experimental music 50 years ago. The group played without scores or notation; all concerts were entirely improvised through collective improvisation. The music is adventurous and forward-looking. Donald Elfman writing for The New York City Jazz Record called it "mysterious...other-worldly ... haunting ... strange and wonderful ... cosmically unusual" - so that gives you an idea of the sound. The music was also a form of activism and protest in a turbulent time: the Vietnam War was raging overseas, and lives were threatened here at home by poverty, discrimination, and inequality. Today, we find ourselves in another dark and tumultuous time, and A Rite for All Souls is powerful and relevant.

Two of the original members (Mark Harvey and Peter Bloom) have been working together since their first days with the MHG. The other two members (percussionists Craig Ellis and Michael Standish) have passed away, but their music has been brought back to life in this remarkable new CD. We'll be holding a Virtual CD Release on August 9, at 7:00 p.m., in a Zoom Event. Veteran jazz writer Bob Blumenthal will interview Mark and Peter and play excerpts from A Rite for All Souls. More information is on our website at http://www.americasmusicworks.com/mark-harvey-group.html.

**DH:** Now during the pandemic, you probably have not been able to book live performances. What is the state of things for you?

RD: The pandemic has been a crisis for many musicians and people from all walks of life. Peter and I, and our ensembles, are okay, but things are tough. Our last concert tour ended on March 2, 2020. We flew home from Charlotte NC, vaguely aware of the coronavirus but having no idea that, very soon, everything would-be put-on hold. At this point, all of our 2020 concerts have been postponed, and many of our 2021 concerts have also been delayed. Some of our clients in New England have asked us to perform outside during the Summer months, so Peter and his jazz groups have been playing outdoor concerts. We're happy to have these jobs, but they are only a fraction of our usual activities, and, once the weather turns cold, there is no sign of indoor concerts starting up again. Our plan for the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra is to hold the band's 48th season online. We'll share interviews and videos on Facebook and Zoom, and hope to stay connected with our friends and fans that way. It's important to stay positive and keep the music going, in these challenging times.

## The Somerville Times

To advertise in our Business Directory, call or fax.

> Phone: 617-666-4010 Fax: 617-628-0422

Let your customers find you in Somerville's most widely read newspaper!

## **BUSINESS** DIRECTORY

#### **CENTURY 21 North East** Len Ferrari Sales Associate Cell: 781.608.5008 Office: 617.623.6600 lenferrari@c21ne.com The Official Real Estate Company of the Bo



### Richard G. Di Girolamo Anne M. Vigorito **Michael LaRosa**

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

**Real Estate Law** Zoning **Civil Litigation Criminal Defense Family Law Personal Injury** 

TELEPHONE: (617) 666-8200 FAX: (617) 776-5435

EMAIL: digirolamolegal@verizon.net

424 BROADWAY, SOMERVILLE, MA 02145

## Sell your house today!

"We'll sell your bouse fast!"



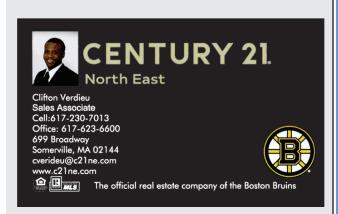
~ Notary Public ~ Justice of the Peace ~

MARIE HOWE REAL ESTATE

617-666-4040









617-628-4282

Closed Wednesday

**Alibrandi's Barber Shop** Men & Boys Haircuts

"Best Somerville Barber"

194 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144

WINTER HILL

Josue Velney

Director of Acquisitions

WE BUY HOUSES

617-684-5363

Josue@WinterHillHomes.com www.WinterHillHomes.com

# ANY CONDITION CASH & FAST

## T. J. SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience Proud to be a Somerville Business Resident

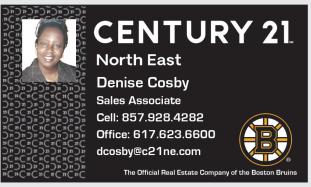


- Plumbing
   Heating
- Gas Fitting
   Industrial Work
- Water Heater Replacement
  - Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

625-9877 Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

To advertise in The Somerville Times call **Bobbie Toner: 617-666-4 010** 



Telephone: (617) 625-2244 (617) 625-4344

(617) 625-4350

**EDWIN J. SMITH** ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

**RUMERY & SMITH** 

403 HIGHLAND AVENUE SOMERVILLE, MA 02144

edsmithlaw@gmail.com



Attorneys at Law

424 Broadway

Somerville MA 02145

Bankruptcy **Family Law** 

**Immigration** 

**Personal Injury** 

**Business Law** 

**Estate Planning and Probate** 

**Real Estate** 

**Elder Law** 

**Civil Litigation** 

mdropkin@dropkinmatza.com