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# City holds further discussion on marijuana licensing ordinance



The ongoing process of codifying the future of recreational marijuana sales in the city took yet another small step forward at last week's meeting of the Board of Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee.

### By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee of the Whole met last Thursday, October 18, during which time the drafting of the adult use of marijuana licensing ordinance was a topic of discussion.

Committee Chair Mark Niedergang led off by summarizing the key issues he identified as being important as the discussion went forward:

- Are the three existing marijuana dispensaries being considered as priority applicants or not?
- The lack of time, the exclusivity time window during which only priority applicants can apply for licenses.
- + Does the city want to cap the number of licenses?

Alderman At-Large Stephanie Hirsch added that she felt that the intended ordinance could provide an opportunity invent a whole new industry and to rethink

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# 2018 Halloween 'Haunted Hall'

Spooky goings-on at City Hall concourse

The City of Somerville held its annual "Haunted Hall" event at City Hall, Somerville High School, and the concourse on Thursday, October 18.

The family-friendly event featured costumed safe Trick-or-Treating, pumpkin decorating, games and activities, refreshments, a Haunted pathway tour, and more.

Children of all ages – along with a few "in the spirit" adults donned colorful, Hallow-een-themed costumes for the occassion.

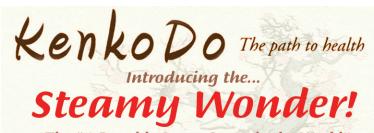
The younger attendees were invited to participate in the annual "Halloween Stroll," stepping off at 6:15 p.m. Costumes were encouraged for all ages, and all "haunted" elements were appropriate for attendees of all ages.

The event has proven to be a family favorite over the years, and offers a chance for kids and parents to take part in an alternative way to celebrate the Halloween spirit.

Many of the attendees thanked the city's organizers and wished them the best for the holiday.



It was a scary but fun night at the annual "Haunted Hall" event at the City Hall concourse, where families enjoyed activities celebrating Halloween. Go to pages 12–13 for more photos. — *Photo by Claudia Ferro* 



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We hear that Zac Zasloff has been in the hospital. We hope he will be home soon and on the road to recovery. Also on the mend and out of the hospital from hip surgery is our own Jimmy Del Ponte, who is getting along real well, so we hear. We wish him the very best.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to our own Donald Norton, who is celebrating this week, as well our good friend Richard Hart of the famous Hart family. Happy birthday to former writer for The Times, Harry Kane. We wish him a great day. Happy birthday to our good friend Marie Civello. Even though she's from Medford, she's always been a fan of Somerville and is here every day. Happy birthday to one of Somerville's sharpest and nicest real estate agents, Clifton Verdieu, who also grew up in East Somerville he works at the Norton Group RE office. Happy birthday to Barry Rollins who is celebrating this week and we wish him a good day. Happy birthday to Erin DiBenedetto, who is a School Committee member from Medford. But Erin grew up here in Winter Hill. We wish her a happy birthday. Happy birthday to Valarie Spinale-Bolduc, who grew up in East Somerville and is well known as someone who loves the city. A special happy birthday to our good friend and Winter Hill resident, Vicki Potaris, who is one of Continued on page 11

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# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

# Response to: Community meeting to discuss Powder House Blvd. improvements, October 24

When will this end? says:

This project has gone for far too long. When they worked during the summer months they had three people on this project. Let me say that again, THREE PEOPLE (well four if you count the police detail). The city must have not given a timeline to this contractor or the late penalties are so low that they don't care and just pay it anyway.

Agreed. It's taking way too long. Get off your Duffs people. It ain't that complicated.

# Response to: Somerville to consider expanding municipal voting rights to teenagers and non-citizens

**#I'mdone** says:

Regarding these proposals. Some we already do, some are not possible to do, and some are not permitted by the U.S. Constitution. As someone who has worked at the polling places for many years, if some of these proposals are implemented I will no longer work there, as I feel they are anti-constitutional. Since the Election Commission is currently desperate for workers they should take a long hard look at this. Why doesn't this article name the people on this commission who came up with these ideas?

### You Can't Trust the Internet says:

Re: "Encourage the state to adopt electronic poll books allowing subsequent implementation of voting centers and same day registration."

NO! NO!! NO!!! NO!!!! NO!!!!!

Anything electronic will be hackable on the Internet. Implementing this suggestion will allow crooks, foreign countries, et al to tamper with the poll books & our elections.

My career has been working on network computing. It will never be secure enough to trust voting to. Paper is a proven technology

joe says:

Electronic polling? Teenagers voting? Non-citizens voting? That's not how we do things, and there are very good reasons for it.

E. Coli says:

This mayor and this BOA have bent themselves into a pretzel to cater to the far-left. Kids voting? and illegals? LOL. None of these "proposals" have any chance of getting passed, so why waste the time?

# Response to: The Union Square Neighborhood Council and **US2 Negotiation Update**

John says:

Who is attending these meetings on behalf of this so-called "council"? Specific names of individuals, town of residence, and affiliations please. I hear they have been taken over by out of town union bosses and their enforcers. If so, who will speak for the people of Somerville??! The people, united, will never be defeated...?!

# bill cavellini says:

It would be helpful if John took the often-stated advice of "The Times"; that is, watch last night's Board of Alderman meeting available on line. He will see over 100 Somerville residents testifying in favor of a Community Benefits Agreement for Union Square development that includes affordable housing built upfront and a Project Labor Agreement for the construction jobs. The only "enforcers" present were "Somerville's Finest".

Log onto The Somerville Times.com to leave your own comments



# Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

# A visit from grandma



My cousin, my son and myself were going through some of our parents, grandparents (and my son's great grandparents') belongings in the house that my Grandpa bought in 1918, off of Holland Street near Teele Square. My cousins' mother (my aunt) and my dad were brother and sister and were both born in the house.

We were putting some items that my son was taking into a trash bag. All of a sudden, a strong scent of mint filled the room. I immediately said, "I smell Bengay." My cousin said,

"Oh my God! Grandma used Bengay pain cream all the time, and that's what she smelled like. Plus, she used to sit right here by the window!"

Grandma lived in that house across from the Western Junior High School, until she passed away in 1975. My son, my cousin and I looked at each other with tears in our eyes! We were in the midst of a spiritual happening! A visit from grandma! It was quite an experience! We really felt like we were being visited by the spirit of grandma Del Ponte. It was a beautiful thing. We were awestruck.

On the ride home, my son and I talked about the great grandmother who he never met. We both agreed that our recent psychic visit was probably as close as he would ever get to meeting Grandma Concetta. We concluded that all three of us were chosen to receive a very special spiritual visit.

We arrived at home and took some of the items from grandma's house out of the plastic bag. We looked at each other with surprise and a little fright! While we were removing the things from the plastic bag, we both smelled .... grandma again! Wow! Grandma's spirit came from her house over to our house along with the items from her house! It made sense because we had things from her house in the bag, plus my father, who was born in grandma's house, lived in our house until he passed. It was all falling into place!

It was at this point that I put two and two together.

For some reason I took a sniff of the plastic bag. It was .... minty! It turned out that it was a special critter repellent bag to ward off rodents! The smell at grandma's house was not the Bengay she used daily. It was simply a mint scented trash bag. (Mint-X and TomCat are two brands of these bags.) What a bummer.

There was no spiritual happening at grandma's house that day. But it was pretty exciting until "the rat was out of the bag!"

Speaking of vermin, The Globe on this past Monday ran a story about the critical increase of rats in Boston. A Somerville friend of mine who lives near the railroad tracks actually shoots at rats in back of his house. File

under "fun in your yard!" "Those Miserable Meeces!"

Here is an excerpt from the Globe story: "To be sure, Boston remains a rat capital; in one review of 2015 census data, the city ranked as the second most rat- and mouse-infested city in the United States."

Somerville has its share of rats too, so let's be vigilant. Go to YouTube and search for the award winning informational video Somerville Rodent Task Force - Tips for Rodent Prevention.

In the meantime, you can help by lining your trash cans with anti-rodent scented trash bags. And at grandma's house we will leave the Bengay in the medicine chest, in case she decides to visit and needs it.

# Detour to be implemented on Somerville Ave. eastbound in November

Utilities and Streetscape Improvements project is set to begin in early November (an exact start date is TBD pending completion of utility work by Eversource) and continue for approximately six months

The next phase of the Somerville Ave. (through April 2019). During that time, contractors will begin installation of a stormwater box culvert on Somerville Ave. between Bow St. and Washington St. This box culvert will help minimize flooding in and around the Union Square

area as well as serve as stormwater storage. Due to the size of the work zone and equipment required to do the work, and for the safety of the general public and the contractors, motor vehicle through-traffic will not be able to access Somerville Ave. past Bow St. and continuing through the

Through-traffic traveling eastbound on Somerville Ave. will be detoured onto Dane St. and Washington St. for the duration of this work, but vehicles will be able to access Somerville Ave. up to and including Bow St. in order to access homes and businesses in the area.

Westbound traffic will be maintained, as will pedestrian and bicycle traffic in both directions. Additionally, MBTA bus routes 85 and 87 between Dane St. and Union Sq. will be impacted. For maps and detour information for vehicles and buses, Frequently Asked Questions and other project information, visit www.somervillema.gov/somervilleave, or email construction@somervillema. gov with questions.



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Applications are available between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am-7:00pm on Thursday and 8:00am-12:00pm on Friday at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. 02145. You may also obtain an application by mail by calling the Authority at (617)625-1152. You can also access our application via our website at: www.sha-web.org

All applications in the Authority's possession as of November 6, 2018@4:00pm will become part of the lottery system for tenant selection set forth by Department of Housing and Community Development.

The lottery will be conducted through an automated computer process overseen by the Department of Housing and Community Development on November 9, 2018. Applications will be placed on a waiting list, by priority and preference, as they are drawn

After the completion of the lottery, the Somerville Housing Authority will continue to accept applications. All applications received after November 6, 2018 will be placed on the Somerville Housing Authority wait list by priority and preference in accordance with date and time of their receipt.

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For a legal consultation appointment, please call 617-625-6600 x6994 or email freyes@k12.somerville.ma.us. The SFLC Community Clothing Closet, a resource offering free clothing for families in need, will be open.

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# By Jim Clark

# **Pardon my blunt**

Police received a call from Assembly Row Security regarding an unwanted male in the elevator vestibule of Montaje Apartments on Canal St. and an officer was dispatched to investigate.

Upon arrival, the officer observed a man, later identified as Anthony Hooker, standing outside the elevators. He exited the building and stood outside directly across from the train station.

The officer noticed that Hooker was smoking marijuana in public and approached him to ask if he was smoking. Hooker reportedly replied, "Oh sh\*t, I'm sorry" and dropped the blunt on the ground.

The officer asked Hooker for identification and he handed him his EBT card with his name and photograph on it. The officer then located an outstanding

warrant for his arrest out of Roxbury district court.

Hooker was placed under arrest, and the officer conducted a pat frisk, removing a knife from his left pant pocket.

The officer asked Hooker if he had anything sharp on him and he reportedly replied "I got a crack pipe in my pocket."

Hooker was then asked if he had any other sharp objects on

him, and was informed that an inventory of all his belongings would be conducted at the booking window, to which he reportedly replied, "I have drugs in my wallet." The officer opened the wallet and found a small baggie containing a white powdery substance that appeared to be crystal meth.

Hooker was transported to the Somerville Police Headquarters

and booked on a charge of possession of a class B drug and on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

The officer issued a city ordinance citation to Hooker for smoking marijuana in public and placed it in his property. The class B substance was placed into evidence. The crack pipe and the marijuana were placed for destruction.

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Arrests:

Anthony Hooker, October 15, 4:03 a.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charge of possession of a class B drug and on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

**Sean Callahan**, of 72 Glenwood Rd., October 15, 8:06 p.m., arrested at home on war-

rant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery, and disorderly conduct.

Jacqueline McCall, of 65 O'Reilly Way, Charlestown, October 16, 4:43 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Farrah Manning, of 55 Ossipee Rd., October 18, 10:35 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on warrant charges of larceny of credit card, credit card fraud under \$1200, receiving stolen property under \$1200,

felony nighttime breaking and entering, destruction of property over \$1200, felony daytime breaking and entering, larceny from a building, larceny over \$1200, and assault and battery.

Ivan Tavares, of 60 Jaques St., October 19, 10:48 p.m., arrested at Adams St. on war-

rant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to wear a seatbelt, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Justin Myrick, of 4 Golden Court, Medford, October 20, 8:41 p.m., arrested at Skilton Ave. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

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# City holds further discussion on marijuana licensing ordinance

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the process and start from scratch. "The most important part when I think about that is how do you have it benefit Somerville residents in particular," Hirsch said. "But the way that we can especially support locally owned businesses and businesses that employ people locally, as well as potentially providing other types of supportive services to those employees - like, I can imagine saying all right, we're going to have a program like a worker's co-op where we target parents with kids in public schools. And we do job training. We also give housing subsidy. But the more we can design this kind of wraparound system that also supports people as they work in this industry. That's what I have been thinking about."

Alderman At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah expressed his hope that equity for people of color will be considered as the process for establishing priority applicants goes forward.

After the initial remarks from the aldermen, City of Somerville Director of Planning George Proakis addressed the Board with his report, remarking on the latest draft of the ordinance that has been submitted.

Proakis informed the Board that the previous draft of the ordinance had only been slightly modified to clarify the 20 percent rule related to liquor applicants as it relates to marijuana retailers.

Proakis then invited Alex Mello from his team to address the Board on the potential economic impact related to marijuana sales in the city.

Mello said that the existing medical dispensaries were asked to provide information on the number of employees that they have, how many of them are Somerville residents, and the wages that are paid to them.

"On average, they're providing about 16 jobs per dispen-

sary," Mello said. "From what we hear, they're expecting to increase that number, and as of right now, about 35 percent of their employees are currently Somerville residents. And in terms of their wages, they are starting their retail customer service – where they call them patient advocate positions – at about \$18 per hour."

Additionally, Mello said that the dispensary's employees were being offered benefits such as 401k plans, paid time off, and subsidized MBTA passes.

Mello said that expected revenues from recreational marijuana sales were extrapolated from data provided by the two medical dispensaries that are currently in operation.

Director Proakis then addressed the issue of setting a cap on the number of licenses granted, saying that the question of whether the Board of Aldermen or the Licensing Commission has yet to be determined and that a legal answer is yet to be provided.

Chair Niedergang pointed out that such a determination would be important going forward in the process.

Frank Wright from the City Solicitor's Office told the Committee that the matter would have to be looked in to and that an answer would hopefully be provided by the next Committee meeting.

Wright also said that in his opinion it would be proper for the Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss possible legal challenges going forward and whether current dispensaries should be considered priority applicants. The Committee then voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter.

Upon reconvening, Ward 2 Alderman J.T. Scott elaborated on his proposal that the Licensing Commission should consider all applications, but to ensure that 50 percent or more of total ac-

tive licenses be economic opportunity applicants at the time of licensure.

Scott's suggestion was gener-

ally agreed to by several Board members.

Director Proakis expressed

Director Proakis expressed concern over further delays to finalizing the ordinance in the context of altering the licensing process.

Chair Niedergang suggested that Alderman Scott work with Director Proakis to craft an amendment to the ordinance that could be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

These and other related issues were referred to the next Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 1.

A video of the full meeting can be accessed at the city's website: https://www.somervillema.gov.

A copy of the current draft of the proposed ordinance can be downloaded at: https://www. somervillema.gov/sites/default/ files/SCO%20License.pdf

# Local groups and unions bring their issues to the streets and to City Hall

### By Jim Clark

On Monday of this week, members of Somerville Stands Together (SST) held a rally in Union Square, openly calling for the City of Somerville to require developer US2 to agree to a Community Benefits Agreement that includes a Project Labor Agreement, to make sure that, as they put it, Somerville benefits from the planned projects.

Demonstrators carried signs and chanted slogans such as, "Somerville stands for affordable housing! Somerville stands for good, union jobs! Somerville stands together!"

Democratic nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives, Ayanna Pressley, originally scheduled to make an appearance at the rally, instead issued a statement saying, "I know that Somerville Stands Together - for workers' rights, for the health and safety of families, for equitable access to jobs and affordable housing. Somerville Stands Together and the entire 7th District stands right there with you."

The rally preceded a scheduled

meeting of the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee where the topic of the transfer of land to developer US2 was to be discussed.

Some 40 or so SST supporters attended the meeting and spoke up for the proposed Community Benefits Agreement.

Prior to the meeting, a joint statement by the Negotiating Committee of the Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) and US2 was publicly issued. The statement reads as follows:

"As part of their ongoing negotiation of a community benefits agreement, the Negotiating Committee of the Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) and US2 (the designated master developer for the Union Square Revitalization) today stated that the groups have engaged in weekly meetings since July 30, 2018.

To begin the process, the parties agreed to a set of negotiating ground rules and the USNC also shared a report that it had compiled of inputs from over 150 community members and key



Members and supporters of the workers advocacy group Somerville Stands Together held a rally in Union Square calling for the city to require developers to comply with an agreement to benefit local workers. - Photo by Bobbie Toner

stakeholder organizations in the neighborhood, solicited through two "CBA summits" held at the beginning of the calendar year. Recognizing the need for information sharing as a precondition to successful negotiation, the parties have been working topic by topic to understand different aspects of the proposed

development and solutions that would best meet local needs. To date twelve (12) ninety-minute meetings have been held on topics including arts and the creative economy, sustainability and environment, green and open space, indoor civic space, parking, housing, and jobs, and support for small and local businesses.

On Monday, October 15, 2018, the USNC submitted a draft community benefits agreement term sheet to US2. The parties will be discussing that term sheet in the coming weeks.

The groups look forward to continuing a constructive conversation that leads to an agreement that

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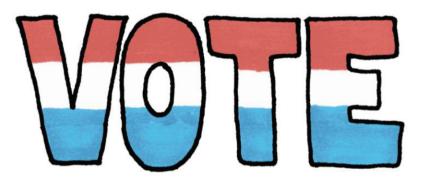
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call continues its three-part series looking at the questions on the November 6 ballot. This week the focus is on Question 2.

Question 2 asks voters if they approve of a proposed law that would create a citizens' commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the U.S. Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

The proposed law is in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. In that case, the court ruled that the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to Super Political Action Committees (PACs) that do not donate directly to candidates or political parties.

The Super PACs are often run by a candidate's former staffers or associates, who use the PAC to fund negative ads against the candidate's opponents. A candidate's own committee's contributions are limited by federal law but Super PACs, as a result of the court decision, can legally accept unlimited donations.

The commission would investigate the entire issue and then file a report regarding the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; any limitations on the state's ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; recommendations for constitutional amendments; an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and recommendations for advancing proposed amendments to the Constitution.

"We have over 700 volunteers across the state knocking doors, making phone calls, e-mailing and texting," said Ben Gubits, National Political Director of Concord-based American Promise. "We've had big endorsements from both Democrat and Republican leaders in the state and across the country. The campaign is going strong and we're confident that we will win on Election Day, but we're not taking anything for granted because this doesn't end on Election Day. Question 2 is part of a national effort of 'We the People' to reclaim our republic from wealthy special interests."

"Question 2 is a silly, feel-good liberal primal scream, a Quixotic tilt at one of its most threatening windmills, with no teeth and no real effect," said Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "If adopted, it would create a meaningless 'advisory commission' to propose an unlikely amendment to the Constitution that might hopefully overturn the Supreme Court's free speech decision in Citizens United."

"Wealthy donors have long had an outsized influence in our democracy, but the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision has opened the floodgates for mega-donations and corporate spending in our elections," said Janet Domenitz, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASS-PIRG). "Spending on political races has skyrocketed. The 2016 election cycle was the most expensive in U.S. history, with almost \$6.5 billion spent. We must overturn Citizens United with a constitutional amendment that restores the right of the American people to reg-

ulate campaign finance and thereby curb big money in politics. Question 2 on the November ballot moves us in that direction.

"The NAACP fought for the right of freedom of speech and association during the civil rights era at the Supreme Court," said Paul Craney, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance which opposes the creation of the commission. "The Supreme Court upheld their right and their work to protect our freedoms should be continued to be protected today."

Here are the official arguments, gathered by the secretary of state, by each side of the question.

IN FAVOR: Written by Jeff Clements of "People Govern, Not Money." https://voteyeson2ma.org

"Behind our nation's challenges is a crisis of billionaires and special interests using money to buy access and influence with politicians. These special interests are well-represented, while most Americans are not. The Supreme Court says that laws limiting political spending violate the First Amendment. Most Americans know this is incorrect: Money is not speech, it is power, and concentrated power requires checks and balances. 75 percent of Americans, including liberals and conservatives, support this amendment to correct the court, with 19 states and over 200 Massachusetts communities formally calling for it. This measure creates a non-partisan, unpaid Citizens Commission to be the people's advocate for this amendment, with commissioners serving at no cost to taxpayers."

AGAINST: Written by the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. www.MassFiscalScorecard.org

"The controversy surrounding the Citizens United decision hinges on our cherished right to Freedom of Speech. In the decision, the court ruled to expand that freedom and apply it equally to all entities and organizations, rather than just the arbitrary list of winners and losers selected by elected officials in previous campaign finance laws. This is a good thing. The First Amendment protection of our freedom of speech is one of the pillars of our democracy and should be preserved and expanded at every possible opportunity. The less government standing in the way of the exercise of that right, the stronger it is. However, even if you disagree with the Citizens United decision, an amendment to the U.S. Constitution is a dangerous and misguided way to go about undoing it. Please vote no on this question." More information on Question 2 is available at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele

# ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

# \$540 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H

**4930**) – The House and Senate approved on a voice vote without a roll call and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a \$540 million fiscal 2018 state budget to close out the books on the fiscal year that ended on June 30. The funds are from the state's surplus leftover as a result of higher than expected tax revenue. The budget puts \$240 million in the state's Rainy Day Fund, boosting its total to more than \$2 billion.

Other provisions include \$40 million for road and bridge repairs; \$1.5 million to administer the state's new paid family and medical leave law; \$7.5 million for increased access to mental and behavioral health in public schools; \$10 million for a neighborhood and community-based gun and violent crime prevention program targeting

youths aged 17 to 24; and \$5 million to assist people displaced by Hurricanes Maria and Irma in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"Combined with the fiscally-responsible deposit into the {Rainy Day} Fund, this supplemental budget improves both the fiscal health of our state finances and the physical health of our residents," said House Ways and Means Chair Rep. Jeff Sanchez (D-Boston). "As Massachusetts' economy continues to grow, we are committed to planning for the future and ensuring that workers and families receive the support they need to thrive."

### HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG (H 2680)

- Approved by the House on May 25, 2017 and still stuck in the House Bills in Third Reading Committee is a bill designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the symbol of the state remembering soldiers who have lost their lives while serving. The flag would be required to be flown at the Statehouse and all Superior Courts, and in each city and town on several holidays and occasions including Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and whenever there is a military casualty in the state. The flag is a project of Honor and Remember Flag, Inc., a non-profit group whose mission is to "perpetually recognize the sacrifice of America's military fallen service members and their families." Supporters say the flag is a tangible and visible reminder to all Americans of the lives lost in defense of our national freedoms. They noted there has never been an official national symbol that specifically recognizes the gratitude and respect to the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

# HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of October 15-19, the House met for a total of five hours 10 minutes and the Senate met for a total of five hours and 24 minutes.

Mon. October 15 House 11:08 a.m. to 4:08 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 4:14 p.m.

Tues. October 16 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. October 17 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. October 18 House 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.

Fri. October 19 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

In Board of Aldermen

# **LEGAL NOTICE**



### **STATE ELECTION CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city, will be held in the several polling places which have been designed. nated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

**WARD SIX** 

Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;

Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance; Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL,

177 Powder House Blvd – Raymond Ave, Entrance
Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance; Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue; Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

Ordered:

Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;

Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street - Glen Street Entrance;

### WARD TWO

Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;

Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;

Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue; Precinct 2. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street,

Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

### ON TUESDAY, November 6, 2018

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for:

A Candidate for Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth,

A Candidate for Governor of the Commonwealth,

A Candidate for Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth

A Candidate for Attorney General for the Commonwealth A Candidate for Secretary of State for the Commonwealth

A Candidate for Treasurer of the Commonwealth

A Candidate for Auditor of the Commonwealth

A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, A Candidate for Governor's Council for the Sixth Councillor District.

A Candidate for Senator in General Court for the Second Middlesex District,

A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District, (To be voted

for in all Precincts of Ward One and in Ward Two Precinct One)

A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District, (To be voted for in Ward Two Precincts Two and Three and all Precincts of Wards Three, Five and Six)

A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District, (To be voted

for in all Precincts of Wards Four and Seven)

A Candidate for District Attorney for the Northern District

A Candidate for Clerk of Courts Middlesex County

A Candidate for Register of Deeds for the Middlesex Southern District

### **QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

### SUMMARY

This proposed law would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type

In units with step-down/intermediate care patients: 3 patients per nurse;

In units with post-anesthesia care or operating room patients: 1 patient under anesthesia per nurse; 2 patients post-anesthesia per nurse;

In the emergency services department: 1 critical or intensive care patient per nurse (or 2 if the nurse has assessed each patient's condition as stable); 2 urgent non-stable patients per nurse; 3 urgent stable patients per nurse;

In units with maternity patients: (a) active labor patients: 1 patient per nurse; (b) during birth and for up to two hours immediately postpartum: 1 mother per nurse and 1 baby per nurse; (c) when the condition of the mother and baby are determined to be stable: 1 mother and her baby or babies per nurse; (d) postpartum: 6 patients per nurse; (e) intermediate care or continuing care babies: 2 babies per nurse; (f) well-babies: 6 babies per nurse;

In units with pediatric, medical, surgical, telemetry, or observational/outpatient treatment patients, or any other unit: 4 patients per nurse; and

In units with psychiatric or rehabilitation patients: 5 patients per nurse.

The proposed law would require a covered facility to comply with the patient assignment limits without reducing its level of nursing, service, maintenance, clerical, professional, and other staff. The proposed law would also require every covered facility to develop a written patient acuity tool for each unit to evaluate the condition of each patient. This tool would be used by nurses in deciding whether patient limits should be

lower than the limits of the proposed law at any given time. The proposed law would not override any contract in effect on January 1, 2019 that set higher patient limits. The proposed law's limits would take effect after any such contract expired.

The state Health Policy Commission would be required to promulgate regulations to implement the proposed law. The Commission could conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the law. Any facility receiving written notice from

the Commission of a complaint or a violation would be required to submit a written compliance plan to the Commission. The Commission could report violations to the state Attorney General, who could file suit to obtain a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation as well as up to \$25,000 for each day a violation continued after the Commission notified the covered facility of the violation. The Health Policy Commission would be required to establish a toll-free telephone number for complaints and a website where complaints, compliance plans, and violations would appear.

The proposed law would prohibit discipline or retaliation against any employee for complying with the patient assignment limits of the law. The proposed law would require every covered facility to post within each unit, patient room, and waiting area a notice explaining the patient limits and how to report violations. Each day of a facility's non-compliance with the posting requirement would be punishable by a civil penalty between \$250 and \$2,500.

The proposed law's requirements would be suspended during a state or nationally declared public health emergency.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019. A YES VOTE would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

# **OUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

# SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

Any resident of Massachusetts who is a United States citizen would be able to apply for appointment to the 15-member commission, and members would serve without compensation. The Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the state Attorney General, the Speaker of the state House of Representatives, and the President of the state Senate would each appoint three members of the commission and, in making these appointments, would seek to ensure that the commission reflects a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds.

The commission would be required to research and take testimony, and then issue a report regarding (1) the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; (2) any limitations on the state's ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; (3) recommendations for constitutional amendments; (4) an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and (5) recom $mendations \ for \ advancing \ proposed \ amendments \ to \ the \ United \ States \ Constitution.$ 

The commission would be subject to the state Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. The commission's first report would be due December 31, 2019, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be required to deliver the commission's report to the state Legislature, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings. A NO VOTE would not create this commission.

# QUESTION 3: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?

# SUMMARY

This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A "place of public accommodation, resort or amusement" is defined in existing law as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. "Gender identity" is defined as a person's sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth.

This law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in a person's admission to or treatment in any place of public accommodation. The law requires any such place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person's gender identity. The law also prohibits the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation from using advertising or signage that discriminates on the basis

This law directs the state Commission Against Discrimination to adopt rules or policies and make recommendations to carry out this law. The law also directs the state Attorney General to issue regulations or guidance on referring for legal action any person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose.

The provisions of this law governing access to places of public accommodation are effective as of October 1, 2016. The remaining provisions are effective as of July 8, 2016.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.

A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman Anthony J. Alibrandi Douglas M. Bosley Louise A. McCarthy **BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS** 

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# **COMMENTARY**

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# **Losing the Somerville Home**

# By State Senator Patricia D. Jehlen

The Massachusetts population – like all of us – is getting older. Already there are more people over 60 than under 20.

At the same time, we're losing institutions that care for people who need help, and we're not developing the workforce to provide care.

After 120 years, the Somerville Home will close in December. It's a rest home, which provides more care than assisted living but not skilled nursing like a nursing home.

### Rest homes

The closing of the Somerville Home is not the fault of the staff or the board. It is certainly not the fault of the 47 residents. Some of them have lived there for decades; some moved there when other rest homes closed; some were previously homeless.

The Home's problem is that the state, which pays for almost all the residents, hasn't raised its rates since 2012. All of the Home's costs have gone up but their income hasn't.

Since 2008, 24 rest homes have closed; out of 147 rest homes in 1998, 53 remain. One that

closed recently is now a doggy day care.

Because of low state payments, rest homes often can't access loans to upgrade their facilities and attract private pay residents who would pay higher rates.

Residents who are displaced from rest homes often find no other such home, and wind up in nursing homes which offer less independence and cost a lot more. Already five Somerville Home residents are moving to nursing homes.

I recently visited the home, and was really moved to hear some of the residents talk about how important their relationships with each other and the staff are, and how disturbed they are to have to move, perhaps far away from family and the community they know.

### Adult day health

We aren't just losing rest homes. Last November, the Windsor House adult day health program at Sancta Maria in Cambridge closed, displacing 47 people.

Adult day health programs provide care during the day, allowing many people to live at home. 23 programs have closed since the last rate increase in 2012. Frozen rates don't cover



Sen. Jehlen visited the Somerville Home in September.

the cost of new requirements, or increases in health insurance premiums, earned sick time, minimum wages, and other costs of living. Many staff qualify for MassHealth.

While nonprofit, high quality services close, some new, for-profit services have opened, but they care for private pay people.15-20% of those who

are displaced when an adult day health closes enter nursing homes within 6 months; even if they find a new program, the disruption causes them to decompensate. Moving to nursing homes costs the state millions of additional dollars a year.

# Nursing homes

Nursing homes are also at risk. Sancta Maria Nursing Facility in Cambridge was also scheduled to close in December, but in September announced a reprieve after hiring a new management company.

At least 11 other nursing homes have announced their closure this year. Again, the closures are generally non-profit, high quality nursing facilities; they are being Continued on page 10

# Dorothy's Corner

# BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



# **Perillas**

Located at Bow Market in Union Square, Perillas is a pop-up that serves up scratch made Korean Food. Perillas opened at this spot in early September and is slated to be at this location for about six months as one of the rotating pop-ups throughout the market. You can follow them on Instagram @Perilladining or on Facebook, Perillas to stay updated on other pop-up locations throughout the area where you can try one of their Bibimbap bowls.

How it works, pick your base of either long rice or salad greens, pick a protein of bulgogi beef or bulgogi tofu, next come the toppings of julienned carrots, zucchini, pickled red radish, spicy kimchi cucumbers, and fresh romaine lettuce.

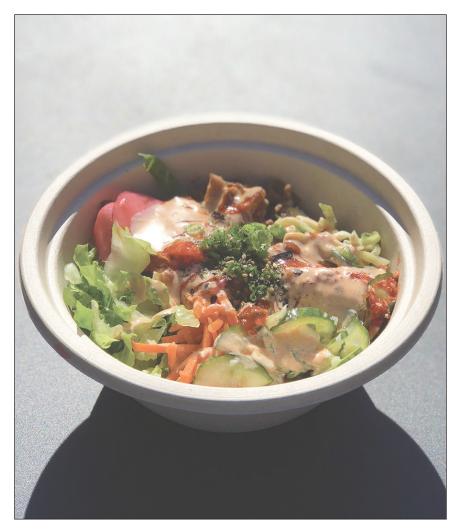
For the sauces, a house sauce, which is spicy or a white sauce called yum yum, I highly recommend both, a perfect balance of spicy and slightly sweet flavors that compliment the pickled vegetables. Now for the toppings of Nori, sesame oil and scallions.

Once you get your bowl, mix all the ingredients together for a perfect balance of spicy, sour and sweet, enjoy! All bowls can be offered vegan, dairy free, and gluten free. Since there is no seating in the space itself, you can either sit in the main courtyard or make your way across the courtyard to Remnant Brewing for a brew to wash it down. Corporate and event catering is also available.

Perillas 1 Bow Market Way Ste 15 Somerville, MA 02143 (203)668-9237 https://www.perillasfood.com

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# **SCES Meals on Wheels drivers** win Food Heroes award

# By Nathan Lamb

Meals on Wheels drivers will receive a special recognition from the City of Cambridge this year on National Food Day.

The drivers will receive a Food Heroes award at City Hall on Oct. 24. Established in 2012, the award recognizes those who promote a fair, healthy, accessible and sustainable food culture, according to a release from Mayor Marc McGovern.

"The Cambridge Food Heroes Award is an opportunity for us to recognize the exceptional work being done to improve our local food system," said Mc-Govern, "The individuals being honored this year represent the diversity of the food landscape and are joined together by their shared passion for social justice. They are on the frontlines of our community every day creatively tackling issues from food insecurity to sustainable farming and climate resiliency. We are proud to honor our Cambridge Food Heroes."

The Meals on Wheels drivers being recognized are: Milagro Mancia, Bessy Hernandez, Carolina Navarro, Manny Da Silva, Doresta McIntosh, Victoria Marquez, Wadler Vital, Daisy Ortiz, Nidia Segovia, Jacqueline Robles, Peter Wyers, Robert Iovanne, Leslie Godfrey, Kiah Bostick, and Penny Lueders.

SCES Meals on Wheels drivers delivered just under 200,000 meals over the past year. Nutrition Director Deborah McLean said the award is well merited.

"Our drivers are face numerous challenges - ranging from parking to winter weather – but they believe in our mission and they get the job done every day," said McLean. "We really appreciate the City of Cambridge recognizing them for that."

makes them feel safer.

The Food Heroes awards are a joint effort between the mayor's office and the Cambridge Public Health Department. The other winners this year are:

• Amanda Escamilla, founder of Tex Mex Eats

Combating malnutrition is a primary goal of Meals on Wheels, but the program also provides a wellness check for participants, explained Mc-Lean. According to data from Meals on Wheels America, some 81 percent of Meals on Wheels clients say it improves health, with more than 90 percent saying it allows them to continue living at home and



- Pierce-Slive, manager of the Cambridge Winter Farmers
- + Darrin Korte, Executive Director of the Cambridge Community Center
- · Karen DeAndrade, lead health teacher for the Cambridge Public Schools
- Karen Williams, CRLS food service staff (posthumous
- Louisa Kasdon, founder and CEO of Let's Talk About Food

 Motoy Kuno-Lewis, director of the Harvard Family Meals

Established in 2012, National Food Day is observed each year on Oct. 24, and promotes healthy, affordable and environmentally sustainable food choices and policy.

Somerville-Cambridge Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older

people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

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Local groups and unions bring their issues to the

# streets and to City Hall **CONT. FROM PG 5**

benefits Union Square neighborhood. Any agreement reached by the negotiating committee is subject to approval by the USNC, in accor-

entire dance with its bylaws." A video of the entire Finance Committee meeting can be accessed online at Format=pdf&Forhttp://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citi-

zens/SplitView.aspx-?Mode=Video&MeetingID=2788&MinutesID = 2224 & File mat=Minutes&MediaFileFormat=mpeg4.

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# **Be Somerville**



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville!

# Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing, October 30

The Somerville Board of Aldermen Committee on Land Use, and the Somerville Planning Board, invite all interested community members to a joint Public Hearing on the adoption of a new Somerville Zoning Ordinance. The Hearing will take place on Tuesday, October 30, at 6 p.m. in the East Somerville Community School auditorium, 50 Cross Street. The new ordinance would supercede the current ordinance as originally adopted in 1990. Public comments will also be accepted by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

The City's Planning Division staff introduced the new proposed ordinance to the BOA and the Planning Board at a joint meeting on October 16, 2018. The video of the meeting is available at www.somervillezoning.com, and will be useful for viewing prior to the public hearing.

Copies of the ordinance and maps are available online at www. somervillezoning.com. Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

### Vote Early at City Hall through November 2

Cast your vote in this year's election early by visiting City Hall during the early voting period from October 22 through November 2. All early voting will take place in the Aldermanic Chambers at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. The hours for early voting are available online at www.somervillema.gov/earlyvoting.

Can't make it to early voting? Head out to your usual polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6 to cast your ballot. Polling place information and sample ballots are available at www.somervillema.gov/elections.

# Fall 2018 ResiStat Meetings Continue through November

Mayor Curtatone and the Board of Aldermen invite residents to the Fall 2018 ResiStat Community Meetings. ResiStat is both a great way to learn more about what's happening in your neighborhood and around Somerville and a chance to talk with elected officials, City staff, and neighbors. Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole will be provided at every meeting. Meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with pizza and socializing at 6 p.m. The full schedule of fall meetings is as follows:

- + Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area): , Oct. 30, Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.
- Ward 6 (greater Davis Sq. neighborhood): , Nov. 1, Spaces

co-working center , 54 Chester St. (New Location)

- Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill): , Nov. 7, Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.
- Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills):, Nov. 13, Healey School, 5 Meacham St.
- Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq.): , Nov. 15, Tufts University's Pearson Chemical Lab, room 104, 62 Talbot Ave. (New Location)

For more information contact ResiStat Coordinator Meghann Ackerman at mackerman@ somervillema.gov.

# Apply for Community Preservation Committee General Public Seat by October 26

Do you have a passion for affordable housing, historic preservation, and parks and open space? The City of Somerville wants your help and is now accepting applications for two public positions on the Community Preservation Committee, which oversees the selection of projects to be recommended for funding by an estimated \$2 million in annual Community Preservation Act (CPA) revenues.

There are two open general public seats – one with a three-year term and one with a two-year term. Both would have the option to be reappointed for a second three-year term. Information on how to apply, as well as a video of the information session on the Community Preservation Committee, are available at www.somerville. com/cpa. All applications must be received by October 26.

### City Alerts

Get important City notifications for snow emergencies, construction, detours, and other public safety matters delivered to your phone (voice and text) and/or your email. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

### City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

# City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

# Losing the Somerville Home CONT. FROM PG 8

replaced by for-profit, multistate, lower-quality homes, as reported by Kay Lazar in several Globe articles. Lazar found that for-profit nursing homes spend less on food and nursing care.

Most nursing home residents are paid for by Medicaid, which reimburses \$37 per day below the cost of patient care, according to Mass. Senior Care.

The Senate has twice adopted my provision in the budget requiring CHIA to study costs in nursing homes: we need to understand why some nursing homes can't make it, while others are bought by investors who expect to make a profit. That would be a first step to creating a requirement, as we have in health insurance, that a certain percentage of income go to patient care. Unfortunately, the provision didn't survive conference committee.

Of course it's not just payments that has caused reductions in nursing home beds. More people, both publicly and privately paid, are receiving home care. There are more as-

sisted living residences, though only a few – like the ones run by the Visiting Nurses in Somerville – are affordable for most people. But low rates to agencies, and low pay for workers, are creating a crisis in home care as well.

"I don't think we can continue to squeeze agencies and direct care workers"

# We won't get what we don't pay for

Each of these programs – the Somerville Home, Windsor House/Sancta Maria, and the Sancta Maria Nursing Home – was/is at risk because they primarily serve people who are paid by the state, which has not increased its inadequate rates, although I and other legislators advocate for increases every year. Each was running at a loss. Each



is representative of many other programs for older people which are closing while the number of older people is rising.

When corporations, agencies and nonprofits hire executives, they justify high pay in order to attract the best. But when rest homes, or nursing homes, or adult day health programs, or other social service programs seek just to catch up with the cost of living, or to pay their workers a living wage, state officials say we can't afford it.

Do we need more revenue? That's a major question in the governor's race. Gov. Baker

says we don't. The income tax will probably go down again in January if revenues continue high enough to hit the "trigger."

I don't think we can continue to squeeze agencies and direct care workers. What do you

# **COMMENTARY**

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# Congratulations to The Somerville Times for 50 years of service to the community.

# **Our View Of The Times**

In covering the news, our focus is always turned outward, keeping track of and reporting the goings-on in the community, as well as accommodating those who want to share their opinions on these very matters and others.

At this time, however, we'd like to take a bow and acknowledge the good people of Somerville who have expressed their appreciation of all our efforts on this, our 50th anniversary of service to the community.

Since its inception in 1968, The Somerville Times has changed hands several

times and undergone many refinements in its look and format. The one sustaining thread throughout the years is the paper's exclusive emphasis on local news and issues of concern to the community.

While other papers in the area turn their attention to regional matters – which is fine and good – we always choose to keep it local, making sure that residents of the city have a dedicated source for news that matters to them.

There is hardly a week that goes by when we don't have someone dropping by

the office to express their appreciation for what we do and thanking us for carrying on through the years. And we thank them back for being loyal readers.

Of course, there are also those who may occasionally get rubbed the wrong way over an opinion piece that we run. But we always provide opportunities for rebuttal via online comments or letters to the Editor in the print edition. In our efforts to remain non-partisan and objective, this is an inviolable necessity.

It was George Orwell who said, "Jour-

nalism is printing what someone else does not want printed. Everything else is public relations." In a nation that values freedom of the press, it is important to stand up to the extremist views of despotic leaders and other individuals who would seek to silence us. Especially in light of the recent vitriol and threats heaped upon journalists by those who feel threatened by them.

We will never back down. We are here to proudly serve our community. We take this privileged responsibility seriously, and we thank you all for being here for us.

# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Somerville's nicest ladies. A great mother, sister and daughter, always helpful and considerate. We hope that the entire Potaris family (and her boyfriend, Jim Imbert) has a great birthday planned for her. She deserves something like Morton's Steak House or similar! Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

This Sunday we congratulate the **Little Sisters of the Poor** on Highland Ave. who are celebrating their 150-year Anniversary on Sunday, October 28. A great order of nuns dedicated to the poor and elderly who do a fine job here in Somerville, and we hope they will be here for several hundred more years of service.

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Lots of changes coming to Somerville soon. The offices of Century 21 Commonwealth will soon be Berkshire-Hathaway Real Estate. That will make two Berkshire-Hathaway offices in Somerville. We also hear through the rumor mill that another Century 21 office will

soon make an appearance as well here in Somerville. Stay tuned. As soon as we hear, we will let you know. But we hear it's an already established office. Did you know Somerville was one of the first cities in the area to have a Century 21 franchise back in the 70's? Actually, two company were very active here in the city at the same time. C21 Benoit and C21 Silva were both in business since the 1970's. So the tradition continues!

So, a proposal by the mayor to allow 16-year-olds and undocumented immigrants to vote will be a topic of discussion with the Board of Aldermen. Funny how you need to be 21 to buy liquor and cigarettes, but they are going to discuss letting 16-year-olds vote, along with those that are not citizens. Question, what is the most sacred part of being a citizen of a Constitutional Republic? Wouldn't you agree, the right to vote?

One of us recently visited the Mass

General Clinic in Assembly Square (not the office building) and signed up with a primary care physician. The place is so modern, so friendly, and the doctors actually make phone call follow ups. Looking for a primary care or a new one? Check them out, they are on Foley St.

Rumblings of potential candidates for the office of mayor next year to run against longtime incumbent Joe Curtatone. We hear that maybe two names might surface soon. One, a current alderman and another a former alderman. It could be interesting. We also hear that a famous brewery owner wants to contribute heavily to one of the candidates that is considering running. This is all rumor so far and speculation, but we heard it from various sources here in the city.

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St. Catherine's Parish is again plan-

ning their annual **Christmas Bazaar** for **Friday, November 9** from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., and **Saturday, November 10**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall, 179 Summer Street, Somerville. Silent Auction, games, raffles, jewelry, refreshment, etc. Free admission.

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A community meeting to discuss Powder House Blvd. improvements takes place tonight, October 24. Join Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, and staff from the City's Engineering Department and Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd. to discuss upcoming improvements and paving to Powder House Blvd. As part of the City's Sidewalk and Pavement Management Plan, work has been ongoing to reconstruct sidewalks and repave Powder House from Burnham St. to Alewife Brook Parkway. Through the month of October, contractors will continue work to reconstruct sidewalks, primarily between Burnham St. and North St.

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# 2018 Halloween **'Haunted Hall'**

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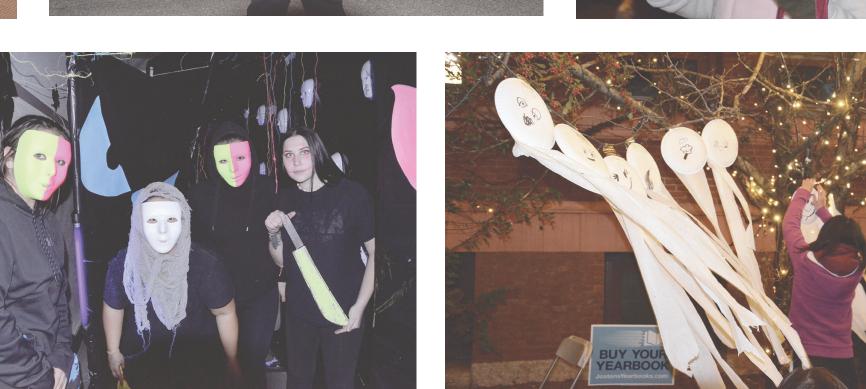












# Somerville to consider expanding municipal voting rights

A recently released report by the Somerville Clean and Open Elections Task Force includes 16 recommendations to increase voter participation, lower barriers to candidate participation, and increase the openness and transparency of the election process. At the request of Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, two of the recommendations will soon be under debate by the Board of Aldermen: that for city and School Board elections only, the city seek home rule petitions from the State Legislature to lower the voting age to 16 and expand voting to non-citizens who would otherwise be eligible to vote.

The eight-person Task Force, which was convened by Mayor Curtatone via an open call for members, was asked to "look at root causes and take a systems approach to ensure fair, equitable, and open elections that inspire greater participation both by voters and candidates."

Members include six residents whose experience collectively includes civic engagement, data transparency, legal ethics, social change, voter registration research, and other related skills. Ward 2 Alderman J.T. Scott and Elections Commissioner Nick Salerno are also on the Task Force. The group's recommendations include:

- Consolidate elections so that municipal elections are held at the same time as state elections.
- + Coordinate and/or encourage non-partisan Election Day festivities including free food and drink, music, and more at or nearby polling places.
- Design a mechanism for Somerville's election officials (chair and members of the Board of Election Commissioners) to reach out to voters to encourage participation in every election.
- + Encourage the state to adopt electronic poll books allowing subsequent implementation of voting centers and

same day registration.

- \* Relocate polling places to sites that are more likely to ensure that all voters feel safe and welcome (i.e., avoid locations such as police stations and houses of worship).
- Expand suffrage rights via home rule petition and/or state legislation as necessary.
- Increase the city's commitment to the civic education of young people by adopting a robust civics education curriculum and developing ways to involve high school age students in the civic life of the community.
- Increase availability of election-related data and incorporate into Somerville's Key System Indicators.
- Publish and distribute comprehensive voter guides to ensure voters have access to complete, accurate, and unbiased election information.
- Take action to increase the transparency of political ad purchasing online.
- + Adopt ranked choice voting for all municipal elections and support the adoption of ranked choice voting at the state level.
- + Align with new federal guidelines to allow spending of campaign funds on child and elder care expenses incurred as a direct result of time spent on campaigning.
- Create and implement a public financing model for municipal elections.
- Increase the proactive dissemination of information regarding all aspects of elected positions in the city: Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and School Committee, including the role and responsibilities of each and how to run for elected office.

"I want to thank the Task Force for its thoughtful, well-researched, and carefully considered work," said Mayor Curtatone. "In a time when voting rights protections are declining and voter suppression is often going unchecked, their proposals for expanding democratic participation at the local level deserve serious consideration—and action. I look forward to taking on this work with the broader community."

A number of the proposals would require either changes to Mass General Law and/or the approval of home rule petitions by the State Legislature to allow exceptions in Somerville. To start debate on two such proposals, on October 11, Mayor Curtatone submitted a request to the Board of Aldermen. It

asks for Board approval to seek home rule petitions to allow municipal voting rights for 16- and 17-year-olds and otherwise eligible non-citizens.

Somerville would not be alone in this effort. The report notes that six other Massachusetts cities and towns have considered related policies regarding non-citizens including Cambridge, Brookline, Amherst, Newton, Wayland, and, very recently, Boston. It also cites two Maryland communities, Takoma Park and Hyattsville, which have already instituted lower voting ages, and Takoma Park, which has permitted all non-citizen residents to vote in its municipal elections since 1992.

"We're excited to have produced a thorough, evidence-driven report that will make Somerville a national leader in municipal efforts to increase civic participation and equal representation, said Josh Rosmarin, a member of the Task Force. "We hope that many of the recommendations in our report will be adopted as we work to make Somerville's elections more equitable and open."

"The Task Force has done its work, and now the community must begin ours. That starts with what I hope will be rigorous debate by the Board and public hearings on expanding voting access for city and School Committee elections," said Mayor Curtatone. "To be clear, I have my own opinions on this. We have teenagers whom our courts consider adults, yet they are told they are too young for the voting booth. And we have dedicated parents and engaged neighbors who, because they lack citizenship at the national level, can't vote at the local level. I'd argue our community will be

stronger when our youth learn early that it matters if they participate, when all our parents have a voice, and when all our neighbors are heard. But I also respect that this is an issue with opposing views. It's time though that we start that conversation."

The additional 14 proposals range from non-legislative suggestions with expected modest but meaningful impacts, such as that the city hold Election Day festivities near polling places to increase voter turnout. The report cites two studies that show increases of up to 7 percentage points as a result of such events. Other proposals, while requiring a longer legislative process, could boost voter participation significantly, such as holding municipal elections in the same years as State elections, which the report states can increase turnout as much as two-fold.

"Voter participation is at the core of our democracy, and the Elections Commissions takes its duty to facilitate participation with the utmost seriousness," said Elections Commissioner Nick Salerno. "We look forward to getting started on the recommendations that can be implemented immediately, such as expanded informational materials for voters and candidates. And we're inspired by the forward-thinking that the Task Force has now put on the table."

More info: To view the full report, please visit www.somer-villema.gov/ElectionsReport. To stay informed of Board of Aldermen (BOA) discussions or any planned public hearings, sign for the city email newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/eNews and check the city and BOA calendars at www.somervillema.gov/events and www.somervillema.gov/events and www.somervillema.gov/boa.



- What play by Arthur Miller is a story about the Salem witch trials?
- 2. What do you call a person that collects coins?
- 3. What shopping day is called Black Friday?
- 4. How many squares are on a chess or checkers game board?
- 5. In chess, what is a fool's mate?
- 6. How many dots are there on two dice?

- 7. What artist died from his injuries after he shot himself?
- 8. Who wrote the song They're Coming to Take Me Away, Ha-Haaa!?
- 9. What movie had the line "I see dead people"?
- 10. What is the most venomous animal in the world?
- 11. What is the 15th Amendment about?
- 12. What was the job of the 7 Dwarves?

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**LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

\*\*\* Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the URL associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.\*\*

2 Village Terrace Unit #5 (ZBA 2018-132): Applicant and Owner, Michael Bell, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming building by adding a rear balcony and staircase to the second floor. RC zone. Ward 2.

22-24 Fountain Avenue (ZBA 2018-117): Applicant, Prospect Realty Advisors, Inc. and Owner, Anthony J. Megna, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by increasing the gross floor area (GFA) by more than 25% after moving the existing building to the front of the property and adding a rear addition. Special Permit for a non-conforming rear yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

292 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-118): Applicant and Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c and §9.13 as well as a Variance under §5.5 and §8.5 to construct a new four-story wood framed structure with five dwelling units and underground parking. RC Zone. Ward 2.

30 Franklin Street (ZBA 2018-126): Applicant, David Choi, and Owner, Ibrahim Ibrahim, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by converting the existing single family into a two family, increasing the height to 2.5 stories, and constructing an addition to the

161 Linwood Street (ZBA 2015-49-R2-10/18): Applicant, Phil Naffah, Harvey Signs, and Owner, Herbert Chambers, seeks a Revision to a previously approved Special Permit (ZBA 2015-49) for signage. IA Zone. Ward 2.

395 Alewife Brook Parkway (ZBA 2018-40): Applicant, 395 ABP, LLC and Owner, G.E. & M. Auto Service, Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a four-story, 23-unit residential building. Affordable units to be provided under Article 13 of the SZO. Special Permit for parking relief and to provide compact spaces under Article 9 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 7.

2 Village Terrace Unit #5: http://eepurl.com/dKClHY 292 Beacon St: http://eepurl.com/doJIAr 30 Franklin St: http://eepurl.com/dLdr\_o 161 Linwood St: http://eepurl.com/dLdsDM 22-24 Fountain Ave: http://eepurl.com/dLdC6E 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy: http://eepurl.com/dLdIBY

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 10/24/18 & 10/31/18

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### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP 19-36

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

# 2018 Housing Needs Assessment and Financial Feasibility Analysis

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after October 24th, 2018. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: November 7th, 2018 at 2:00pm ET. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

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### **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Planning Board</u> and the <u>Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee</u> on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:00pm, in the East Somerville Community School Auditorium, at 50 Cross Street, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

### ADOPTION OF A NEW SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AS **ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 23, 1990.**

Items may be continued to later dates. Please check the agendas for the Planning Board and/or Land Use Committee on the City's website or call before attending. Continued items will not be re-advertised.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board and Land Use Committee at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@ somervillema.gov.

Copies of the ordinance and maps are available on-line at the Zoning Overhaul Website at: www.somervillezoning.com

Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri,

Staff from the OSPCD Planning Division will introduce the ordinance at a joint meeting of the Land Use Committee and Planning Board on Tuesday, October 16th. Video of this meeting will be placed on-line at www.somervillezoning.com after the meeting. Public testimony will be taken at the public hearing on October 30th.

Per Section 1.2.2.a and 1.2.2.d of the proposed new ordinance, permits issued under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance will remain valid, subject to the conditions of the permit, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chairman, Planning Board Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, BOA Land Use Committee To be published in the Boston Herald on October 16 and October 23. To be published in the Somerville Times on October 17 and October 24

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### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** REBID IFB#19-29

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 12/01/2018 through 07/31/2019, with two one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options

Please contact Purchasing AllPurchasing@somervillema.gov for further information.

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# **Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Week**

Lead Paint Safe Somerville staff are using Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Week, which runs from October 21 to 27, to remind residents about the dangers lead paint poses to young children. Although lead paint was banned in 1978, it is still present in many older homes and nearly 90 percent of Somerville's housing was built prior to the ban. The City of Somerville received a \$1.7 million grant to help homeowners and tenants mitigate lead hazards, which will increase the amount of safe family housing in the city. Lead Paint Safe Somerville's goal is to help mitigate lead hazards in 90 homes by 2021. To learn more about resources available, including 0% interest, forgivable loans, join Lead Paint Safe Somerville staff for an information session on Tuesday, October 23. The information session will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Argenziano School cafeteria, 290 Washington St. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Residents can also learn more about their own homes and the possibility of any health hazards posed by lead paint.

For more information on the Lead Pain Safe Somerville program or the upcoming information session, please visit somervillema.gov/lead or contact program staff at leadpaint@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2584.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on <u>Thursday, November 8th, 2018</u> at 6:00 p.m. at the <u>Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 3rd floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street. Somerville, MA.</u>

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Cambridge Crossing (formerly NorthPoint) Neighborhood Development Plan Revision (PB 2014-29-MA3-0818): Applicant/Owner DW NP Property LLC c/o DivcoWest Real Estate Services requests an Amendment to the Approved NorthPoint Neighborhood Development Plan under SZO §5.7.8 to update the total gross square footage in Somerville from 747,458sf to 858,969sf. North Point Special District (NPSD). Ward 1.

Cambridge Crossing Parcel EF Revision (formerly NorthPoint) (Case # PB 2017-23-MA1-0818): Applicant/Owner DW NP Property LLC c/o DivcoWest Real Estate Services requests a Revision to a Design & Site Plan under §6.6 and §5.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance for a reduction in floor to floor height to accommodate a taller penthouse without increasing the height of the building, minor elevation revisions, and changes in materials. North Point Special District (NPSD). Ward 1.

311 Somerville Avenue Signage (Case # PB 2018-16): Applicant/Owner Edson Lino International Optical requests a Special Permit for a new wall sign under SZO §6.1.22.D.5. Commercial Corridor District (CCD-55). Ward 3.

112 Broadway (Case # PB 2016-11-R1-1018): Applicant and Owner, Augusto P. DaCunha, seeks to extend a Special Permit by one year under §5.3.10 of the SZO. Commercial Corridor District (CCD-55). Ward 1.

UPDATED NOTICE: 290 Revolution Drive (Case # PB 2018-12): Applicant, WP East Acquisitions, and Owners, CDNV Assembly LLC & Somerville Office Associates Limited Partnership, are seeking a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A (SPSR-A) final level approval of 290 Revolution Drive ("Alta XMBLY" formerly called "Block 23") of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP PB#2018-07) approved by the Planning Board on June 7, 2018. The proposal is to develop a 84'-11" high 8-story building containing 324 multi-family units and 5 townhouse units with approximately 188 parking spaces on internal structured parking levels supported by ground floor retail space under Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) Article \$6.4.9 and \$5.2. The Applicant also is requesting waivers under \$6.4.7.A.2 to reduce parking requirements, \$13.3.5 right of refusal, and \$16.10.2 effect of zoning changes on approved PUD plans (regarding the siting of housing proposed as Section 7.16 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance). The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP and is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

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Cambridge Crossing (formerly NorthPoint) Neighborhood Development Plan Revision: <a href="http://eepurl.com/dl3z5">http://eepurl.com/dl3z5</a>j

Cambridge Crossing Parcel EF Revision (formerly NorthPoint): <a href="http://eepurl.com/dl3AuP">http://eepurl.com/dl3AuP</a>

311 Somerville Ave Signage: http://eepurl.com/dl3AXj

112 Broadway: <a href="http://eepurl.com/dKCalc">http://eepurl.com/dKCalc</a>
290 Revolution Drive: <a href="http://eepurl.com/dEpV31">http://eepurl.com/dEpV31</a>

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at <a href="https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning">https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning</a>.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSP-CD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 10/24/18 and 10/31/18

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# Groundwork Somerville's Cider Day Party this Thursday

Groundwork Somerville's highly anticipated annual Cider Day Party will take place on Thursday, October 25, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at South Street Farm, 138 South St., Somerville.

Fall in New England means apple harvesting, crisp air, and colorful leaves. This is your chance to celebrate it all right here in the city. Community members of all ages are invited to partake in fall festivities at Somerville's only farm, including apple cider pressing and tasting, free food, face painting, games, live music, and much more.

Nestled between Union and Inman Squares, in the most densely populated city in New England, South Street Farm serves as a platform to innovate and share techniques for urban food production.

The quarter-acre of growing space yields 2,000 lbs. of produce each season, with a focus on "World Crops" – vegetables and fruits not easily accessible in this area, specifically requested by Somerville's immigrant communities.

Groundwork Somerville's Green Team, volunteers, World Crops Mentor Farmers, and staff have been hard at work all season cultivating organic-style produce and selling it back to the community at the Somerville Mobile Farmers Market.

Whether you have been to South Street Farm several times or never knew it existed, Groundwork Somerville is excited to invite all community members to experience this urban farming oasis in the height of its fall beauty and celebrate the end of a successful growing season.

Visit bit.ly/ciderday18 or groundworksomerville.org for more information. Contact Casey Merkle at casey@groundworksomerville.org with questions or if you are interested in sponsoring this event.

Groundwork Somerville is a non-profit organization addressing environmental and food justice challenges through community-based action. Groundwork Somerville focuses on youth development, food and farms, racial and health equity, and sustainable local environments. The Green Team, Groundwork Somerville's teen employment program, works to carry out this mission while developing skills they need to succeed and lead in their communities. South Street Farm is an example of how Groundwork is "Changing Places, Changing Lives" by activating public spaces to serve their community's needs.



### **ADVERTISEMENT**

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Community Room & Meeting Room Mechanical System Replacement (AMP-2) for the Brady Towers in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Norian/Siani Engineering, Inc. dated September 12th, 2018.

The Project consists of:

Community Room & Meeting Room mechanical system replacement. Replacement of existing hydronic unit ventilator units with two ducted fan coil units and two energy recovery ventilators and controls to serve the separate spaces. Project includes electrical work to facilitate demolition of existing equipment and power for new equipment and fire protection work to relocate sprinkler heads and piping to accommodate new mechanical equipment and ductwork within ceiling plenum.

The work is estimated to cost \$90,200 (including all alternates).

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A (2)(B) & to state prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §\$26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

General Bids will be received until **Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 2:00pm** and publicly opened, forthwith online.

All Bids should be submitted electronically online at <a href="www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> and received no later than the date and time specified above

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at <a href="https://www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> (may be viewed electronically and hard-copy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs Online Inc.

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

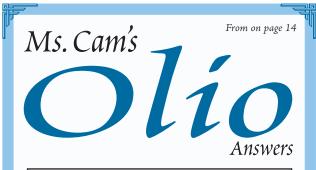
Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00**.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), <u>payable to BidDocs ONLINE</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, to cover mail handling costs

The Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be on Wednesday, October 31st, 2018 at 10:00am at Brady Towers Parking Area / Meeting Room at 252 Medford Street, Somerville, MA.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167

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2. The Boston Americans defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates Lookin' to Get Out –
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with Miranda Lambert

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2005, 2015

12. Farrokh Bulsara

11. Facebook, Inc.

7. 1978, Louise Joy Brown

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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday October 24

**East Branch Library** Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library** 

**Homeschool Reading Group** 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### **Thursday October 25**

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Lego Club!

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

# Friday|October 26

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11a.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Saturday October 27

**Central Library** 

Scrapbooking and Papercrafts 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Frankenfest: A Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Frankenstein! 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Sunday October 28

**Central Library** 

Halloween Magic with Malik the Magic Guy 2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Monday October 29

**Central Library** 

Sing Along 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Girl Scout Information Session 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# **Tuesday October 30**

West Branch Library Preschool Storvtime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

# Wednesday October 31

**East Branch Library** 

Not-So-Spooky Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# **MUSIC** | ARTS

# Wednesday October 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series with Brian O'Don-

ovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Flynn Cohen & Duncan Wickel with Scott Nygaard|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-

440-6045

**Thunder Road** Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

Doctor Gasp 16th Annual Halloween The Silks, The Horse-Eyed Men

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Seamus Galligan 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

The Allusionist 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare with a TWIST: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

### Thursday October 25

Sally O'Brien's

Clippertones, Ways & Means Committee, Rusted Bucket |8:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Melissa Ferrick in the round with special guests Alex Wong & Megan Slankard|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Krush Faktory(Dub Down) 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

Emma Cook & Questionable Co / Visiting Wine / Background Orcs 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Araqsana + Pangea 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet 17 p.m. Sh!t-faced Shakespeare with a TWIST:

A Midsummer Night's Dream|9:30 p.m.

255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

**Boston Ecstatic Dance** 7 p.m.|Performance Hall The Loop

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

# Friday October 26

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Rachel Rynick with Special Guests The Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Young Love & The Thrills |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Once Somerville** 

Costumes and Covers: The Cure, The Beatles, KISS and DEVO 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Kinas Hiahway

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** 

Playing Dead "Dead-O-Ween" at Thunder Road 9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Dingonek Street Band 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

The Bevis Frond with Special Guest Mary Lou Lord 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Spark! in the dark 7:15 p.m.|Performance Hall The Juliet Letters (performed by Damnation's Cellar)

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### Saturday October 27 Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Sal O'Ween! Paddy Saul Band, Josh Lederman & friends, AllRight All-Ready, more \$10 cover|9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Opera On Tap - Halloween Edition|12 p.m.

Mamma's Marmalade, Pete's Posse |7 p.m. Pop Disaster |10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

Kong-Thunderfunk 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-

Casey's

**Entertainment every Saturday** 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** Los Fletcheros

89 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

SuperSonic – North America's Tribute

The Young Americans (David Bowie Tribute), DJ Louis Le Mod 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Kerplunk|11 a.m. JonesSING 2018 6 p.m. Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Ghost Town Brass Band|2 p.m. The Dirty Dottys|3:30 p.m. Somerville Symphony Orkestar 8:30 p.m.

14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Writers Helping Writers Spread the Word - Reading & Fundraiser

4 p.m.|Cafe Tongue in Cheek Presents... My Bad: Songs of Mishaps, Mischief, and Misanthropes

7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Songs for Trumplandia: A Pre-Election Day Concert featuring Ron Israel and

### 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Sunday October 28

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7

Ariel Strasser CD Release Show! with special guests Nick Young & That One Eyed Kid|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country &

**Bluegrass** Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Thunder Road** 

Haunted Summer, Avi Buffalo, Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Halloween with Guerilla Toss

Gauche, Bugs And Rats 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Sunday BYOP Residency: The

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Max's Cozy Corner 10:30 a.m. | Café Cafe Rags

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

BLOWWloween II 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

# Monday October 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m. Buffy Halloween Bash - Once More With Feeling Singalong|6 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Tuesday October 30** 

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p.m.

The Burren

Sally O'Brien's Bar SYM Jam All-Stars \$5 cover 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10

I Draw Slow|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band** 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

**Thunder Road** 

'80s & '90s Halloween Party with DJ Press Kage 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Simpson's Trivia- Halloween edition

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory The Nora Panahi Comedy Spooktacular

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday October 31 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Liam O'Connor |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The Nephrok Allstars 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

Halloween Clownfest - candy, psychic readings and balloons! Robot Clean- a Misfits Tribute, Driven Sane, Lucreatia's Daggers

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Halloween Spooktacular with the John Williams Scary Movie Jam Band 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Screening of 'Bram Stoker's Dracula' 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday October 24

**Central Library** Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

Thursday October 25

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. West Branch Craft Club

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Drop In Craft Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**East Branch Library** 

**Central Library** Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday October 27 **Central Library** 

Scrapbooking and Papercrafts 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Frankenfest: A Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Frankenstein!

2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Union Square Farmers Market** 

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza **Bagel Bards** 

Holland St

Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain | 18-48

Sunday October 28 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

**Family Groups** 

Monday October 29 **Central Library** Information Session for Affordable Re-Sale Opportunity 50 Bow Street 2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Tuesday October 30 Central Library** 

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Hypnosis for Stress Reduction and Weight Loss 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday October 31

**Central Library** Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft

12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. Check out our calendar and give a call with any questions or to make a reservation. 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Stay for lunch and receive free transportation.

### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

**Cross Street Center:** located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

**Ralph and Jenny Center:** located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688 TTY: 866-808-4851

# ONGOING PROGRAMS

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and / or Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc., in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Friendly Caller Program – Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at our Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Health & Wellness Fair – Thursday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Guest speakers, blood pressure screening, healthy living tips and so much more. Lunch and bingo to follow. Must RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Expressive Art for Healing Group – October 30 and November 13 and 27 and December 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Explore the healing power of the creative arts. In this group we will use collage, image making and mediation for expression, connection and discovery. Attendance for all meetings is encouraged but not required For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Natasha by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

New York City – October 26 to October 28 – 3 days and 2 nights \$254 per person double or \$368 per

person single – St. Patrick's Cathedral, Macy's and much more. Seats sell fast and are very limited. Check-in at Ralph & Jenny at 6:45 a.m. on Friday with an approximate return time of 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Wrentham Outlets – Sunday, November 11 - \$10 per person – Check-in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Get your holiday shopping done early. Lunch is on your own. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext.

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, November 13 - doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. \$1 per person – Chappaquiddick - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Paint Day with Raquel Kaplan – Wednesday, November 14 – 9:30 a.m. - \$10 per person due at time of reservation – space is limited. No experience needed. Lunch and bingo to follow. For additional info or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: September 20, October 11, November 8 and December 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month: September 13, October 4, November 1 and December 6. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness Class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional info, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

**LGBTQ Lunch** – Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are October 17, November 14 and December 12.

### WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE (Please cut out and save)

# Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club\*\* - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

# Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)

\$3 per class (H)

Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

# Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H)

Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

# Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

# Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

# Adventure Group – Please call for details

\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

# HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social

Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Conversations of the Heart – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

**De-cluttering support group**: - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Arts & Crafts – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Game Hour – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a "Game Hour." Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women's Group - Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women's issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

# RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

**Knitting Blankets** – Every Tuesday & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us as we knit blankets for babies. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Judy at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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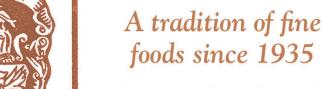
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Sho
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the B
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7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SN
3:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zo
9:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday O	ctober 26	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech
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Washington's Army

Parcel Transfer to SRA

The Riflemen who Helped Save

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# Tuesday, October 30

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Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty' SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up **BOA Legislative Matters Committee** Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan SomerViva en Espanol SomerViva em Portuguese Senior Circuit "COA Health Fair" Portuguese Language Youth Book Fair BOA Finance Committee Public Hearing: Parcel Transfer to SRA Viva em Portuguese Senior Circuit "COA Health Fair' Connecting Communities - Fire Safety SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up Ghosts of Somerville - 10.14.18 Push Ups for Veterans Somerville Ave. Improvement Project Mtg SomerViva en Espanol Domestic Violence Vigil

Wednesday, October 31

Ghosts of Somerville - 10.14.18 SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up **HONK!** Parade **BOA Finance Committee Public Hearing:** Parcel Transfer to SRA

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Wednesday, October 24

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SHS Football vs Revere

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# yruca **SOMERVILLE** edited by Doug Holder

Endicott College student Kayla Kinnear writes: Sergio Inestrosa is at it again with another book of beautiful poetry focusing on the purpose and beauty of something everyone across the planet sees every day ... or night: the moon. His book of Spanish poetry is translated into English by Endicott College Professor Margaret Young, so readers are able to view both languages on a single page. The book begins with a few free verse poem, personifying the moon as it "goes for a walk in the sky" and is also referred to as "reluctant" while the moon is



told to get dressed and play. These poems are followed by both Senryus and Tankas which are both Japanese forms of poetry. With both of these forms of poetry only being 3-5 lines long, they give a short, in-depth insight into the moon. Inestrosa shows the moon as a piece of the world, both watching over the actions we take, but also has its own actions and cycle of life it lives. The moon is compared to a "radiant goddess" once it is born across the sky. We see the moon throughout seasons, as well as a safe haven for parts of nature, as it is the time of night when all is silent, the wind has stopped, and nature can rest. The moon and its more nefarious manifestations are artfully presented as well. Inestrosa articulately expresses the moon with the entire personality of a human, showing that all parts of life are both creative and complete, but still have flaws. Luna Que No Cesa will be available on Amazon in October.

# Un par de alas

Con un par de alas prestadas, y bastante maltrechas por tanto uso, subes hasta el cielo. Esta fue tu última noche, entre nosotros, aunque nadie nos lo anticipó nosotros terminamos por descubrirlo. La verdad es que ningún mortal que haya subido al cielo ha vuelto para contárnoslo; tú no serás la excepción a esta regla imperturbable y te quedarás donde estás iluminando, un poco más, nuestras noches. Nosotros, simples mortales te buscaremos en las noches claras con la esperanza de verte hacernos un guiño y saber que eres dichosa.

With a pair of borrowed wings, and quite battered by so much use, you go up to heaven. This was your last night, between us, although nobody anticipated us we end up discovering it. The truth is that no mortal who has ascended to heaven has returned to tell us: you will not be the exception to this rule imperturbable and you will stay where you are illuminating, a little more, our nights. We, mere mortals, will look for you on clear nights hoping to see you wink at us and know that you are happy.

— Sergio Inestrosa

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# **'Every Day There Is Something About Elephants'**

by Timothy Gager

Here is a review of Somerville writer Timothy Gager's latest collection of flash fiction:

Every Day There Is Something About Elephants (Big Table Publishing)

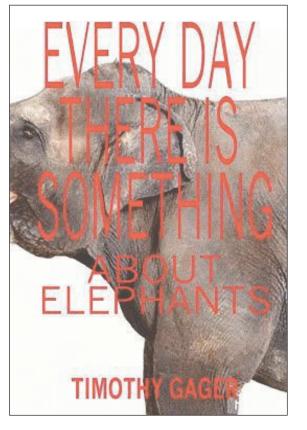
Review by Leah Brundige

Timothy Gager's engaging new collection of flash fiction, Every Day There Is Something About Elephants, shows a novelist's interest in human interactions and vivid details coupled with a poet's gifts for compression and figurative language. The book's 107 stories vary in tone, scope, and length, but none is longer than four pages. Some – such as The Lottery Winner, a tour de force at just a page in a half - deploy and develop an extraordinary number of characters relative to their size, while others navigate the constraints on their length by more poetic means, turning on a single pun (Chiller) or extended metaphor (How penguins break). The reader is carried along by their expert pacing and, in many cases, by their sheer shock value. Gager is a master of the twist ending.

The subject matter of these short-shorts is often harrowing, and the author is unafraid to write with sympathy, if not approval, of the seedier sides of human nature and society. Abused or addicted, homicidal or lecherous, his characters command our attention as they grope through their flawed lives toward connection or transcendence. Gager is frugal with his imagery, but he knows how to illuminate a character's plight with a painful, well-chosen detail when the story calls for it:

You burned your lips on a crack pipe, without the warning: The glass on this pipe reaches extreme temperatures. Handle with care. You didn't care. The blisters popped and fused your lips together.

The gritty realism of that terrible last sentence might seem at first glance to be at odds with another strain that runs through Gager's work: a domestic surrealism that at times borders on whimsy. The elephant-haunted narrator of the collection's title story recounts details that at first seem merely absurd ("How did I know an elephant had been in the refrigerator? He left his footprint in



the cheesecake") but become more disquieting as the narrative progresses, until we realize that the "elephants" are manifestations of the character's mental disturbance. The conclusion brings the elephant metaphor to chilling culmination and unsettles the reader with all that it leaves unsaid. The story recalls Ernest Hemingway's famous Hills like White Elephants, another piece of short fiction animated by its pachydermal symbolism, though the judicious silences in Gager's narrative threaten to make Hemingway's measured withholding of information look like a parlor trick.

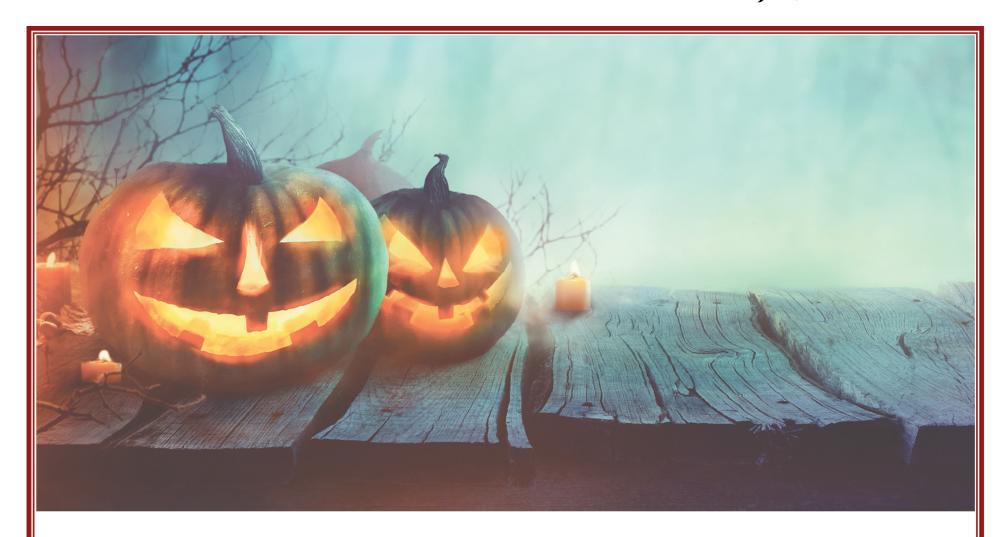
If the familiar concerns of Gager's fiction - domestic violence, firearms, and drinking among them - recur frequently in these stories, they never feel repetitive. Gager's imaginative resources are considerable, and imbue each piece with its own freshness of character or circumstance. They are stories that, however grim on the surface, rejoice in their own brevity and technique. This immensely readable book affirms the prolific Gager's literary gifts, and showcases a kind of short story that seems, by the collection's end, entirely his own.

# **Spare Change News Poems: An Anthology of Homeless People and those Touched by Homelessness**

Many people in the Boston area are familiar with the newspaper Spare Change News, founded in 1992 by the Homeless Empowerment Project. The mission of the Homeless Empowerment Project is to empower the economically disadvantaged in Greater Boston through self-employment, skill development and self-expression.

Spare Change News has now published an anthology of poems. Edited by Spare Change News poetry editor Marc Goldfinger and local poet Lee Varon, Spare Change News Poems: An Anthology of Homeless People and those Touched by Homelessness includes a range of poems published in the paper over the past 15 years from well-known writers such as Marge Piercy and Martin Espada to people who have never published before, some of whom are homeless or incarcerated.

The anthology is available at Porter Square Books and Harvard Bookstore in Cambridge as well online at Lulu.com and Amazon. Several poets from the anthology will be reading their work Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Trident Booksellers, 338 Newbury Street, Boston. A portion of all sales will go to the Homeless Empowerment Project.





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