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Mothers Out Front member Bonnie Cohen made an impassioned plea to the Somerville City Council last week asking for its support of legislation aimed at improving gas safety and promoting renewable energy.

By Jim Clark

The Somerville City Council, at its latest regular meeting last Thursday, voted on and approved two resolutions, one supporting House H.2848, an Act to Ensure Gas Safety and Consumer Fairness, and the other Supporting House H.2849 and Senate S.1940, an Act for Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy (Future).

Councilor At-Large William A. White, who originally sponsored the resolutions, told those in attendance at the meeting, "As you know, we have a committed group in the city known as Mothers Out Front who have been working quite hard to address the health impacts from natural gas leakage. And both of these two items were actually submitted by them by means of a request asking that the City Council move forward a resolution supporting Continued on page 4

Exploring historic Ball Square

On Sunday, September 29, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) hosted Boulders, Bricks, and Brunch: Exploring Somerville's Ball Square, a lively walking tour of Somerville's Ball Square led by Ed Gordon, President of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society in America, and HPC Executive Director Brandon Wilson.

Dozens joined in, meeting up at the Field House in Nathan Tufts Park Sunday afternoon to explore highlights of this historic area.

In addition to being a great neighborhood, there were two interior house tours, and complimentary refreshments at the end at House of Kebab where many joined in for dinner after the event.

The mission of Historic Preservation is to promote and protect the historic elements of Somerville and to provide support to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission. Maintaining Somerville's historic resources and its unique character will ultimately benefit all members of the community, in particular by drawing visitors to the city.

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The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission's walking tour of historic sites throughout the Ball Square area brought dozens of participants out on Sunday. - Photos by Jeanine Farley

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The Somerville Museum and Faith in a City will be presenting Faith in a City: Showcasing Local Religious Music on Sunday, October 6, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Distler Performance Hall, Tufts University, 20 Talbot Ave, Medford. The concert will feature original music by Mina Cho, Contemporary Music Director, Somerville Community Baptist Church, featuring church member and drummer George Lernis, bassist Manos Stratis and the Gugak Jazz Society; musicians of Gurdwara Sikh Sangat Boston; and Wylsner Bastien, lead pianist, Sion Seventh Day Adventist Church. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to AnnMarie Carey-Browne. We hope she has a great birthday for herself with her great family. Happy birthday to Karen F. McWatters, who celebrates this week. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to John Rogan, who is celebrating this week as well. Happy birthday to former Somerville guy Sal DiDomenico, who is also celebrating this week. Happy birthday as well to Mike Capuano. We wish him a great birthday as well. To all former locals who are celebrating this week, we wish every one of them a very happy birthday. ******

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somerville Commission for Women and RESPOND Inc. announce the annual Candlelight Vigil in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month tonight, Wednesday, October 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Statue Park in Davis Square. The vigil is an annual event bringing the community together in remembrance of those who have lost their lives over the last year to domestic violence. In addition to the vigil, attendees will be invited to view the Clothesline Project, a visual display that honors survivors as well as victims of intimate partner violence.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the City Council invite residents to the Fall 2019 ResiStat Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Our View of the Times – September 25

janie says:

It seems utterly ludicrous to create these new bus lanes, but to create them for only a few blocks seems totally meaningless. The amount of time it will save is miniscule. The lanes aren't only for buses by the way. They are also for bikes, school buses, and other small transport buses. How will a bus save time when it is behind a bike, or a school bus stopped to pick up someone? This is a solution in search of a problem, nothing else.

Christopher says:

One thing that isn't mentioned here is that there are very few buses to even use these new lanes. The dirty secret is that the MBTA bus service in Somerville is inadequate and is not meeting the ever-growing demand.

The only lines which run from McGrath and Main are the 89 and the 101. And both are notoriously underscheduled. It is not uncommon for there to be gaps of up to 50 minutes between buses of a particular line during off hours. And it can often be 25 minutes or more before any bus passes a particular stop. Meanwhile, other primary roads that the MBTA serves may see buses pass a stop every 4-8 minutes.

So the result is, drivers are shut out from important travel lanes that they rarely if ever see a bus actually utilizing. It's no wonder people are upset. But the solution isn't fewer dedicated lanes, but more bus service to actually use them.

A Moore says:

The red bus lanes do not work in this area. The traffic was backed up to Magoun Square so the buses cannot even get to the special red lanes. Plus the Temple and School Street backup is causing the same problem. Buses cannot get there. Then at the intersections they go to 2 lanes once across the intersection it goes back to one lane making another traffic jam. We need to use some common sense here. Broadway needs to be put back in workable order. Not the mess we have now. This afternoon they have a police car there. Why? Some people are getting warning tickets for being in the so called wrong lane when it is not being used for anything. Another famous city hall screw up. Can't we get anyone in office who has some sense?

Sean says:

I agree. I live right off Broadway and this a city hall nightmare. There is hardly ever buses there. Now Temple street is worse, Thurston etc. this is foolish. All the parking taken away. I have a driveway but I am lucky. Worse parking, no spots at retail & more traffic.

Thanks a bunch City Hall & how much did it cost to put in parking meters last year and now I assume your going to rip them up because there's no more parking on the other side Broadway. Spend our money on making things worse!

A Moore says:

They have that brand new building on the corner of Temple and the stores on the bottom and now they take away their parking. People that are not so mobile can no longer go to the nail place. I don't recall if their are other businesses in there yet but that is really going to be a game changer. And it's tough when you go through all the work and money getting started. It's hard to believe no one desiging this did not see all the harm and trouble they brought to Winter Hill.

Bob says:

I agree with Chris. Twice over the last week I witnessed several 89 buses on or attempting to transit Cedar st. @ broadway stuck in standstill traffic. When the bus reaches the point to intersect with traffic, there is no place to go. Temple st. @ Mystic Ave backed up in all directions during the afternoon commute.

When I saw the headlines "Somerville's first bus lane accident" I said to myself, so there will be more? Think about the side streets that traffic overflow will be using. Two schools abut Broadway where kids will be walking home or to school. The recent deaths with hit and runs were tragic to say the least. Were they a result of traffic pattern change in an already congested city? Who's to say that a student on the way to school isn't next! Are we truly willing to take that chance?

One last thing about bus lanes. I've witnessed fire department ladder trucks trying to get as close as possible to a building on fire. How far away will they be now if their ladder cannot reach someone waiting to be rescued. Great thing about these comments, it creates a record. Someday someone will get seriously hurt or die as a result and there will be accountability.

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Living in TV Land



Stair lifts, hearing aids, reverse mortgages, and walk in tubs. Welcome to my world. My TV world. When you watch a lot of TV these are the ads you see. Being retired, I have a lot of time on my hands. A lot of that time is spent in front of my big TV. I don't mind the senior citizens targeted advertisements, except the ones for final plan insurance. I'm too busy flicking around the channels.

My part time job playing piano only takes up very few hours. There's still plenty of time for an adequate workout at the gym, a bit of shopping and a trip or two to Dunkies. I just make sure I don't drive during rush hours.

I find it very enjoyable to watch a lot of TV. In the old days, my mother would never have let me watch as much TV as I do now. Her favorite shows were David Susskind, Perry Mason, and Peyton Place. Perry Mason's theme song was spooky. I leave my bedroom TV on all night. It's 2:04 a.m. and I'm watching Elvis Presley in the movie Clambake. Great color.

That's all I really ever wanted out of life, along with good health and the wellbeing of my family and friends ... and food! Food to enjoy while watching TV.

When I was tortured for 12 years in grade school all I dreamed of was playing hooky and watching TV all day. And

Turn the clock back to 1969. I'm 16 years old, in the tenth grade and hating school. I wait for my mother to leave for work at 8:15 and climb up the back porch and into the house (I didn't want to be seen going in the front door by a nosy neighbor who might rat me out to my parents!).

Then it was TV time! Daytime TV rocked. I watched The Beverly Hillbillies, The Andy Griffith Show, Bewitched, That Girl, Let's Make a Deal, The Newlywed Game, and Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C. Today, not much has changed. I have complete seasons of



F-Troop, I Dream of Jeannie, The Odd Couple, and others on DVD. Thanks to ME-TV, I can still watch a lot of my favorite old shows like Leave it to Beaver.

Match Game is on the Game Show network like five times a day. That show really takes me back. I have a friend who has not missed an episode of General Hospital in 30 years.

I don't watch too many new shows. I got tired of The Goldbergs quickly. I was never big on The Big Bang Theory. I enjoy the NFL Network, NESN and ESPN. Raymond's grumpy wife is back in a new series. I'll pass.

When we were kids we had great locally produced shows like Major Mudd, Bozo and Boomtown. How cool would it

be to be able to watch some of those old shows, especially if you were on one.

The old standbys are still around like Friends, Seinfeld and of course The Three Stooges. Old friends that you can always count on.

I may be taking some time off from writing this weekly column. Stay well my friends.

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Poetry in the Garden



On Sunday, October 6, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., Somerville Poet Laureate Lloyd Schwartz will be joined by David Surette, author of Malden, and Linda Flaherty Haltmaier, poet laureate of Andover, to read selections of their poetry. A reception will follow.

This event will take place at the Somerville Community Growing Center, a 1/4acre urban garden oasis in Union Square located at 22 Vinal Avenue. They are happy to welcome these talented writers and hope you will join in for this free event.

By Jim Clark

Drowsy driver too reckless for police

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the area of Pearl Street at Cross Street last week on reports of an accident involving a man who was passed out behind the wheel.

Upon arrival, the officers met with a witness to the incident. Also on scene, standing outside of his vehicle, was the driver of who allegedly struck a parked vehicle, identified as Gaetano Silvestri.

According to witness, he had observed a vehicle that looked like the one Silvestri was operating side swipe a vehicle on Cross Street a few minutes earlier.

Additionally, the witness said

he observed Silvestri rear end a vehicle at the intersection of Pearl Street and Cross Street. When the witness went over to check on Silvestri, it appeared as though he was asleep behind the wheel

The witness said he woke Silvestri up and told him he was in an accident, to which he reportedly replied, "Oh, I will take care of it," then pulled over to the side of the road. The operator of the vehicle that Silvestri was alleged to have rear ended did not stay on scene.

The officers approached Silvestri and asked him for his driver's license. He was reportedly slow to respond and seemed uncoordinated to the officers. His speech was also slow, according to police reports.

Silvestri reportedly handed the officers his medical cannabis card. They informed Silvestri that they needed his driver's license, not his medical cannabis card. Silvestri complied and handed over his license.

During their interactions with Silvestri, the officers observed that he nodded off while standing up.

The officers asked Silvestri how much alcohol he had consumed, and he stated the he had three beers, and that the last beer he had drank was consumed 45 minutes earlier.

The officers asked Silvestri if he took any drugs or medications, and he stated he did not take drugs but took blood thinners. The officers reported that they could smell the very faint odor of some alcoholic beverage on Silvestri's breath. They also noted that Silvestri's eyes were blood shot and droopy.

The officers asked Silvestri to perform a series of field sobriety assessments. The area where the tests were conducted was on a flat sidewalk, clear from any apparent defects, well lit by street lights. Prior to administering any of the tests, the officers asked Silvestri if he had any medical or physical impairments that would prevent him from taking the tests. The officers explained and demonstrated each of the tests and asked Silvestri if he understood each one to be conducted, to which he said that he did.

According to reports, Silvestri did not pass the field sobriety tests and was subsequently placed under arrest on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Rudney Morais, of 43 Glenwood St., Malden, September 23, 9:08 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Gaetano Silvestri, of 101
Cross St., September 24, 8:45
p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of reckless operation of

a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

John Elwell, of 55 Dartmouth St., September 27, 10:14 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property over \$1200.

Joel Rodriguez, of 15 Park St., Lowell, September 27, 11:24 a.m., arrested at Foley St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$1200 and utter false check

Stephen Dare, of 2B Skyline Dr., Braintree, September 27, 4:16 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and drug possession to distribute.

Johnny McCloskey, of 14

Dunbar Way, Concord, September 27, 7:10 p.m., arrested at Heath St. on charges of drug possession to distribute and trafficking over 28 grams of a class A drug, and on warrant charges of drug violation near a school, conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, distribution of a class A drug, and distribution

of a class B drug.

Melvin Solis-Romero, of 27 Dexter Ave., Watertown, September 28, 2:04 a.m., arrested at Bow St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of property damage.

City Council affirms support for gas safety and renewable energy acts

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these two items. It was before my committee in Public Utilities and Public Works, and the administration actually sent these two resolutions to us. And then as a matter of basically a parliamentary slip-up on my part, it was not referred back to the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee, it was placed on file. So as a result I resubmitted these two resolutions.

White then sponsored a representative from Mothers Out Front, Bonnie Cohen, to address the Council on the resolutions.

"I'm a mom, a physician, and a member of Mothers Out Front," Cohen said. "And I'm here to urge the Council to pass these two resolutions in support of the gas leaks bill and the future bill tonight."

"In 11 days my son Shea will turn five," Cohen continued. "A couple of months ago he accompanied me to an action calling out National Grid for failing to follow through on their agreement to find and fix the biggest leaks, seven percent of all the leaks around the state, that are spilling 50 percent of all the leaked methane."

"I talked to Shea about the importance of keeping a promise, about our need to protect each other and the earth, and speak out about what we feel is right," said Cohen. "He was excited to be carrying the big colorful sign, but it wasn't obvious to me at the time what he as a four-year-old would take away from the experience. Then, a couple of days later when we were out driving, he called out urgently to me from his car seat 'Mom!' he said, pointing to a large dead tree, 'Leaking gas killed that tree! That's rude! Trees are important!"

"So I share this story to remind us all what Greta Thunberg said so powerfully to the UN General Assembly on Monday. Our children are watching us. And without bold political action, what we are showing them is complicity in the climate disaster," Cohen said. "Fracked gas is dangerous. Explosions like the one in the Merrimack Valley can happen in any town, with any gas company." Cohen continued, "Leaking gas suffocates trees, and we towns pay to remove or replace them. Our aging infrastructure compounds the problem with tens of thousands of gas leaks. And every year there are as many new leaks found as repaired. We've really made no significant progress on the total number of leaks in the last half decade, and we rate payers are paying for the leaked gas."

"These acts enable the city, and other cities like ours, to better manage road construction and public safety by working with gas companies more effectively in repairing and monitoring gas leaks," said Cohen. "They strengthen the voice of cities and towns and the Department of Public Utilities, and provide the city with financial recourse for trees killed by gas. And they strengthen our economy and create jobs by incentivizing gas companies to invest in and provide renewable and affordable thermal energy and improve energy efficiency."

"Back to my son, Shea," Cohen continued, "There are things I wish he would never have to learn about. Like war, for example. When I talk to him about things like this I tell him it's wrong. It hurts a lot of people.

But we're working to end all war, so no one gets hurt anymore. And now when comes upon something that doesn't seem right to him he asks me, 'Are we working to end that?' I love that he has that expectation. When it comes to flooding, sea level rise, mass extinction, devastation by storms, death by gas explosions, destruction by wild fires, and a continual prioritization of short term profits over all forms of life, we can bet our children will ask, 'Are we working to end this?' And I want to be able - I imagine we all want to be able - to look them in the eye and say emphatically, unequivocally, yes, we are doing everything we can to end this. So let's do this together, unanimously."

The Council subsequently voted to approve the two resolutions, unanimously.

Taking action on Somerville's traffic problems



By State Rep. Mike Connolly

Over the past few weeks, my office has received numerous reports of intolerable, chaotic traffic conditions on weekday mornings at the intersections of Broadway and McGrath Highway, as well as Pearl and McGrath Highway and other nearby locations. In response, I reached out to the Massachusetts State Police and requested a police detail to help ensure drivers do not continue to block these major intersections.

The State Police agreed to deploy a temporary traffic detail operation; two state troopers began performing morning detail duty on Friday, September 20. The State Police advised that they wrote a total of 42 tickets during that first detail operation. The State Police further advised that they had troopers on duty all last week, and they plan to have troopers on duty during the first week of October as well.

I am now in conversations with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and other state and city colleagues about additional measures, such as "Don't Block The Box" pavement markings and "Don't Block The Box"

signage to help make expectations more clear to automobile drivers, particularly the many automobile drivers from out of town who use our city as a pass-through to get to Cambridge and Boston.

On Monday, September 23, I spent about an hour at the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway, just to observe the traffic conditions and the police response. I witnessed two troopers doing everything they could to keep the intersection clear, pulling over waves of automobile drivers who were ignoring the traffic signals and blocking the crosswalk. Keeping these crosswalks clear is particularly important for children and families who are trying to get to the East Somerville Community School and the Capuano Early Childhood Center.

...we need to make big investments in public transportation, multimodal/sustainable transit infrastructure, and affordable housing near transit

While on location last week, the State Police further advised that they noticed the timing of the traffic signals is off, so we are now talking with MassDOT and other state and city officials regarding the need to recalibrate those traffic lights. Last week, I also met with May-



State Police officers stepped in last month to assist in regulating traffic in the troubled McGrath Highway

or Joe Curtatone and we discussed the potential for the City of Somerville to help provide a set of additional crossing guards to help with the difficult Broadway-McGrath intersection.

I'm glad the State Police responded to my call to help restore order at the intersections of Broadway and McGrath and Pearl and McGrath in East Somerville, and I want to say thank you to everyone who has contacted me to offer feedback and opinions.

While we can take steps such as these to help ensure traffic signals are followed and intersections are not perpetually blocked during rush hour, it is also important to point out that this isn't a long term solution to the underlying problem of our metropolitan area having the nation's worst traffic. That's a problem that's been decades in the making, and to fix it, we need to make big investments in public transportation, multimodal/sustainable transit infrastructure, and affordable housing near transit. Completion of the Green Line Extension should be a big help.

Constituents are always welcome to reach out to me directly via Mike.Connolly@MaHouse.gov or call my State House office (617-722-2060, ask for Rep. Connolly) with any questions or concerns about this or any other matter.

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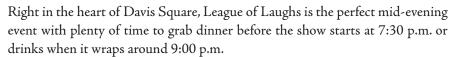
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League of Laughs

On the first Saturday of every month Somerville's legendary comic store Comicazi, converts its Davis Square showroom into a comedy club, appropriately named League of Laughs. A comedy show created for the geek in all of us, past performers have appeared on Netflix, Funny or Die, The Late Show, Conan, and Comedy Central while all sharing a singular credit, they are "nerds who tell jokes."

The club, located behind velvet curtains at the rear of Comicazi, is a nostalgia lover's dream. Filled floor to ceiling with collectibles this is the only place in the city where comedy fans can share space with all their favorite charac-

ters from Star Wars, DC, Marvel, WWE and even the Muppets.



League of Laughs is hosted by Elisha Siegel, a local comedian, pro-wrestling super-fan and avid comic book reader. He regularly wears a wrestling belt on stage and gives away comic books from his vast personal collection.

Joining him is comedian David McLaughlin, the host of The Clean Comedy Show at ImprovBoston, whose writing credits include Funny or Die and the Rich Eisen Show.

This month's lineup features a showcase of Boston's talented rising stars Sean Duffy, Daniel McRobbie, Rachel Jane Andelman, Shyam Subermanian, and Ricardo Perez.

The next League of Laughs is coming up on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are only \$5. Comicazi is located at 407 Highland Ave in Davis Square, Somerville. For more information, email leagueoflaughscomedy@gmail.com or look for League of Laughs on Eventbrite.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives from the week of September 23-27, 2019. There were no important roll calls in the Senate last week.

CHANGES IN CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE (H 4087)

House 121-35, approved and sent to the Senate a bill making changes in the state's campaign finance rules for candidates running for a seat in the Massachusetts House or Senate. Provisions include requiring legislators and candidates for the state Legislature to set up depository committees with a bank, similar to statewide candidates; requiring itemized disclosures to be filed quarterly for the first 18 months of the two-year election cycle, and before the primary and general elections of an election year; and increasing the number of reports for each candidate from five to nine per cycle.

The controversial part of the bill was changing how the director of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) is chosen. The controversy comes amidst speculation that current OCPF Director Michael Sullivan, who has held the job since 1994, may soon retire.

Under current law, the director is appointed by a 4-member committee including the state chair of the Democratic party, the state chair of the Republican party, the secretary of state and the dean of a law school located in Massachusetts to be appointed by the governor. The director must be appointed by a unanimous vote of the four members.

Under the proposed legislation, the director is comprised of a 5-member committee including the governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state and two people appointed by that preceding trio, one who must be an elected municipal official and the other an elected county official. The director must be appointed by at least a 4/5 vote of the five members and no more than three commissioners can be from the same political party.

Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown), the House chair of the Elections Laws Committee and the Democratic leadership in the House led the fight to change the makeup of the commission and to reduce to 4/5 the current unanimous requirement necessary to appoint the director. Republicans and a handful of Democrats voted in favor of leaving the makeup of the committee intact and requiring a unanimous vote for appointment.

Lawn did not respond to repeated requests by *Beacon Hill Roll Call* for a statement on the legislation.

"We are supportive of any initiatives that increase election transparency and lessen the appearance of partisanship," said Democratic party chair Gus Bickford. "As we have seen with the Trump Administration's craven disabling of the Federal Elections Commission, voting rights should exist free of any real or perceived partisan action. I applaud the legislature for looking into ways we can protect our election process."

"This proposal further proves that the Democrats are shameless and will stop at nothing to maintain their stranglehold on power in the commonwealth," Massachusetts Republican Party Chair Jim Lyons said. "This is an obvious power play to eliminate any say that the minority party has when it comes to selecting the next OCPF director."

"This is nothing more than a solution in search of a

problem," said GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) who led the unsuccessful effort to adopt several amendments."And it would unfairly limit or exclude the minority party's ability to participate in the selection process."

"There are a lot of good things in this bill that I support, including a provision to bring the campaign finance reporting requirement for state legislators in line with those who hold statewide elected office by requiring legislative candidates to designate a bank as a depository for their campaign finance funds," Jones continued. "I would have voted for this bill if not for the 'poison pill' ... that would severely diminish Republican input in selecting the director of the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance by removing the state party chair from the nominating commission."

(A Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

MAKEUP OF COMMISSION (H 4087)

House 46-112, rejected an amendment that would leave the current makeup of the commission intact.

"By all accounts, the existing system has worked well," said Jones. "The current makeup of the commission ensures full participation and input by both Democrats and Republicans by requiring the state chairs of both parties to serve as voting members. If something isn't broken, then why try to fix a problem that doesn't exist?"

"I think taking party chairs, both Democrats and Republicans, out of the process is depoliticizing the process," said House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I think it's the right thing to do."

(A Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

UNANIMOUS VOTE (H 4087)

House 34-124, rejected an amendment that would require a unanimous instead of a 4/5 vote of the five commissioners to appoint the director.

"Requiring a unanimous vote by the commission members to select an OCPF director offers a safeguard to prevent disenfranchising either political party," said Jones. "Since the proposed make-up of the new commission does not explicitly guarantee minority party representation, it is important that we retain the current requirement for a unanimous vote so that every member has an equal say in the process, regardless of their party affiliation."

"Why?" asked Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury). "Just means we could have gridlock like the Federal Elections Commission. Four-fifths is still a high bar."

(A Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

ONE DEMOCRAT AND ONE REPUBLICAN (H 4087)

House 39-119, rejected an amendment requiring at least one Democrat and one Republican on the commission.

"By default, the proposed five-member commission would include at least one Republican, namely Gov. Baker," said Jones. "However, in the future, we could have a Democratic governor, which would alter the equation. Even though the bill prohibits more than three commissioners from being enrolled in the same political party, this does not guarantee a Republican will hold a seat because the remaining two commissioners could be unenrolled or affiliated with some other political third party. By stipulating that at least one member be a Republican and at least one member be a Democrat, we can guarantee that the majority party and the minority party continue to have a role to play in the process."

"The point of the bill is to take political party leaders out of the process," said Cutler. [There is already] a requirement that one party can't dominate. [We need] elected accountable leaders making choices, not party insiders chosen only by their partisans."

(A Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

ETHICS BACKGROUND (H 3087)

House 42-116, rejected an amendment requiring a background investigation to be conducted into the financial stability, integrity and responsibility of each candidate of the commission, including the candidate's reputation for good character and honesty. The amendment also would make anyone who has been convicted of a felony ineligible to serve on the commission.

"The OCPF serves an important purpose by enforcing campaign finance laws and making sure elected officials and candidates for public office are fully transparent in reporting all of their campaign fundraising activities and expenditures," Jones said. "Because the commission is entrusted with nominating the director of OCPF, it is important that all of its members be held to a high moral and ethical standard, and that anyone convicted of a felony be excluded from serving as a commissioner."

"These things are certainly important but there is already a vetting process in place," Cutler said. "And there are already ethics compliance steps in place."

(A Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Denise Provost No

USE CAMPAIGN MONEY FOR CHILDCARE (H 4087)

House 155-0, approved an amendment that would establish a special legislative commission to examine the feasibility of authorizing the use of campaign funds to pay for childcare services by candidates for state, county and municipal elected office.

"As they currently exist, Massachusetts' campaign finance laws may discourage individuals, particularly

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based on gender and socioeconomic status, from running for office," said the amendment's sponsor Rep. Joan Meschino (D-Hull). "Childcare is a professional expense that unlocks economic potential, and in this case, opens the door to broader civic engagement and public service. I am grateful for the special legislative commission as a mechanism to create opportunities to support a more diverse pool of candidates for public office."

(A Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER ANNOUNCES 4-MONTH BAN ON SALE OF ALL VAPE PRODUCTS – Gov. Charlie Baker declared a public health emergency in response to confirmed and suspected cases of severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes and marijuana vaping products. The governor instituted a temporary 4-month statewide ban on the sale of flavored and non-flavored vaping products in both retail stores and online. The sales ban applies to all vaping products and devices, including tobacco and marijuana and takes effect immediately and lasts through January 25, 2020.

"The use of e-cigarettes and marijuana vaping products is exploding and we are seeing reports of serious lung illnesses, particularly in our young people," said Baker. "The purpose of this public health emergency is to temporarily pause all sales of vaping products so that we can work with our medical experts to identify what is making people sick and how to better regulate these products to protect the health of our residents."

"Not so fast." said opponents of the ban. "While we share Gov. Baker's concern for public safety and his desire to address the epidemic of lung illnesses, we are fearful of the unintended consequences of a ban on the sale of state-regulated cannabis products used in vaporization devices," the Cannabis Trade Federation (CTF) said in a release. "By banning cannabis vape products that are produced according to state regulations, it significantly increases the likelihood that individuals will seek to purchase those products from unregulated sources. Yet media reports suggest that unregulated products containing THC may be a primary source of the epidemic. Already, our members have heard from patients suffering with cancer, PTSD, and other conditions who are panicked about how they will obtain the medicine they need in an ingestion method that they have found to be helpful. Their needs should not be ignored."

"Vaping is a public health crisis and it is imperative that we understand its impact at both the individual and overall health care system level," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "As a result of the public health emergency, the commonwealth is implementing a statewide standing order for nicotine replacement products, like gum and patches, which will allow people to access these products as a covered benefit through their insurance without requiring an individual prescription, similar to what our Administration did to increase access to naloxone.

"In addition to making it more difficult for the more than 750,000 adult smokers in Massachusetts to quit traditional cigarettes, such a ban would have a meaningful adverse economic impact on an industry that contributes more than 2,500 jobs and more than

\$130 million in wages to the state of Massachusetts," said the Vapor Technology Association, a trade group representing the vapor and e-cigarette industry. "We stand ready to work with Gov. Baker on thoughtful and effective regulation."

PROHIBIT ELECTRIC SHOCK TREATMENT

(H 123) – The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit any state or local facilities from using electric shock therapy, hitting, pinching or any procedure which causes obvious signs of physical pain on individuals with a physical, intellectual or developmental disability. The measure also bans any procedure which denies these individuals reasonable sleep, food, shelter, bedding, bathroom facilities and any other aspect expected of a humane existence.

5 PERCENT OF PARKING SPACES FOR HANDICAPPED (H 1794) - The Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government held a hearing on legislation that would require that at least 5 percent of the parking spaces regulated by a city or town be spaces for the handicapped and identified by the use of above-grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required."

NO SMOKING (H 3475) – A bill heard by the Judiciary Committee would prohibit smoking within 100 feet of a public monument or memorial.

NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 352)

– The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee will hold a hearing on October 7 at 1 p.m. in the Statehouse's Gardner Auditorium on a bill that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees; from companies advising employees of work schedules; from correctional facilities advising victims of the release of an offender; from municipalities and state government; from public utilities; and from persons concerning the care, services or supplies related to the health of an individual.

The measure would fine companies up to \$10,000 if they make an illegal robocall and allow an individual who is called more than once in a year to sue a company for damages.

The House gave initial approval to the bill in the 2017-2018 session but it died when the session ended.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Every day, we have attacks. Just to give you a frame of reference, we have implemented new technology in the state where we are kind of able to analyze everything that comes into the state network and I will say as of today on a daily basis we receive about 525 million probes a day from foreign soil. They're pinging our network, they're scanning our commonwealth network trying to find a vulnerability." — Secretary Curt Wood of the state's Executive Office of Technology Services and Security Secretary. Commenting on backing into state computers.

"Let us please preserve their memory and not allow any other families to experience our excruciating and agonizing pain. Please, help us make these senseless deaths a thing of the past." — Jerry Cibley, whose son, Jordan, was killed in a crash., urging the Legislature to approve the bill that would prohibit drivers from using a hand-held cell phone or other device to make a call, use the device's camera or access social media.

"First of all, I didn't know about it ... It's a lottery. It runs the same way the regular lottery does. It's a public drawing. Media is invited. The rest of the public can be there."

— Gov. Baker on James and Nancy Coghlin of Shrewsbury winning two low license plate numbers in the state's annual lottery which received 13,652 applications for 231 available plates this year. The couple has contributed to Baker's campaign and many other Massachusetts campaigns. In this year's lottery, officials received 13,652 applications for 231 available plates.

"No working person should have to choose between the job they need and caring for the family they love. Massachusetts workers are now one step closer to accessing job-protected paid time off from work to take care of themselves or a family member after a medical emergency or the birth or adoption of a new child. Massachusetts now has the most comprehensive, worker-friendly paid leave program in the nation – that's something to celebrate!" — Deb Fastino, executive director of the Coalition for Social Justice on the state's Family Leave Act thich starts in October.

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 September 23-27, the House met for a total of seven hours and 8 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 53 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 23	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:48 a.m.
Tues. Sept. 24	No House session No Senate session.
Wed. Sept. 25	House 11:03 a.m. to 5:39 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 1:25 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 27	No House session

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No Senate session

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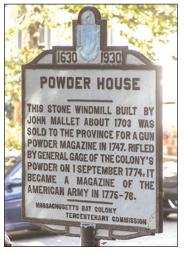
















Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



The Flatbread Company

One of my favorite things to do when I was a kid, was going candlepin bowling at Sacco's Bowl Heaven. Often going with my grandmother on a Sunday morning before we went back home to have Sunday gravy, yes, gravy, if you want to call it sauce, that's your prerogative, ha!

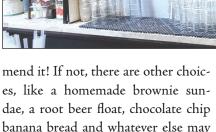
I'm sure those of you who grew up in Somerville between the 40's- early 2000, have many great memories here, not just hanging with friends or bowling in a league, or shooting pool in the billiards room.

It's nice to see that over time some of the bowling alleys have been preserved for our current enjoyment, with a bonus of having a place to go for some great, organic pizza and salads along with a specialty cocktail list and a fantastic selection of craft beers. Check out their website for the everyday offerings, https://www.flatbreadcompany.com/sacco/, and specials listed on the board.

Last night's special was a veggie pizza with roasted seasoned corn, mozzarella, Parmesan, herbs, and cotija cheese, cilantro, a vegan chipotle aioli with lime wedges on the side. The crust was soft and had some chewiness to it. The pizza was well balanced with sweetness, saltiness, heat and acid. The other pizza was a regular on the menu called, Jimmy's Free-Range Chicken which consists of oven roasted chicken, black beans, cilantro, tomatoes, roasted corn, mozzarella, Parmesan cheese, and a sour cream lime drizzle and topped with jalapeños.

Again, a great balance of flavors with a great touch with the sour cream to tamper down some of the heat, but leaves you craving for more.

Once these pies were washed down with local craft beer, it was on to dessert. A pumpkin whoopie pie with two scoops of pumpkin ice cream. If you like pumpkin, I highly recom-



banana bread and whatever else may show up on the menu.

On a serious note, if you haven't been for quite some time, I highly recommend the walk down memory lane.

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SCES celebrates volunteers who support Aging in Place

By Nathan Lamb

The contributions of volunteers who assist older adults took center stage at a special volunteer appreciation event hosted by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) on September 19.

In thanking those who attended, Executive Director Paul Hollings noted that SCES has more volunteers than employees, saying they play an important role in helping local older adults maintain health and independence.

"I just want to say thank you," said Hollings. "You all make a difference and you all extend our mission."

SCES works with roughly 230 volunteers through 18 programs, providing assistance with medical appointments, nutrition, money management, and more. Hollings also recognized

the contributions of several longtime volunteers:

- + Mary Connolly, of Cambridge, who has volunteered with Money Management for nearly 18 years and was credited with always being patient and consistent in providing assistance for clients.
- · Bernard Fang, of Charlestown, who has volunteered for Money Management for 16 years and makes Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels deliveries. He was credited with being kind, gentle, and always willing to help.
- John Jones, of Charlestown, who has volunteered as a Medical Escort for 13 years, and has a reputation for being patient, friendly and well-liked by his clients.
- + Tom Vance, of Boston, who has volunteered for Money Management for 12 years, and was credited as a considerate



Roughly 45 volunteers attended a special recognition event hosted by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services at The Independent in Somerville on September 19. The recognition will become an annual event, going forward.

and responsible volunteer who asks great questions.

- + Daisy Monsalve, of Somerville, who has volunteered for the Money Management program since 2006 and Medical Escort program since 2012, and receives many compliments from those she helps.
- Holly Bodman, of Bedford, who has volunteered for the Money Management program for 11 years and also serves on
- helping at the office.
- Susann Wilkinson, of Somerville, who has volunteered as an SCES board member the past 10 years and currently serves as board president. She has also consistently volunteered to make Meals on Wheels deliv-

eries on Thanksgiving.

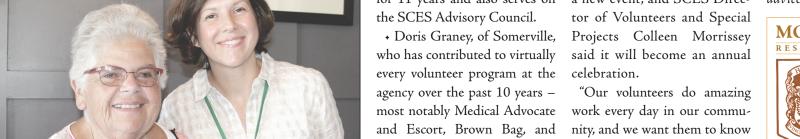
- + Judith Gentile, of Somerville, who was credited with always going above and beyond for Money Management clients over the past nine years.
- + Richard Bosel, of Cambridge, who was credited with always being pleasant and friendly as a Medical Escort over the past nine years.

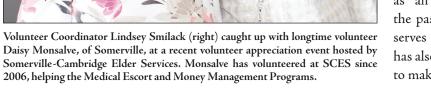
The volunteer appreciation is a new event, and SCES Direc-

how much we appreciate them," said Morrissey. "It was really great getting everyone together. I can't wait until next year."

In addition to the agency's thanks, volunteers from Cambridge and Somerville each received a citation from their local mayor.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder 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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ESCS Students go on energy quest to learn about energy efficiency

Eversource recently returned to the East Somerville Community School with an inflatable home designed to help students learn about energy efficiency. ESCS middle grades students used iPads to explore rooms throughout the inflatable home and scanned different parts of the house where energy was being used. When students scanned a virtual appliance in the house, they learned about how that appliance can save on cost and energy. Students also had an opportunity to test their energy knowledge as they scanned energy-producing areas throughout the home, and earned points when answering questions correctly. Students enjoyed this interactive experience and left with some materials to take home with them that can help them make their own homes more energy efficient. Learn more about this and other 'Eversource in School' programs at: https://www.eversourceinschool.com/.



COMMENTARY

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data – and interesting numbers. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's heartbreaking each year to see the statistics about domestic violence, but it's also necessary so we can support victims of domestic violence in Somerville.

1 in 3 and 1 in 4: Nationally, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner. In Massachusetts, 1 in 3 women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by a partner. As we confront the issue of domestic violence and intimate partner violence, it's important to remember that it can take many forms including physical abuse, sexual assault, verbal and psychological abuse, and financial abuse. There is no one model for domestic abuse and no singular profile of victims or abusers.

54%: While overall statistics like the ones above give us a sense of the magnitude of domestic violence in our communities, they don't tell the whole story. It's important to remember that intimate partner violence impacts all races, ethnicities, gender identities, and every sexual orientation. Fifty-four percent of respondents to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey reported experiencing some type of intimate partner violence. Nearly 44% of lesbian women and 61% of bisexual woman has experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by a partner. For gay men it's 26% and 37% for bisexual men.

16%: Each year Somerville

High School students take an anonymous health survey that includes questions about health, drug and alcohol use, mental health, sexual behavior, and violence they may be experiencing at home or in their relationships. In the 2017-2018 school year survey, 16% of responding students reported receiving verbal or emotional abuse from a family member over the last 12 months. Seven percent said they witnessed violence in their family and 3% reported being physically or sexually assaulted by a date. It's worth noting that these numbers have been declining since 2008, but they remain concerning.

15: There has been an average of 15 domestic violence related-homicides in Massachusetts each year. Each year at the City's Domestic Violence Vigil we read aloud the names of Massachusetts residents who lost their lives to domestic violence over the past year. It's an emotional part of the ceremony and very

hard to get through, but it's important. We need to remember that behind all these statistics are people. It's also a reminder that we must continue to offer resources to victims of domestic violence and end the stigma around it so that more people feel they can seek help.

7: Leaving an abusive situation can be extremely difficult. Victims are often tied to their abuser financially, because they have children together, or are too afraid to leave. It takes an average of seven attempts for a woman to permanently leave an abusive home. If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic or intimate partner violence and is looking for help, one resource is the Somerville Police Department's Family Services Unit, which can be reached at 617-625-1600 ext. 7279. You can also visit bit.ly/SomervilleD-VResources for more resources including 24-hour hotlines, shelters, legal services, and

resources especially for teens and members of the LGBTQ community.

Not 1 but many: If you are experiencing intimate partner or domestic violence, please know that you are not alone. The number of people available to help and who care is always greater than just you alone. Speak to your doctor, call a hotline, or contact a local support center like Respond. Please reach out to access the support available to you.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at www.somervillema.gov/datafarm.

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Dear Community Supporters,

The George Dilboy Post 529's Annual Marie Corps Birthday Celebration will be held on November 10, 2019, all veterans are invited and encouraged to attend. This year marks the 244th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. For the past 21 years, members

have gather each year to honor those that served and continue to serve and by providing toys for disadvantaged children.

Last year we were able to provide needed financial support to the United States Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program which helps needy children, thanks to the support of local donors and businesses.

This year, we seek community assistance to continue this financial support in the form of money, gifts certificates or raffle items. All gifts are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to George Dilboy Post 529 c/o Toys for Tots or call 617-666-8794 and we will make arrangements for a club officer to pick up the do-

nation if it is more convenient.

Respectfully submitted by The Members and Auxiliary of George Dilboy V.F.W. Post No. 529

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Kennedy School's Home of the Tigers gets a fresh, new look

The Kennedy School's indoor and outdoor spaces were colorfully updated during the school day on Friday, September 20 during the second City Year/Biogen Care Deeply day of service in the district in as many weeks. Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, district Assistant Superintendent Chad Mazza, and several other Kennedy School and Somerville Public Schools staff offered words of appreciation to the City Year and Biogen team members during the opening ceremony.

Then Biogen and City Year workers broke into work teams. One group painted bright images of the Kennedy tiger on walls in the gym and outdoor lot. Another refreshed the four square and hopscotch games on the blacktop and repainted a world and U.S. map. Inside the building, a Biogen team assembled a new rowing machine for the Wellness Room, which also received a fresh coat of paint on the walls for meditation and relaxation, and a focus wall mural of blue mountains. Other teams worked on new coats of paint and murals in other areas of the school to provide a more calming feel, in line with the school's focus on wellness and mindfulness.

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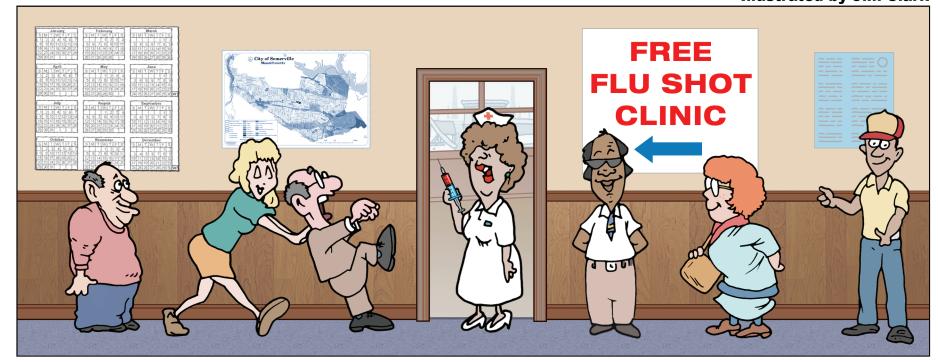
As Sharla Randazzo, director of the school's social emotional program, explains, "The Kennedy

School benefitted from the hard work and dedication of an amazing team at Biogen and City Year who worked to make our social emotional wing more relaxing and welcoming. All of the calming areas have warm and cozy rugs to give students a much-needed space for a break and to encourage the use of self-regulation strategies." The feelings of gratitude ran both ways. At the closing ceremony, one Biogen colleague said of the Kennedy School, it was "amazing and inspiring to see education in action."

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Like it or not it's time for your shot.



Who among us actually likes getting a shot of any kind? There are certainly a given number of masochistic types out there who don't mind taking a little jab in the arm or ... elsewhere.

But many of us put off or completely avoid the prickly deed for as long as we can push it, until the cold and flu season completely bypasses us altogether, or we fall victim to the merciless clutches of our microbiological nemeses.

But the City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) comes to the rescue with its annual flu vaccine clinics, beginning on Thursday, October 17, offering free flu vaccines for Somerville residents ages four and older at various times and locations throughout the city until the city's supply of vaccine is exhausted.

Go online right away to find out the times and locations of the scheduled clinics at: https:// www.somervillema.gov/news/getfree-flu-vaccine-through-somerville%E2%80%99s-annual-flu-clinicsoffered-health-and-human-services.

One quick jab in the arm or ... you know where ... can make a difference between enjoying a happy, healthy fall and winter

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Community Meetings, a twice-yearly effort to share the latest city news, data, and neighborhood updates directly with residents and gather their feedback. 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. A social half hour before the meeting and time after the meeting provide an easy opportunity for one-on-one chats. Pizza and kid-friendly, healthy snacks will be served too. Seven neighborhood meetings, one in each ward, will be held in the month of October. Mayor Curtatone, ward and At-Large City Councilors, members of the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Department, and city staff will discuss issues that are important to residents. Residents will also have time to ask about other issues that are important to them. Meetings run from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. Not sure which ward you live in? Find out with the My-Somerville address lookup tool. Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole will be provided upon request. information about ResiStat, please contact ResiStat Coordinator, Taylor Ko, at tko@somervillema.gov

or 617-625-6600 ext. 2620. This week Ward 6 will hold theirs on October 2 at the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave. and Ward 2 will be held Thursday, October 3 at the Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.

The City of Somerville Elections Department is seeking polling place workers for the Tuesday, November 5 municipal election. To be eligible to work in a polling place you must be a registered Massachusetts voter. Inspectors are paid \$165 for the day and work from 6:30 a.m. until shortly after the polls close at 8 p.m. with a two-hour break. For more information, please contact Maria Pierotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 or mpierotti@somervillema.gov. *******

Join the Somerville Conservation Commission and the Mystic River Watershed Association to pick up trash at DCR's Draw Seven Park as part of the annual state-wide COASTS-WEEP cleanup. The event will take place on Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. to noon (rain date October 6). Meet near the picnic area at the end of the parking lot and join us to clean up Draw 7, along the banks of the Mystic River. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear close-toed shoes. Gloves and trash bags will be provided, as well as post-cleanup refreshments. Please contact Cristina Kennedy at cnc.somerville@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

Tracking the T: A Historic Bike Ride in concert with the Somerville Bike Committee takes place Sunday, October 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Meet at Somerville City Hall. In the event of rain, the bike ride will take place Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m.

The Candidate Climate Forum will be held on Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the VNA community room, 259 Lowell St. Door opens at 10:45 a.m. All candidates have been invited. Community members will be asking questions relating to climate change. They will publish a summary of the answers afterwards but will not be endorsing anyone. To RSVP, go to the Eventbrite page: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ somerville-2019-candidate-climate-forum-tickets-73041602399 and/or the FB event page: https://www.facebook. com/events/1220362254833407/.

or facing a miserably bleak one. Let's face it, taking the time and effort to do this will be well worth it. And your family, friends, coworkers, and everyone else you regularly come into contact with will thank you too.

Coming soon for all Somerville pet lovers: join East Somerville Main Streets on Saturday, October 19 (rain date of October 20) in East Somerville for the brand new Howl-o-ween Pet Parade and Costume Contest. Dress up your pet and parade around New Washington Street then walk the red carpet in front of a panel of judges. Prizes are awarded for Best of Show, Best Owner and Pet Combo, Most Creative, Spookiest, Best Group and Best Local Representation. The parade starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. and continues right into the costume contest. Prize baskets featuring gift cards and goodies will be provided. There is a registration fee \$5 for each participant who would like to bring a pet to join. It's free for everyone who wants to come and all are very welcome. This event is supported by Stinky's Kittens & Doggies Too, Zen Dog Training, Compass Real Estate, Last Hope K9 Rescue, Somerville Dog Festival, and Somerville Media Center. Event Schedule: 1:00 p.m. Contest Registration and Social Time; 1:30 p.m. Dog Training 101: Training Advice and Leash walking; 2:00 p.m. Parade and Judging; 3:00 p.m. Contest Winners Announced.

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Gilman Square Block Party 2019

The second annual Gilman Square Block Party took place on Saturday, September 28. Hundreds of party people came down to enjoy food, beer, live music, crafts, and fun kid activities.

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A little pet adoption event too

Stinky's Kittens & Doggies Too held a pet adoption event during the Ball Square Festival on September 22. Animal lovers got an opportunity to give forever homes to some — Photos by Claudia Ferro special individuals. Stinky's Kittens & Doggies Too is located at 110 Bristol Rd., Somerville.





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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. John Cusack runs what type of business in the 2000 film High Fidelity?
- 2. Who was the man behind The Chipmunks?
- 3. Where in England was Dame Judi Dench born?
- 4. Which name is given to the heart chamber that receives blood?
- 5. William Christensen of Madison, New Jersey, has claimed to have the world's biggest collection of what?
- 6. In which decade did Billboard magazine first publish an American chart?

- 7. Heath Ledger played which nemesis of Batman in the 2008 film The Dark Knight?
- 8. Which William wrote the novel Lord Of The
- 9. Which innovation for automobiles was developed by Prince Henry of Prussia in 1911?
- 10. The VS-300 was a type of what?
- 11. What is the threshold of noise-induced pain, measured in decibels?
- 12. What is a squab? Answers on page 20







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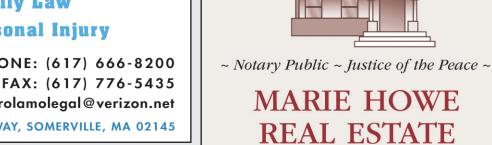
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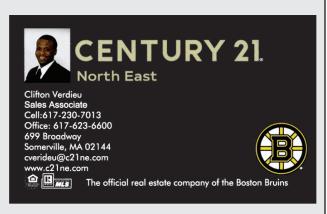
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JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
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GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday**, **October 16**, **2019** at **6**:00 p.m. in the **City Council Chambers**, **2nd Floor City Hall**, **93Highland Avenue**, **Somerville**, **MA** to discuss the following:

12 Flint Avenue (ZBA 2019-60): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Fiorillo Melades, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property. Special permits including but not limited to the upward and linear extension of a non-conforming left side yard setback, constructing rear decks within the right side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 1.

57 Trull Street (ZBA 2019-85): Applicants and Owners, Timothy Buntel and Cynthia Graber, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by constructing a single story addition that is greater than 25% of the existing structures gross floor area and to extend the structure upward within the nonconforming left side yard setback. RB Zone. Ward 5.

87 Jaques Street (ZBA 2019-82): Applicant, North America Development, and Owner, Nelia DaCova-Pissarra, Trustee of the DaCova Family Trust, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the nonconforming structure by constructing a single story addition atop the existing structure and by constructing a three-story addition in the rear that will increase the existing structures gross floor area by greater than 25%. A special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief is also required. The proposal will result in three dwelling units being located on the site. RB Zone. Ward 4.

59 Linden Avenue (ZBA 2019-96): Applicants and Owners, Marc Wagner and Fan Wang, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the non-conforming structure by constructing a 2.5-story addition in the rear that will increase the existing structures gross floor area by greater than 25%. The proposal will also extend the structure backward within the nonconforming left side yard setback. A special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief is also required. The proposal will result in two dwelling units being located on the site. RA Zone. Ward 5.

24 Kensington Avenue (ZBA 2019-104): Applicant and Owner, Christie Xie, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by installing balconies within the nonconforming right side yard setback. RC Zone. Ward 1.

45 Cameron Avenue (ZBA 2018-81-R2-9/19): Applicant and Owner, Aroli Realty Trust, seeks a revision to a previous approved special permit (ZBA 2018-81) under SZO §5.3.8 to amend condition #19 regarding the pavement material. RB Zone. Ward 7.

103 Washington Street (ZBA 2019-97): Applicant and Owner, Clover Leaf Capital Holdings, LLC, seek seeks a Special Permit under Section 7.11 to alter a nonconforming use (auto-body shop) and Section 4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) structure to a 3-story mixed-use building, containing a commercial space and 6 dwelling units, with a request for parking relief under Section 9.13. RC Zone. Ward 1.

40 Belmont Street (ZBA 2019-101): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Diane Carson, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO. Alterations include but may not be limited to the upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback, extension of rear porch. Roof style to change from hip to gable. RB zone. Ward 3.

15 Carlton Street (ZBA 2019-98): Applicant and Owner, Yu Shu, seeks special permits to alter a non-conforming property under §4.4.1 of the SZO. Number of units to increase from three to four. Upward extension of the non-conforming right and front yard setbacks. Parking relief under Article 9. RC zone. Ward 2.

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: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 10/2/19 & 10/9/19

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

GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. in the 3rd floor Conference Room opposite the Community Room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street regarding proposals to demolish: 1) the c. 1895 wood-frame house at 15 Woodbine Street and 2) the c. 1890 wood-frame barn at 15 MacArthur Street by Sal Querusio; 3) the c. 1874 wood-frame house at 7 Central Street by the Hellenic Association of Somerville; 4) the c. 1906 brick automotive building at 297 Medford Street by Frala Realty Trust; 5) the c. 1890 wood-frame barn at 59 Linden Avenue by Fan Wang & Marc Wagner; and 6) the c. 1895 wood-frame barn at 59 Albion Street by Daryl P. & Katherine F. St. Laurent

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structures are considered "Significant". Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved". For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 (kchase@somervillema.gov), or Sarah White at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 (swhite@somervillema.gov).

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TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

298 SOMERVILLE AVENUE, SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-31291

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On September 13, 2019, Union 2 Associates, LLC recorded with the Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION limits the following site activities and uses on the above property:

• There are no limitations on site activities or uses on the property. However due to the presence of nonaqueous phase liquid (NAPL) in a monitoring well within the Portion of the Property, it is possible that construction or site improvements, including utility-related activities, involving excavation may result in NAPL being encountered within any such excavation. If such is encountered, worker health and safety practices pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0018 would potentially apply and if soil is to be removed from the site from said excavation, it must be done so in accordance the Soil Management procedures pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0030.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Jameson Brown of Union 2 Associates, LLC, 39 Brighton Avenue, Boston, MA 02134; (617) 783-0039.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-31291 at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#1/search/wastesite/results?RTN=3-0031291 or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887; Main Phone: 978-694-3200.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue.

28-44 Broadway (PB 2019-18) (re-advertisement): Applicant, Lower Broadway Development, LLC, and Owners, Lower Broadway Development, LLC and Fred Boulter, seek a special permit with site plan review (SPSR) under SZO §6.5.D to demolish the existing buildings on the site and construct a five-story mixed use building with 10,463 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 38 residential units. The proposal also requires a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. TOD-55 Zone. Ward 1.

328 Broadway (PB 2019-22): Applicant, Breck Bailey, and Owner, 328 Broadway LLC c/o John Holmes, seek a special permit under SZO §6.1.22 to install an outdoor walk-in refrigerator. CCD-55 Zone. Ward 4.

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.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 10/2/19 and 10/9/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#20-27

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

Plow Truck Rentals

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 10/07/2019. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 10/21/2019 2:00PM.

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.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year with 2 optional renewals from 12/01/2019 to 05/30/2020.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

Angela M. Allen Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 10/14/2019 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Osmond Helmand/Helmand Restaurant unit #0841; Francis Orlowski unit #260MZ; Wendy Gomez/Bulgarie Corp unit #277B; James Capobianco unit #4682. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 2, 2019 City of Somerville 93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-625-6600

On or about October 10, 2019 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake projects under the Green Infrastructure and Urban Forestry Program which seeks to enhance and improve the urban environment. The program will continue to compliment the City's tree planting program in income eligible areas. The amount of CDBG funds for the project is 90,000 dollars.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not included under this program notice when addresses become known. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this program is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

Monday thru Wednesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Thursday: 8:30AM to 7:30PM, and Friday: 8:30AM to 12:30PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by October 9, 2019 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP # 19-87-3

Acquisition of Commercial Office Space by Lease for Inspectional Services Department

The City of Somerville, acting through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids to relocate the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) offices in an effort to improve operations and the constituent experience. The proposal may offer an entire facility or a portion of a facility. The City is seeking a minimum of 7,000 square foot space in order to accommodate the Inspectional Services Department offices.

A request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after **Wednesday September 25th**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until **Friday October 25th at 11:00am**. at which time sealed proposals will be opened. 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.

The City will only consider facilities that provide a minimum of 35 off street spaces for 35 vehicles within the City of Somerville. The desired lease term is three years plus options to extend the lease for up to two additional years. Lease start date shall be December 1st, 2019 and end on November 30th, 2029.

Angela M. Allen Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x. 3400



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October 2, 2018 City of Somerville 93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-625-6600

On or about October 10, 2019 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) authorized by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Act (NAHA) of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation Program, for the purpose of assisting low income households that will continue to support the 100 Homes Program. CDBG funds will be primarily used to undertake rehabilitation work but may also fund housing acquisition activities on a limited basis. The program is bases on homeowner and/or tenant eligibility and therefore activities are city wide. The total estimated funding for this project is 625,750 dollars, The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Additional environmental factors will be reviewed as project sites are identified. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

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RELEASE OF FUNDS

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Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not included under this program notice when addresses become known. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this program is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#20-25

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

Lead Free Residential Water Meters

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The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 with 2 one year options to renew.

Please contact Prajkta Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

Angela M. Allen Purchasing Director 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB#20-26

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

Lead Free Brass Fittings

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at http://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 10/07/2019. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 10/22/2019 1:00PM EST. 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.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday October 2

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Magic the Gathering 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB

Read to a Dog with Josie! 5 p.m.- 6 p.m.| 167 Holland St, 2nd

Thursday October 3

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Comic Book Drawing Workshop for 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland

Friday October 4

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Teen Empowerment Library Leaders

3:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday October 5

Central Library Collage Workshop 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday October 7

Central Library

Sing Along with Matt! 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday October 8

Somerville Community Baptist Church

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College Ave. **Central Library**

Writing is Magic: Halloween Magic 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Girls Who Code club 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday October 9

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday October 2

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief 9 p.m. Backroom: The Jeremiahs 7 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Wednesday Funk w/ NEPHROK 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grate-

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Just Friends w/ Save Face, The Sonder Bombs and Hotline TNT 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Open Mic with Mike Morrissey 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday October 3

Sally O'Brien's

BYOBluegrass with David Rizzuti 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Compa-

Back Room: Jack & The Vox, Amy Kucharik|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m.

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

STIG with special guests The Jive Tribe, and Good Trees River Band 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

The Number Twelve Looks Like You, God Mother, Pound, RONG 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Oracle

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

The Perfect Trip – Psychedelic Folk 7 p.m.|Café

Augusten Burroughs: Toil & Trouble 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday October 4

Sally O'Brien's

Hayride!|6 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present Alright Already, Spirit Machines 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom: Ariel Strasser, Bridges & Tunnels|7 p.m. Ripcord 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville

Team Dresch, Shepherdess, stubborn

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

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

440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Way Up South (CD Release Party!)

with special guest Ira's Grateful Harp

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Adult Lunchbox 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth|7

Good Luck Comedy|9:30 p.m.

255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Janet Connerney with Sweet Wednes-

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday October 5

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Nashville's The Medium, Bong Wish, Headband |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.

Back Room: Kids Open Mic|12 p.m. Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! 4 p.m. An Evening With Bill Janovitz and Friends | 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|617-440-6045

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Somerset (Album Release Show!) with special guests Groundlift 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Lyrics Born + Con Brio w/ Billy Dean **Thomas**

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

The Tempests 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café

MAST Film Festival - See Some of the Best Student Films in MA! (AniMAtic & Planet Nutshell)

7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth|7

Smoke and Shadows: Burlesque & Variety Show|9:30p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday October 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and quests|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m. Classical Music Brunch|11:30 a.m. Miscast|4 p.m. Billow Wood 7:30 p.m.

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Buffy Spooky Spectacular! ONCE More With Feeling Sing-a-Long

6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

BYOP: Amy Kucharik & Friends 2 p.m. pindrop sessions season 3 opening: madness unleashed with palaver strings|7p.m.||14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Just Winging It Podcast 3 p.m.|Café Multiverse: Exoplanetary (Multiverse Concert Series) 3 p.m.|Performance Hall||191 High-

Monday October 7

Sally O'Brien's Bar

land Ave

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Stump Trivia | 8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

Jimmy James Trivia 8:30 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Once Somerville

Magick Mondays: A Place To Binge hosted by Binge Magick 8 p.m|379 Somerville Ave

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

Bad Gyal w/ Dai Burger

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armor

Oueer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday October 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m. Back Room: Side Street | 7 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. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road Neighbor Lite - A Unique Evening

with Neighbor Minus 1 Player! 379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

KEY! w/ Swoosh God, OG Swagger-

dick, Donald Grunge 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Strummerville 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday October 9

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief 9 p.m.

Backroom: The Jeremiahs | 7 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grateful Dead

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Scream Along and GarageDogs Exile on Main St at ONCE 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Emily and Jake

Wiretap Wednesday

9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Wednesday October 2

Central Library Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Do About It: a lecture by Mass Peace

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Davis Square Farmers Market** 12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

Heading For Extinction and What To

Thursday October 3 Ciampa Manor Learn English with the Library!

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|27 College Avenue 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 5

Central Library Citizenship Class 9:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library Morning of Poetry with Lloyd

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Union Square Farmers Market**

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

weekly to discuss their work

Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet

Family Groups

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St Sunday October 6 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement Monday October 7

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God

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

Wednesday October 9

Central Library

Friends of the Somerville Public Library Book Sale 6 p.m.-8:30|79 Highland Ave

12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

CENTER HAPPENINGS: SENIOR

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

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

Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 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 & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study. Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you! 24 week study for people 60 to 89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at ckowaleski@Somervillema.gov for guestions and additional information.

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Classes – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600,

Healthy Steps – Thursdays – Holland Street from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Country Western Line Dancing - The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center . - class is free. No experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Somerville Mobile Farmer's Market - Running until Saturday, October 19. Fridays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Holland Street Center. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. East Somerville Community School. Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. North Street Housing Development and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mystic Housing Development.. The Somerville Mobile Farmer's Market sells fresh, affordable produce. 50% off for residents of Mystic or North Street Housing, or for showing your SNAP, MassHealth, WIC or Senior Coupons. Info: 617-625-

The Diabetes Support Group - Penne for Your Thoughts – Wednesday s- October 2 and 9 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Please join our Nutritionist, Caitlin and Social Worker, Natasha as they explain common myths and facts about diabetes and discuss strategies to help manage your diabetes. To sign up please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext.

Bowling – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbread Pizza located in Davis Square. There is a \$3 weekly fee which covers shoe rental, three strings candlepin bowling and due for a bowling banquet. For more information and to sign up please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Doc Talk – Monday, October 7 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Come talk with Veronica Nuzzolo, PhD, CACD. Gain strategies and empowerment skills to be able to ask your doctor the questions that you are afraid to ask. RSVP by calling Ashely at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Wildwood, NJ - Thursday, October 17 to Sunday,

October 20 - \$423 per person double and \$521 per person single. Package includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 3 nights' accommodations, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners and 2 concerts. Check in time is 6:30 a.m. on the 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. on the 20. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-

Caregivers Support Series – at our Holland Street Center from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays for six weeks. Oct. 17 - Tips on Bathing and Dressing, Oct. 24 - Nutrition, Oct. 31 - Self Care, homecare resources and when is it unsafe to remain at home, Nov. 7 - Activities you can do together, Nov. 14 - Attend a Memory Café and Nov. 21 – Coping with the holidays and having honest discussions with family and friends. To reserve your spot please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Dollar Days at the Movies - Tuesday, October 22 movie starts at 12:00 p.m. door open at 11:30 a.m. This month's movie is POMS. \$1 per person for the movie paid to the theatre. They will have the refreshment stand open to make purchases on your own. For more information or to RSVP call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finances 50+ Workshop – Thursday, October 24 – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Finances 50+ Workshop was designed to help you make and keep smart money habits. To register please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Paint Day – Monday, November 4 – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$15 per person Seats are very limited. Payment due a time of reservation. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319 to make your

Wrentham Outlets - Sunday, November 10 - check in at 10:00 a.m. at Holland with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. \$10 per person for transportation to the outlets; lunch is on your own. For more information or to sign up please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Dollar Days at the Movies - Tuesday, November 19 - movie starts at 12:00 p.m. door open at 11:30 a.m. This month's movie is A Dog's Journey. \$1 per person for the movie paid to the theatre. They will have the refreshment stand open to make purchases on your own. For more information or to RSVP call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mamma Mia - Wednesday, November 20 at the Norwood Theatre. \$38 dollars per person. Price includes lunch (a chicken dish, potatoes or rice, a small salad, a vegetable and a dessert) before the show (11:30 to 12:30.) Performance begins at 1:15 p.m. and last approximately 2-1/2 hours. Space is limited. First come first serve. Payment due at time of reservation. No refunds. Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:30 p.m. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to make your reservation.

LGBTQ EVENTS

LBT Women Fit-4-Life at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - 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 have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-**ULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)**

Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H) Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$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) – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Healthy Steps – 12:30 p.m. (H) Nutrition Class – 3:00 p.m. (H) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 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.

Cribbage Club – Meets every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by volunteer Nortbert DeAmato. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. 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 the 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.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Lunch is served every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

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.

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, please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. There is a different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. Group runs for approximately an hour. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Get a free flu vaccine through Somerville's Annual Flu clinics

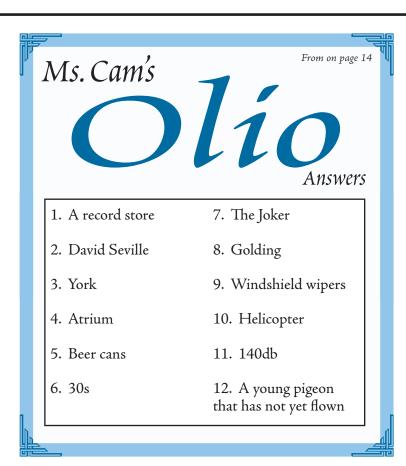
With students back in school and the cooler temperatures approaching, it's a reminder that cold and flu season is quickly approaching and it's time for the annual flu vaccine clinics offered by the City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). All clinics offer free flu vaccines for



Somerville residents ages three and older (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Clinics start on Thursday, October 17, and will be held at various times and locations in the community until the city's supply of vaccine is exhausted.

Due to limited availability, vaccines will be offered during official flu clinic hours only. While there is no charge for vaccinations, attendees are asked to bring an insurance card if available, including Medicaid cards. Residents requiring additional assistance or other accommodations should contact the Health and Human Services Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4320. The city will add or adjust clinic schedules as necessary, and the most up to date information can always be found at www.somervillema.gov or by calling 311 (617-666-3311).

Go to https://www.somervillema.gov/news/get-free-flu-vaccine-through-somerville% E2%80%99s-annual-flu-clinics-offered-health-and-human-services for the current clinic schedules.



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Community Media Week



Somerville Media Center is celebrating all aspects of community media locally with Community Media Week, October 20 through October 27. Community Media Week is a new fundraising endeavor where SMC television, radio and podcast producers will include special messaging in their programs (some even doing special episodes) in an effort to raise awareness and encourage donating funds toward media education activities at Somerville Media Center.

Community Media Day is an annual celebration of voices that bring awareness to the importance of free speech and accessible media for all individuals to have their voices heard.

In 2017, the Somerville City Council passed a proclamation to designate October 20 officially as Community Media Day and is meant to ensure that the media landscape remains inclusive for all artists, across all forms of media.

Traditionally, SMC receives the majority of its funding from the city through contributions from cable franchise fees. The past several years have reflected a decline in cable viewership, and consequently SMC's funding. In addition to the cord cutting phenomenon, SMC (and all Public, Education and Government Media) funding is further threatened by a new FCC rule. This weeklong fundraising endeavor aims to increase the amount that we receive from donors made up of people who know the benefits of community media in Somerville.

The full schedule of events for the community to participate:

Sunday, 10/20 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Video Launch with members and supporters at City of Somerville Monster Mashed Up event

Monday, 10/21 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.: SMC go LIVE from Somerville Public Library with special guests

Tuesday, 10/22 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: SMC in partnership with The Somerville Line a panel on "The Importance of Community Media with Communities of Color" and Underserved Voices". The public is welcome to be part of the studio audience.

Wednesday, 10/23 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: Come enjoy a stroll down memory lane with the special throwback SCATV screening, Way Back Wednesday: The Wonderful World of Public Access TV hosted at the Armory Cafe.

Sunday, 10/27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Comedy Benefit Show at Comedy Studio at Bow Market

The finale event will bring together Boston-area comedians for a Comedy Benefit Show at The Comedy Studio in Bow Market on Sunday, October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This fundraiser is to help raise funds for youth programs, digital literacy workshops and community journalism programs at SMC. Get tickets online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-comedy-benefit-show-tickets-73370827119.

Contact Erica Jones at ejones@somervillemedia.org with any questions.

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12:00am	Free Speech TV	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Part
6:00am	NASA TV	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	5:00am	Free Speech TV
7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360	6:00am	NASA TV
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live	7:00am	Somerville Storyteller
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie	7:30am	Going Posta
9:00am	DW Global 3000	6:30pm	#AFAD	12:00pm	Somerville Storytellers	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	9:00am	Science 36
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View	2:00pm	Reeling Review	10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood New
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony	3:00pm M	A House of Representatives Formal Session	11:00am	Our Viev
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	Tele Kreyol	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
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SHS Topping Off Ceremony Thursday, October 3 Central Hill Campus Plan Meeting 12:00am 1:30am SomerViva en Español - 9.19.19 2:00am East Somerville Walking Tour - 6.16.19 Central Hill Campus Plan Meeting - 9.23.19 7:30am ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting 8:46am SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Miral Atis 9:00am Ball Square Walking Tour - 9.29.19 9:11am Connecting Communities - Fire Safety 11:30am 12:00pm Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II" 12:30pm What the Fluff Fest? 1:00pm Central Hill Campus Plan Meeting SPD Ride Along 2:17pm 2:32pm SomerViva en Español - 9.19.19 3:00pm Return to Italy SPD Ride Along 6:30pm 6:45pm SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Miral Atis 7:00pm Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II" Flood & Stormwater PSA 7:26pm 7:30pm Mystic Ave. Safety Meeting - 10.1.19 9:00pm Connecting Communities - Fire Safety

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Saturday, October 5

Connecting Communities - Fire Safety 12:00am 12:30am National Night Out 2019 1:09am SPD Ride Along 1:30am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy 3:00am SHS Topping Off Ceremony 7:30am SomerViva en Español - 9.19.19 8:00am Connecting Communities - Fire Safety Celling Your Soul 8:30am What the Fluff Fest? 11:00am 11:30am Evolution of Hip Hop 12:00pm Return to Italy Mystic Ave. Safety Meeting - 10.1.19 1:00pm 2:30pm SomerViva em Português - Sept. 2019

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Council on the Arts award, Margolis has published his poems in Poetry, American Scholar, Poetry Northwest, and other literary magazines.

Easter's Ginsberg and Corso

"I moved ahead, eager to rejoin old company ... I went to the movie of my life," —Ginsberg

I'm reminded this day before Christ rose, Gregory Corso invited my friend, Peter, and me, to drive him to Ginsberg's

and Orlovsky's farm, down state, for Allen's birthday. Peter lived in a commune with Gregory in Buffalo.

Where that poet was loving his Methadone and heroin. Two lines in his high poem. The one he promised he'd write

on the drive down. If only we could see our way past what we'd find. Men sitting around a dining room

table, waiting for Gregory to arrive, rise with them. Once Allen began playing his harmonium, breathing life with his feet

into its canvas lungs. Raising his voice, no one would call singing, really. If you weren't stoned on love,

men's love. Peter and I—am I remembering right—espoused in the abstract. Seeking advice, in those days, from the I Ching,

those pictographs of sticks and stones, their random messaging. Should we stay, should we go? Wondering if we could stand

listening to our backseat poet, droning for hours on the Thruway. Driving our crystal Christ, wearing a shawl

and his court jester shoes, their tips curled. Gregory said Allen would have him take off at the door. Said Peter and I could leave

our clothes on, when the dancing began. When, he wanted us to know, there'd be more than one Christ rising, coming down. Even if we left the car running all weekend, by the private gate. If we'd be there to drive him home.

— Gary Margolis

*The poem will also appear in Margolis' book Museum of Islands: New and Selected Poems (Baughan Publishing) spring of 2020.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

That honking you hear is not a car horn:

Interview with Ken Field about the HONK! Festival



Doug Holder (L) and Frank Field (R) at Remnant Brewing.

From the Honk! Festival website:

Throughout the country and across the globe, a new type of street band movement is emerging - outrageous and inclusive, brass and brash, percussive and persuasive - reclaiming public space with a sound that is in your face and out of this world. Called everything from "avant-oompah!" to a "brassroots revolution," these bands draw inspiration from sources as diverse as Klezmer, Balkan and Romani music, Brazilian Samba, Afrobeat and Highlife, Punk, Funk, and Hip Hop, as well as the New Orleans second line tradition, and deliver it with all the passion and spirit of Mardi Gras and Carnival.

Acoustic and mobile, these bands play at street level, usually for free, with no stages to elevate them above the crowd and no sound systems or speaker columns to separate performers from participants. These bands don't just play for the people; they play among the people and invite them to join the fun. They are active, activist, and deeply engaged in their communities, at times alongside unions and grassroots groups in outright political protest, or in some form of community-building activity, routinely performing and conducting workshops for educational and social service organizations of all kinds.

Ken Field, a member of the core coordinating group for the HONK! Festival met me at Remnant Brewing in the Bow Street Market in Union Square, Somerville. He has the low key, cool demeanor of a jazz musician, but nonetheless shows a red hot passion for all things HONK! Field was sharing a cool drink and a spot of lunch with me while we talked about the festival. Field (and pardon the pun) has played an instrumental role with HONK! since 2006.

Field was performing with his Revolutionary Snake Ensemble for a while, but wanted to expand its horizons, so he hooked up with HONK! and became a member of the coordinating committee

in Somerville. Field likes music with a mission, and here bands from all over the nation and world engage the community.

Field told me his band is a "Second Line" brass band. Second Line is funeral music from the New Orleans Jazz tradition. The music can be somber but also very uplifting, a celebration of life.

The bands that perform at the festival have a political message as well. Whether it be environmental, about labor issues, or gender issues, the music can be a conduit for change. Field told me, "The bands for the most part pay for their own expenses. They are independent bands, with their own focus. We have bands from Austin, Texas to Rio in Brazil. It is that expansive."

A young man at the bar overheard our conversation and came up to Field and talked to him about the School of HONK! He seemed to be very passionate about his experience there. Field sat back and dug the chatter. Although not directly connected with the HONK! Festival, Field teaches at the School of HONK! He and other faculty teach aspiring HONK! musicians how to engage and play in the tradition of HONK!

Field, who left the high tech world to live the life of a working artist, told me, "I am basically making my living through my music." Field has an impressive resume. He has composed music for Sesame Street, independent films, music for animation and has performed widely in the Boston area and elsewhere. On November 12 you can catch him with his group Birdsongs of the Mesozoic at the Lizard Lounge.

Field, like many artists I have interviewed, has a mission and follows through here, in the Paris of New England.

HONK! Festival, October 11-13. For more info, go to http://honkfest.org/2019-festival/ For more info about Ken Field, go to https://ken-

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72468324	1 Vinal St	7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	17	\$650,000	\$690,000		
72487505	9 Porter St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	7	\$749,900	\$780,000		
72492988	141 Central Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	23	\$769,000	\$775,000		
72502479	33 Marion St.	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	20	\$789,900	\$800,000		
72491715 35	Harvard Street	9 room, 4 bed, 1f 1hbath	18	\$895,000	\$1,025,000		
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72487335	16 Fellsway	WU:3 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	16	\$665,000	\$685,000		
72492185	102 Conwell Ave	U:3 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	47	\$669,000	\$655,000		
72475493	108 Belmont	U:2 8 room, 5 bed, 2f bath	24	\$669,000	\$690,000		
72415191	390 Washington Street	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	217	\$669,900	\$669,000		
72500341	58 Conwell Ave	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$674,900	\$695,000		
72500364	4 Putnam St	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	7	\$679,000	\$715,000		
72484871	21 Park Street	U:4 4 room, 1 bed, 1f 1h bath	37	\$689,000	\$690,000		
72491732	52 Dimick Street	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1f bath	14	\$710,000	\$740,000		
72490433	3 Banks Street	U:1 4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath	3	\$729,000	\$808,000		

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72500690	33 Mason St	U:1 6 room, 3 bed, 1fbath	14	\$729,900	\$800,000
72479043	49 Putnam Street	U:1 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	10	\$749,000	\$800,000
72500118	22 Beacon Place	U:B 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$765,000	\$786,250
72462754	43 Electric Avenue	U:2 7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$769,900	\$774,900
72487091	56 Fremont Street	U:56 11 room, 4 bed, 2f 1hbath	8	\$795,000	\$885,000
72487322	24 Marshall Street	U:24 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	33	\$799,000	\$785,000
72498451	7 Westminster St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	8	\$799,000	\$820,000
72442412	69 Rush	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1hbath	104	\$839,000	\$820,000
72493041	21 Park St	U:2 6 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	5	\$839,900	\$850,000
72458342	40 Harvard St	U:1 6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	82	\$899,900	\$865,000
72513213	9 Medford Street	U:501 4 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	15	\$915,000	\$915,000
72491955	30 Bromfield Road	U: 2 6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1hbath	20	\$939,000	\$940,000
72483678	12 Spencer Avenue	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$949,000	\$980,000
72455659	42 Bow St	U:3 5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1hbath	96	\$949,900	\$940,000
72475446	163 Central St	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	46	\$1,049,000	\$990,000
72484101	9 Monmouth Street	U:2 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	6	\$1,085,000	\$1,100,000
72480180	7 Webster St	U:2 10 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	37	\$1,095,000	\$1,095,000
72487570	27 Murdock Street	U:3 7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	34	\$1,150,000	\$1,070,000
72486729	261 Willow Avenue	U:2 7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$1,178,000	\$1,200,021
72447165	65-67 Victoria Street	U:67 9 room, 3 bed, 3f bath	132	\$1,195,000	\$1,125,000
72495805	70 Howard	U:PH 3 room, 1 bed, 1fbath	18	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000

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72486931	31 Alpine St	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	21	\$939,000	\$939,000		
72495963	21 Bradley St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	69	AUCTION	\$970,000		
72499734	67 Thurston St	3 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	9	\$975,000	\$1,042,000		
72452780	17 Princeton Street	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	140	\$995,000	\$1,000,000		
72472766	38	10 Hills 2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	82	\$999,000	\$975,000		
72480267	12 Conwell Ave	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	35	\$1,099,900	\$1,055,000		
72484756	8 West Street	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,280,000		
72475400	62 Hudson St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	2	\$1,239,000	\$1,200,000		
72394426	315 Washington St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	60	\$1,250,000	\$1,200,000		
72479573	3 Preston Road	2 unit, 17 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	23	\$1,350,000	\$1,320,000		
72382267	13 Quincy St.	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	6	\$1,399,000	\$1,300,000		
72470834	26-28 Adrian Street	unit, 18 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	44	\$1,599,999	\$1,560,000		
72471115	124 Perkins St	3 unit, 18 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,699,000	\$1,465,950		
72459227	42 Greenville St	6 unit, 28 total rooms, 10 total bedrooms	47	\$2,599,000	\$2,050,000		