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from the publisher and staff of The Somerville Times



City Election 2019: Our endorsements



The City Election in Somerville is taking place next Tuesday, November 5. All registered voters are encouraged to get out and let their preferences be known by casting their votes for various city officials.

By The Times Staff

Registered voters of Somerville will be heading to the polls next Tuesday, November 5, to cast their votes for several seats in the city's governmental body.

In contention are candidates for mayor, four City Councilors At-Large, and two members of the School Committee.

Here are our picks for the candidates who we feel would best serve the city in their respective upcoming terms:

Mayor

In our opinion, current *Mayor Joseph Curtatone* is the clear choice for re-election to his ninth term in office. Since 2004, the mayor has successfully led the city through various fiscal crises, addressed unfair *Continued on page 4*

'Foolish' or not, Superchunk goes acoustic in Somerville

By Blake Maddux

As the cofounder of both the Chapel Hill quartet Superchunk and the venerated record label Merge, each with Laura Ballance, Mac MacCaughan's credentials as the embodiment of American indie rock and its DIY ethos are beyond reproach.

2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the band and the label, as well as the 25th anniversary of Superchunk's fourth LP, *Foolish*. To honor the occasion, McCaughan and his bandmates recorded an acoustic version of the album – titled *AF* (*Acoustic Foolish*) – and performed the whole of it on two nights at the Evanston, IL venue SPACE.

"That was the test run, and it worked really well," McCaughan said in an interview with *The Somerville Times* that continues below.

So well that the band put together a fourcity *Acoustic Foolish* tour that includes a visit to Somerville Theatre on *Continued on page 8*



Superchunk will be presenting a live acoustic show commemorating the 25th anniversary of the release of their album Foolish. — Photo by Lissa Gotwals

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Happy Halloween to everyone! We hope everyone out there is careful driving tomorrow night when children will be out trick or treating. Be safe!

On Tuesday, November 5, registered Somerville voters can cast their votes for Mayor, At-Large and Ward City Councilors, and School Committee Members. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. More information on voting, including sample ballots, is available at www.somervillema.gov/elections. You can find out where you vote by entering your address at www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville. If you have any questions, please contact 311 (617-666-3311 from outside of the city), or email 311updates@somervillema.gov.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a former alderman and great guy, Dennis Sullivan. A nice guy who served Somerville for many years. We wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to Eric Erb, from Somerville, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to another good guy who served Somerville years ago, Charles Chisholm. We hope he has a great birthday. Big happy birthday to our own a great real estate agent here in Somerville, Clifton Verdieu, who grew up in East Somerville. He works out of the Century 21 North East, Norton Group RE office. And finally, happy birthday to another great guy and writer, Timothy Gager. A talented and great guy. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city celebrates this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

Join Mayor Joe Curtatone, State Senator Pat Jehlen, State Representative Mike Connolly, and Ward 1 City Councilor Matt McLaughlin for a community meeting about community needs at Foss Park. Two meetings have been planned, but each will cover the same information. Meetings are scheduled as follows: Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Healey School cafeteria, 5 Meacham St., and Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Our youth deserve more than climate action: They should get the vote

Fiona Davis-Walsh says:

Mayor Curtatone's letter made a compelling, climate-focused argument for lowering the voting age in municipal elections to 16.

As a young person in my second year at Tufts, who comes from a town of 700 people in New Hampshire's beautiful White Mountains, I'm very aware of the threat posed by climate change. But coming to this city as a student, I've become increasingly aware of another threat that continues to plague our communities: gun violence.

This is why I joined the Advocacy Corps, a group of twenty young people supported by the Friends Committee on National Legislation who are organizing for sensible reform to curb gun violence at the federal level. Here in Somerville, we're lucky to have representatives who are already cosponsoring some crucial legislation. After I brought H.R. 1236 to their attention, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's staff made sure she signed on as a cosponsor of this bill that will provide funding for legislation that allows for the temporary removal of firearms from someone who poses an immediate threat to their own or others' safety. Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren are cosponsors of S. 42, which would implement a system of universal background checks nationwide; now we need our representatives to make these bills a priority for Congress.

No matter how old you are, Rep. Pressley and Senators Warren and Markey work for you; with or without the vote, you have the power to call, email, and visit their offices and add your voice to the all the others calling for a safer city and a safer nation.

Response to: Still leading the way

Robert Spinney says:

Jimmy, wonderful it's still the people of Somerville that makes it great.

joseph sylva says:

very nice article JIm

Bob Ross says:

Great article as usual, Jimmy. I saw what you did there dropping in the 02144 zip code. Given the recent reboot of Beverly Hills 90210, I think it's high time for a reboot of "Somerville 02144" as well, don't you?

current annoyance??? says:

great term for what i'm dealing with today. how is one supposed to access OUR library if you're using a wheelchair and/or a walker? the only available ramp entrance is on the corner of Highland & Walnut. obviously no dream of parking anywhere near there, we have a full timer employee in charge of this stuff, and we have a Commission supposed to be in charge of this stuff. so why does this stuff just keep happening? more than just an annoyance.

davis the square says:

Nice article Jimmy. Current city council would do well to remember that we owe much of what is great about this city today to the hard work of those who came before them. I know one elected official who isn't going to leave anything to remember him by and that is Lance Davis the definition of an empty suit. It's a sign of how much this community has been hollowed out that he does not have an opponent.

Response to: Income-restricted rental unit available: 100 Fellsway West

LindaS says:

Seriously? ONE? One apartment?

It's ridiculous that so many people who desperately need housing have to jump through endless hoops for ONE chance to obtain a place to live.

They may as well hold a competition like American Ninja, where people have to go through an obstacle course. They will hold the same chance of getting a home here.

My advice? Go to another city where you may actually be able to afford a home. And I mean a HOME, not an apartment.

Response to: Early morning fire at Jackson St. multi-family home

Ritepride says:

God bless the Somerville fire fighters. Consider the close proximity of the homes so close together they did a great job in stopping the fire from spreading further. Yet the zoning allows for such construction is mindboggling.

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

A 60's Halloween



I remember trick or treating back in the day. There was no such thing as "fun size" candy. We got full size bars or "dentist's delights." At the height of our childhood Halloween fun, we'd have to go home to empty out our pillow cases and go to more houses for more candy. Remember looking at the lousy treat the neighbor would drop in your sack? The biggest ripoff would be the houses that plopped an apple into your bag. No one wanted a stupid apple for Halloween plus it would crush the good stuff! The only thing worse than fruit was the nut who would put a handful of loose popcorn in there.

Ben Cooper Halloween costumes were purchased at Woolworths, Grants and at Bradlees I'm in therapy! in later years. That's if you were lucky. Frugal families would make their kids throw together their own original costumes.

Hated treat list: fruit, loose hard candy, loose popcorn, any granola product, pencils, loose pennies, juice boxes, or yogurt

The year I was Zorro will always be stuck in my mind. My parents pulled a Ralphie from A Christmas Story on me. They wouldn't let me get a sword. They bought me a lame rubber knife instead. That memory is right up there with the brown shoes with my white holy communion suit fiasco. No wonder

Remember if Halloween night was cold? The biggest bummer was when your parents made you wear your stupid coat over your costume. Yes, there were many pitfalls to trick or treating back then. Those masks got hot and sweaty too. And if you chose to wear makeup it would always smudge and smear.

The older kids would trick or treat in packs of about 15-20.

My dad would have to inspect all the candy before we were allowed to dig in. A wise thing to do, especially nowadays. Of course, he didn't know about the pound and a half of candy we'd eat before we got home. He always snuck a couple of Nestles Crunch bars for himself while conducting his inspection.

Hated treat list: fruit, loose hard candy, loose popcorn, any granola product, pencils, loose pennies, juice boxes, or yogurt.

No bite me size candy!



A true right of maturity was when our parents stopped taking us trick or treating to our grandparents, aunts and uncles' and neighbors houses and let us go with our friends.

I can still smell that cheap and flimsy plastic mask. The elastic usually broke on the first day

you got it.

A friend of mine had a funny memory. One year his dad gave him his mother's beret to wear, along with a ripped sweatshirt. He then smudged cigar ashes on his face for a beard. He then said, "There you go! You're a beatnik, now get the hell out there!"

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By Jim Clark

Promise her anything, but steal her a Rolex

A Somerville Police officer visited Kay Jewelers at Artisan Way last Saturday for a routine business contact.

The business had been experiencing a rash of individuals using fake IDs and stolen credit card information to obtain merchandise, specifically Rolex watches.

All of the thefts had been committed by a suspect using a fake out of state driver's license or identification card.

Upon entering the store, the officer observed two individu-

als standing at the Rolex case. These two customers appeared to know each other, and were shopping together.

The officer engaged one of the men at the Rolex case in conversation, and learned he was attempting to purchase a Rolex for his girlfriend.

He also informed the officer that he was from Texas and was only visiting for a week. As the officer spoke with him, he reportedly grew extremely nervous and began to sweat.

Employees at Kay Jewelers rou-

tinely secure a license or identification card to process large dollar amount transactions. The officer could see the Texas driver's license on the counter, and it appeared to him to be fake.

Due to no radio service, the officer needed to exit the store to radio the situation in to dispatch. When he re-entered the store, the suspect had got out of his chair and walked across the store. As the officer approached, the suspect took off running toward the front door.

The officer gave chase and, af-

ter a brief struggle, was able to detain him.

It was determined that the suspect was attempting to purchase the Rolex valued at \$7,000 with a line of credit belonging to someone in Texas. This suspect was later identified as Jamine Decambra of Brooklyn, NY.

The second suspect was identified as Cameron Walters, of The Bronx, NY. It was clear that Walters and Decambra, and possibly a third individual, conspired to drive together from New York City to Somer-

ville to commit fraud. After searching his person, credit cards and IDs belonging to various people were found to be in his possession.

Decambra was placed under arrest on charges of conspiracy, credit card fraud over \$1200, attempt to commit a crime, resisting arrest, furnishing a false ID, utter false instrument, and possession or use of false RMV document.

Walters was placed under arrest on charges of conspiracy and receiving a stolen credit card.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Harlan Dossantos, of 67 Hillsboro St., Quincy, October 23, 2:51 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of larceny under \$1200 by single scheme.

Kenneth Reed, of 74 Adams St., Boston, October 26, 4:18 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on a charge of fugitive from justice on court warrant, and on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Cameron Walters, of 1898 Harrison Ave., The Bronx, NY, October 26, 7:57 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of conspiracy and receiving a stolen credit card.

Jamine Decambra, of 27 Crooke Ave., Brooklyn, NY, October 26, 7:57 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of conspiracy, credit card fraud over \$1200, attempt to commit a crime, resisting arrest, furnishing a false ID, utter false instrument, and possession or use of false RMV document.

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immigration policies, fought for solutions to to overwhelming opioid crisis, and many other serious issues that has confronted the city.

His many uniquely innovative initiatives for community development are unparalleled and demonstrate his inexhaustible capacity for thinking outside the box, while at the same time holding fast to the traditional values that all Somervilliens share.

Considering his many years of service to the city – fifteen years as mayor and eight years as alderman prior to that – and his record of success in office, Mayor Curtatone is unquestionably the best qualified candidate on the ticket. We encourage you to cast your mayoral vote for him.

Councilor At-Large

Our endorsements for Councilor At-Large include two well deserving incumbents and two equally qualified challengers.

William A. White Jr. has served on the Board of Aldermen – later the City Council – in his capacity as an At-Large representative since 1998.

During his tenure he also served as President of the Somerville Board of Alderman and ex-officio member of the Somerville School Committee

Councilor White has been a practicing attorney for 35 years

and has served as Law Clerk for a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Councilor White has proven himself to be a dedicated champion for affordability, climate change, transparency in government, equity, and economic development that is appropriate for the community.

His unrivaled knowledge and experience in all civic legislative matters make him a clear choice for re-election to office. We urge you to cast one of your At-Large votes for Bill White.

Mary Jo Rossetti is another hard working and imminently qualified sitting Councilor At-Large who deserves your vote.

Since taking office, Councilor Rossetti has actively served on various committees such as Finance (Vice Chairman), Legislative Matters, Licenses and Permits (Chairman), Rules (Special Committee), Senior Services, and the Somerville High School Building Committee.

She has also focused on special issues that the city has faced such as rodent control and airplane noise abatement. Her tireless efforts in these matters alone have earned her a rightful seat in the City Council horseshoe.

Councilor Rossetti clearly deserves one of your votes for

Councilor At-Large.

Having previously served on the Board of Aldermen as Ward 6 Alderman for eleven terms – from 1984 to 2005 – Alderman At-Large, one special election and five terms from 2007 to 2017, *Jack Connolly* has the distinction of being the longest serving Alderman in Somerville history.

During his recent absence from official public service, Connolly has dedicated his time and efforts to many civic minded activities, including the restoration of the Davis Square area.

We feel that his many years of devoted service to the community, along with his unequalled level of experience, specially qualifies him to be elected Councilor At-Large.

Our fourth choice for endorsement for Councilor At-Large is *Kristen Strezo*, who we feel will bring a fresh and vital energy to the office.

Strezo has served as co-chair of the Somerville Commission for Women, and is known as a social justice activist and a well-respected journalist.

We think that Krisen Strezo will bring much welcome vitality and enthusiasm to the City Council and we urge you to cast one of your At-Large votes for her.

We would like to note that we

would have liked to have given a nod to incumbent Councilor At-Large *Stephanie Hirsch*, who has done a wonderful job on the Council. Inasmuch as it is likely that she would not serve her full term if re-elected, we felt that it would be best to offer our endorsement to another candidate. We sincerely thank Councilor Hirsch for her service to the city and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Ward 3 School Committee

Our endorsement for the Ward 3 seat on the School Committee goes to Mary Marshall.

For the last 15 years, she has been involved in the schools as a parent, volunteer, and PTA leader, listening to youth and parents from all backgrounds and advocating for underserved and at-risk students.

Through her activism, she has built many strong relationships. She has never taken a break from listening to the concerns of students, teachers, and parents, and hopes to bring her fighting drive and enthusiasm to represent Ward 3 on Somerville's School Committee.

We ask you to cast your vote for Mary Marshall for Ward 3 School Committee.

Ward 7 School Committee

In Ward 7, we endorse incumbent *Carrie Normand* to retain

her position on the Somerville School Committee.

For thirteen years she has been active in the Somerville Public Schools as a reading tutor, Special Education Parent Advisory Council member, PTA member, School Council member, classroom volunteer, and enthusiastic supporter of youth sports and the performing arts.

For the past six years, she has represented Ward 7 on the Somerville School Committee. She is proud of she has accomplished so far, and is eager to continue the district's work on equity, access, and innovation. Her mission is to create an inclusive and equitable learning community for all children across Somerville.

We strongly urge you to vote for Carrie Normand for Ward 7 School Committee member.

Be sure to get out and vote next Tuesday, no matter who you prefer in each race. If you have any questions concerning where and when to vote, go online to https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections or call the Election Department at (617) 625-6600 ext. 4200.

Our thanks and best wishes go out to all the candidates. Whether winning or not, they are all giving their best to dutifully serve their community.

Call to Arts engages candidates around arts and culture issues

Call to Arts, a newly formed grassroots effort to advocate for and advance the work of local artists, has launched a Create the Vote campaign for Somerville's 2019 municipal elections. Create the Vote is a non-partisan, grassroots campaign to engage voters and candidates for office on the vital role that arts, culture and creative expression play in improving our schools, strengthening our economy, and building neighborhoods where people want to live, work, and play.

As part of the Create the Vote campaign to engage candidates for local office in Somerville, MA on arts and culture issues, Call to Arts joined with area arts groups including Artisan's Asylum, Artists for Equity + Space, Boston Burners, Brickbottom Artists Association, the Center for the Arts at the Armory, CraftMass, Joy Street Studios, Miller Street Studios, Nave Gallery, New Alliance Gallery, Somerville Open Studios and Vernon Street Studios. A questionnaire was sent to candidates in contested races for Mayor and Councilor at Large, as well as for Ward Councilor, although all are running unopposed in this election. Candidate responses are available online at: https://calltoarts.org/createthe-vote-2019/.

This year's questionnaire addresses key issues of affordability, access to space, and city investment in arts infrastructure. Statistics shared at recent Somerville ResiStat meetings revealed that for every \$1 invested in the arts, the city sees \$4.40 in economic impacts. These impacts include direct income to the artists that sell, perform and teach at arts programs and events as well as the indirect impact of attendees patronizing local businesses. Conservative estimates of one such program run by the Somerville Arts Council, ArtsUnion, suggests a \$3 million economic impact over the last 5 years.

"We are excited to live and work as artists in a place like Somerville, where arts and culture is recognized as a driver of our economy and key to creating a livable city. However, with increasing pressures from development and a crisis around available space to create, rehearse, and present all forms of art, we need our local officials to continue to make real investments in arts and culture infrastructure. Whether that's a percent for art program, or partnering with artists in the creative reuse of municipal properties, we know there is more the city can do to retain support and attract the creative class which has made

#CreateTheVote

November 5



Somerville such a desired place to live," says Call to Arts organizer, dance artist, and Ward 7 Somerville resident Jess Muise.

Call to Arts' effort is inspired by MASSCreative's Create the Vote toolkit, which has been effective in other cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Since 2013, Create the Vote campaigns have resulted in increased investment in arts and culture, including establishing the arts commissioner position in the City of Boston, supporting matching cultural council funds in municipalities like Medford and Medfield, and spearheading a dedicated arts fund using revenue from the city's lodging tax in New Bedford.

To stay updated on the campaign, follow Call to Arts on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook @aCall2Arts.

A Call to Arts is a coalition of Somerville, Cambridge and Boston based artists begun in the summer of 2019. We believe that together we can create a stronger artistic community to the benefit of creators and patrons alike. The arts are an essential part of what makes our communities vibrant and why we choose to make this our home. https:// calltoarts.org/.

Call to Arts is a hosted community of CraftMass, a Somerville based non-profit launched to acknowledge and support communities with a focus on creation. Their mission is to promote community participation in artistic and fabrication activities, support the formation of such communities, and provide education in the creation and practices of creative communities. https://craftmass.com/.

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In City Council

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

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

Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street; Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Glen Street Entrance directly across from 68 Glen Street

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

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

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

WARD THREE

Precinct 1. A room in PROPERZI MANOR, 13-25 Warren Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in THE CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;

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

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

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

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

WARD FIVE

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

Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;

Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

WARD SIX

Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, Sartwell Avenue Entrance directly across from 19 Sartwell Avenue;

Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

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

Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, Raymond Avenue Entrance directly across from 17 Raymond Avenue;

Precinct 3. A room in the VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

A Mayor, Four Councilors-At-Large, and the said qualified voters of each of the seven wards of the city will also there and then give in their ballots for One Councilor who shall at the time of the Election be a qualified voter of the ward in which elected, and for One Member of the School Committee who shall be a qualified voter of the ward in which elected, all for the term of

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ESCS debate team gives impressive performance at kickoff event

East Somerville Community School debaters had an impressive performance at the Boston Debate League's kickoff middle school tournament held at Suffolk University earlier this month.



An estimated 170 new and returning students from more than 15 middle schools participated in the event including 19 ESCS students, who competed in the novice division under the guidance of team coaches

Mr. Scott Weaver and Mrs. Valquiria Gouvea. ESCS students Anna Mateo and Yarenis Valdivieso placed third in the novice division, while Ethan Faria and Emil Tull placed tenth in the novice division.

Faria also earned the tenth place speaker trophy. Next up for the ESCS Debate team is a tournament at McCormack Middle School on November 16.

Visit https://www.bostondebate.org/asdl/ to learn more about the Boston Debate League's flagship program and their monthly 2019-2020 tournament calendar.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives and senators from the week of October 21-25.

\$1 BILLION PLUS FOR EDUCATION (H 4157)

House 155-0, approved the Student Opportunity Act that invests \$1.5 billion, mostly in the form of Chapter 70 Aid for local school districts, in the state's public K-12 education system over the next seven years. The measure implements the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the state was underfunding schools by more than \$1 billion annually.

"I am proud of the bill passed in the House as it is the result of countless hours of research, analysis and input from all stakeholders in the education field," said Education Committee chair Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley). "This bill ensures that students across the commonwealth have access to the tools necessary for academic and post-secondary success. It is a massive step toward a more equitable funding structure, which will provide the additional resources necessary to level the playing field."

"The new funding will mean smaller class sizes, more enrichment programs and electives, an increase in guidance services, more classroom aides, improved programs for English learners and special education students and greater ability for districts to foster caring, effective, innovative schools," said Mass Teachers' Association President Merrie Najimy.

The Senate has approved a different version of the \$1 billion plus package and a House-Senate conference committee will eventually hammer out a compromise version that wIll be approved by both branches and sent off to Gov. Baker.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

FREE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN (H 4157)

House 7-147, rejected an amendment that would provide grants to cities and towns to support the establishment of free full-day kindergarten programs in schools that do not offer it for free, and to support schools at a financial risk of losing an existing free full-day kindergarten program.

Amendment supporters said a similar grant program was in effect from 2000 to 2017 but was then eliminated when state tax revenue went down \$600 million. They said that gutting the grants left 83 percent of districts with free all-day kindergarten and 17 percent without it. They said the amendment is designed to ensure that every child in every school district has access to free all-day kindergarten.

Amendment opponents said the grant program was intended to be transitional, not permanent. They noted that 17 percent of districts that were not offering full-day programs were doing it for reasons that were particular to their districts. They tended to be able to offer full-day programs but chose not to do so.

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

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

\$780 MILLION BUDGET (S 2378)

Senate 39-0, approved a \$780 million fiscal 2020 supplemental budget to cover expenses and to fund various state programs and agencies that are running out of money. The package also sets the state's next primary election before Labor Day by making it on Sept. 1, 2020 and allows for five days of early voting ahead of the primary; allows farmers to cultivate hemp on land with agricultural preservation restrictions; and transfers \$356 million to the state's stabilization fund that would jump to \$3.2

The Senate version costs \$50 million more than the one recently approved by the House and unlike the House bill, does not decouple the Bay State from the federal tax code to allow corporate interest deductions. It also does not include \$5 million the governor sought to fight fentanyl trafficking.

"With today's passage of this supplemental budget, the Senate is responsibly closing the books on Fiscal Year 2019," said Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "While bolstering our Rainy Day Fund, we make a number of meaningful investments to increase educational opportunity, improve our state's aging infrastructure, confront worsening congestion, reduce our carbon footprint and address public health issues relative to Eastern equine encephalitis."

A 6-member House-Senate conference committee will hammer out a compromise version of the budget that will be approved by both branches and will go to Gov. Baker's desk.

(A"Yes" vote is for the budget.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$250,000 FOR VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS (S 2378)

Senate 9-30, rejected an amendment providing \$250,000 for the 11 Massachusetts visitor information centers.

Amendment supporters said these centers are important places where visitors and tourists go to get information while staying in the Bay State. They argued the centers facilitate commerce and generate revenue for the state.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is well-intentioned but noted that the House must hold the line on additional spending if it wants to put away money in the State's Rainy Day Fund. They noted that there are other boosts for tourism in the budget including a \$1.2 million increase in funding for regional tourism councils.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$250,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

\$200,000 FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH (S 2378)

Senate 38-1, approved an amendment providing \$200,000 for the Silent Spring Institute for research on links between environmental chemicals and women and children's health.

Amendment supporters said the Institute was created to

examine elevated breast cancer rates on Cape Cod. They said the research is very important for Massachusetts residents who have elevated breast cancer risks because there are toxins in the environment.

"I have a long-standing policy of opposing [earmarks]," said Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) who opposed the amendment. "While some earmarks benefit wonderful organizations, overall I believe earmarking hurts our ability to plan long-term fiscal policy and undermines opportunities for fair, transparent, rigorous allocation of taxpayers' dollars. I find other ways to go to bat for great organizations and causes."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

DOUBLE DEPENDENT TAX CREDIT (S 2378)

Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment that would double a dependent tax credit, from \$1,000 per year to \$2,000, for families with children and those who care for an elderly or disabled relative. The break was first proposed by Gov. Charlie Baker in his version of a supplemental budget but was stripped from the House and Senate versions of the budget.

Amendment supporters said the state has a more than \$1 billion surplus and can afford to help working families with a reasonable tax cut.

"A taxpayer with two children and a dependent elderly parent would be eligible for a \$6,000 exemption under this proposal, up from \$3,000, with tax savings rising from \$150 to \$300," said Baker when he filed the proposal back in September. "This change is expected to reduce tax collections by \$87 million per year and I recommend reserving \$175 million to cover approximately two years at the higher exemption rate, which will give budget writers sufficient time to adjust to the revision in collections."

Amendment opponents said it is not a good idea to implement a tax cut when the economy is flourishing. They argued when the state has excess revenues, the money should put it away in the Rainy Day Fund so it will be there when the economy eventually tanks.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF THE SEAT BELT LAW (H 2126/S 1407) - The Public Safety Committee heard testimony on a bill that would allow police officers to issue tickets for seat belt violations even if the driver is not stopped for another violation as required under current law.

Other provisions prevent officers from searching the vehicle or occupants solely because of the seat belt violation and prohibit a seat belt violation from resulting in a surcharge on motor vehicle insurance premiums.

The fine for drivers and passengers over the age of 16 who violate the law would be increased from \$25 to \$50. The current additional \$25 fine on the driver for each passenger between the ages of 12 and 16 who is not wearing a seatbelt would also rise to \$50.

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"Seat belts save lives," said Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough), the sponsor of the Senate version of the bill who credits seat belts for saving his life and his wife's life following an accident in 1999. "That's it, it's simple. They save lives, we know that. We know that in Massachusetts when people buckle up, the accidents that may occur, the fatalities, are less, that serious injuries are lessened because of seat belt use. We know it works."

"Seat belts promote safety, save lives and save money," said Rep. Jeffrey Roy (D-Franklin), the House sponsor of the proposal. "We could save 45 lives, prevent 500 injuries, and save \$525 million over five years with a primary seat belt law in effect. According to a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine, the single greatest opportunity to improve health and reduce premature deaths lies in personal behavior, and seat belt use is yet another form of impaired driving that must be addressed. Massachusetts ranks 46th in the nation in seat belt use, lagging the national rate by nearly 10 percent, reinforcing the need for this legislation."

"From 1984 through 1993 opposing mandatory seat belt laws before the Public Safety Committee was an annual rite of spring, despite our repealing the first law resoundingly on the 1986 ballot," said Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation, and twice chairman of The Committee to Repeal the Mandatory Seat Belt Law ballot question committees. "Finally, on a vague and confusing 1994 ballot, with nine questions, just titles and no summaries or explanations so as to make room for all nine, the majority cast a 'yes' vote, many later acknowledging they thought a 'yes' vote was to repeal the law, when in fact a 'no' vote was necessary. As we warned in our two repeal campaigns over a decade, 'secondary enforcement' was just to get a foot in the door. The camel has been squeezing itself inside the tent ever since, proving we were right - the nanny state is never satisfied."

DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TAXES

(H 2520) - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on legislation that would prohibit any new or increased tax from being collected, assessed or payable until three months after the passage of the tax.

"There are more than 644,000 small businesses in Massachusetts that, collectively, employ over 1.4 million individuals," said GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading), the sponsor of the measure. "These types of businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, but it is extremely difficult for employers to make sound financial planning decisions and prevent layoffs when new taxes can be introduced with little notice. By requiring a three-month grace period, we can provide small business owners with a sense of predictability so they will be better prepared to deal with any new tax-related expenses."

LAUREATES - The Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development Committee held a hearing on a measure that would create the nonpaid position of Musician Laureate of the Commonwealth (S 2026). The laureate, appointed by the governor biennially, would write and/or perform music to commemorate important events such as ceremonial occasions, celebrations and state anniversaries; act as the governor's adviser in musical matters and represent the state's musical legacy. The Senate approved the bill in 2018 and it was then given initial approval by the House but died when the 2018 session ended.

behalf of its author Cinzi Lavin, a composer from Hull. She said the bill represents statewide recognition of the value of music, which expresses the best and highest aspirations of us all--uniting the political landscape--and uplifts the sentiments of our shared humanity.

"Famous musicians such as Marion Anderson and Woodie Guthrie not only touched the hearts of millions, but were formidable forces for positive social change," continued Lavin. "Creating a Musician Laureate would honor Massachusetts' proud artistic heritage and is a worthy means of honoring the talented artists in our

The committee's hearing also included proposals to create the position of Poet Laureate (H 2945) and Architect Laureate (H 2947).

BAN ELEPHANTS AND OTHER ANIMALS (H

2934) -Also on the agenda of the Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development Committee is legislation that bans elephants, bears, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs and some other animals from being used in traveling circuses and other traveling shows in Massachusetts. Violators would be fined between \$500 and \$10,000.

"Elephants, bears, big cats and primates are wild animals whose lives should not be exploited for human amusement and profit," said Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead), the sponsor of the measure. "They face a miserable life on the road hauled around in trucks and trailers and often subjected to violent and inhumane training methods. There is growing public pressure to cease their exploitation leading to shows, such as Ringling Brothers, to close down. The time has come for statewide action."

Opponents say the abuse of any animal should never be tolerated but note that some of these animals are rarely secure in their natural habitat. They argue the bill would prohibit the exhibition of properly cared for and humanely trained animals and will not prevent abuse, but rather unnecessarily restricts the ability of the public to view these animals at shows throughout the state.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"In Massachusetts, we have been incredibly fortunate to have political leaders that do not buckle under pressure from the uniquely unregulated gun lobby, and are committed to putting public safety before special interest politics and corporate profits. Massachusetts is a national model for effective gun violence prevention and can be proud of its record to balance sensible gun laws with Second Amendment rights." — John Rosenthal, founder of Stop Handgun Violence at an event celebrating the group's 25th anniversary.

"Every day, we are faced with the sobering and unfortunate reality that veterans are taking their own lives - and that troubling statistic has been rising," said Thanks to the support of a grateful nation and keen advocacy in our Legislature, Home Base has become the most prominent and largest trainer of private sector clinicians in Massachusetts in evidence-based care for PTSD and the top veteran treatment program in the country." — Home Base Executive Director Jack Hammond at a ceremony in the House honoring the group.

"Jeffrey Sanchez is one of the most respected voices in Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) filed the bill on public policy locally and nationally, and we are honored

that he is joining our firm. His expertise in health care and state finance will be an invaluable asset to our existing practice and significantly enhances our current service offerings." - Rasky Partners CEO Larry Rasky on hiring former House Ways and Means Chair Jeff Sanchez as a lobbyist.

"Incidents of hate or bias have no place in Massachusetts, or anywhere in our country. Schools are meant to be safe, supportive environments for our students and staff, and this grant initiative will provide the resources school districts need to help prevent hate crimes and to encourage victims to come forward to report incidents." — Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury) on \$400,000 in funding for programs to help curb bias incidents and hate crimes in Massachusetts public schools.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of October 21-25, the House met for a total of 14 hours and 15 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 20 minutes.

Mon. Oct. 21	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:09 p.m.			
Tues. Oct. 22	No House session No Senate session			
Wed. Oct. 23	House 11:02 a.m. to 9:21 p.m.			

No Senate session

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.

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No House session Fri. Oct. 25 No Senate session

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'Follish' or not, Superchunk goes acoustic in Somerville

November 6. The onstage lineup will comprise McCaughan, lifelong members Jim Wilbur (guitar) and Jon Wurster (drums), touring bassist Jason Narducy, and Matt Douglas, who appears on AF, on saxophone and keyboards.

The Somerville Times: The 25th anniversaries of *No Pocky for Kitty* and *On the Mouth* have both happened in the past five years. Why is *Foolish* the first such occasion that you are celebrating with a rerecording and a tour?

Mac McCaughan: I guess part of this reason is we've had other new records out around the time of these other reissues. If it's a 20th anniversary or something like that, it's always a good time to do a reissue if something's been out of print. Foolish was not out of print, but we were trying to think of interesting things to do for the Merge 30th anniversary. So we had a subscription series where people could subscribe to get vinyl in the mail all year of previously unreleased stuff from Merge artists. They didn't know what they were getting. And so we thought it made sense for one of those things to be by Superchunk, but we couldn't figure out whether it should be a live album or whether we should just record a bunch of our songs acoustically or something. So we were just going through all these different concepts and we realized that it lined up with the 25th anniversary of Foolish. In some ways, recording a whole album acoustically seemed more interesting

and less commonly done than just acoustic versions of songs from different records. That's why we decided to do that.

TST: Do you think that *Foolish* lends itself particularly well to an acoustic rendering?

MM: When we put out Foolish in the first place, the reaction was largely, "Whoa, this album sounds so different. The guitars are clean and the songs are slower." So part of the idea in doing the acoustic version of the whole Foolish album was to record something that sounded like people acted like Foolish sounded. You know what I'm saying? As though it were really as radical as people acted like it was when we put it out back then. When I listen to Foolish now, yes it starts with a slow song, Like A Fool, which was unusual for us, and there are acoustic guitars on it and things. But to me, it's not really as different from our first few records as people made it out to be then. We kind of set out to do this recording that was like, what if it really sounded as different as people thought it did? And it was really fun to do. A lot of these songs we not only have never played acoustically but we've never even played live ever since we made the record. A couple of those, In a Stage Whisper and Saving My Ticket, ended up being some of my favorite recordings on Acoustic Foolish just because they had a new life and a different sound. They're fun to play live now and I think they're enhanced by strings and the saxophone that you hear on there.

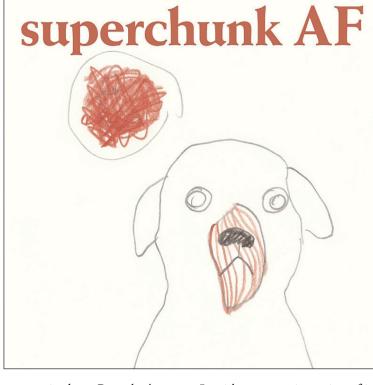
TST: Many bands either rerelease an album or perform it live in its entirety to observe an anniversary. Why did you decide to do both?

MM: I think it was just realizing that it worked once we recorded it and feeling like it would be weird to spend the time making this thing that we really are happy with and just kinda drop it out there and not promote it any way. We've never done the play-an-album-start-to-finish thing, and I've always been ambivalent about that as a fan, really, because I like being surprised by what someone's gonna play. But I guess in this format the whole thing's kinda surprising because it's all-acoustic arrangements of these songs that Superchunk fans know really well and then a lot of songs that they probably haven't heard since the record came out. Some of the more deep cuts are interesting to hear this way and maybe it will send people back to the original record.

TST: What are some of the challenges that accompany an acoustic show?

MM: For me the challenge is always singing and playing these songs that were written on an electric guitar and then figuring out how to play them on acoustic guitar. We've kind of rearranged them to make that part feasible. But when you're playing a loud electric show and jumping all around and there's a lot of noise happening and loud drums and stuff, there's a lot to cover up

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your mistakes. But that's not really there when everything is kinda quiet and delicate sounding. So getting over the stress of that and just trying to settle into just knowing that if you [expletive] up people are gonna hear it! Also, if you're used to going on stage and then kinda jumping around for an hour and a half, it's a different kind of energy and I think you kinda have to prepare for that in a way. To be sitting down and trying to enjoy that part of it as opposed to enjoying the kind of aerobic aspect, which is what I'm normally enjoying. So it is weird to finish a show and not just be completely soaked in sweat and exhausted. It's a different kind of exhaustion.

TST: Might you commemorate next year's silver anniversary of *Here's Where the Strings Come*

In with an acoustic version of it?

MM: That's a good idea. You know we recorded that record in Somerville at Fort Apache. When we made Here's Where the Strings Come In, we recorded an acoustic version of Detroit Has a Skyline as a B-side for Hyper Enough. That was really the first time that we had recorded and released an acoustic studio recording. A lot of people really like that version of that song, in fact. We haven't done it with the rest of that album, but how do you record an acoustic version of a song like Certain Stars? You don't know until you try.

Superchunk with Torres, Wednesday, November 6, at the Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square. Doors at 7:00 p.m., show at 8:00 p.m.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

Avenue Kitchen & Bar

Located in Ball Square this newly opened restaurant sits where the former Pescatore's restaurant used to be. This space has been renovated to feature a large U-shaped bar, adding more seating in the heart of the restaurant.

On this trip, I opted for the Brussels, carrot and quinoa salad along with a mushroom and rabe Detroit Style pizza. Both dishes exceeded my expectations! The salad was full of roasted vegetables on a crispy bed of hearty romaine lettuce tossed with a light citrus dressing and topped with sliced avocado and orange segments.

The pizza had a thick, crispy, yet light crust topped with broccoli rabe, sautéd mushrooms, a blend of cheeses and sausage. On a side note, a list of proteins can be added to any salad to

make it an an entree. If you plan on including a salad with your meal, I would recommend sharing the salad, it's that big!

If you prefer something other than a salad and pizza you're in luck. You can choose steak frites, miso salmon, crispy chicken roulade and even a vegan option is available and the menu options do change. Brunch is now available on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Check out their website listed below for additional information for tasting menus, special oyster nights and wing nights. Great food and friendly service. In the warmer weather outdoor seating is available.

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Six tips for accessing local affordable housing resources

By Kristin Bell

The cost of housing in Cambridge and Somerville keeps going up, and Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is increasingly hearing requests to help older adults meet housing challenges.

Cost is a major factor. But demand for accessible housing is also on the rise: nationwide, there are 10,000 people turning 65 every day. Fortunately, there are some steps you can take toward staying in the community of your choice as you age:

Think ahead

Affordable and accessible housing is limited, and there are usually waiting lists. It is a good idea to be proactive and submit applications before a critical need arises. With that plan of action, you will be well ahead of the game.

Call SCES

There are many different avenues for pursuing affordable housing. SCES maintains lists of different programs and agencies to utilize while looking for housing.

Anyone in Somerville or Cambridge

can call the SCES Aging Information Department from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to speak with an Elder Care Advisor, who can go over these resources. If ongoing help is needed, an advisor can provide an in-person consultation.

Consider State and Federal housing In general, the two housing authorities are the best places to obtain applications for federal and state-aided housing for older adults and people with disabilities.

In Cambridge, the Multi-Service Center (located below the Cambridge Housing Authority) is a wonderful resource that can provide assistance with signing up for all the affordable options in the area. If someone wishes to live in Somerville, the Somerville Housing Authority is a great resource for getting on the waitlist in Somerville. Also, within the mayor's office there is the Office of Housing Stability, which is a valuable addition to the City and its constituents.

Join a waitlist for privately managed housing

In addition to the state and federally funded buildings, there are privately managed subsidized properties in both communities. SCES maintains a list of these properties. If you go this route, you'll need to contact each to see if the waitlist is open and accepting applications. If so, the property will send you an application. Please note that with all waitlists it is important to update the housing manager yearly, if you wish to remain on the list.

Seek inclusionary housing

Both cities have inclusionary housing apartments, which are established as part of new development. Both cities have offices that help with the application process. In Cambridge, it is the Community Development Department and in Somerville, there is an Office of Strategic Planning and Development. It is worth noting that sometimes the income requirements are higher than other affordable programs.

One final takeaway

Get those applications out there early and often is important. The more one ap-



Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Housing Specialist Kristin Bell.

plies, the better the chances of finding an affordable and accessible apartment.

Kristin Bell is a Housing Specialist at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), a private, non-profit agency that helps older adults maintain health and well-being in the setting of their choice. For more information about SCES, visit eldercare.org or call 617-628-2601.

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Youth Dance Company benefit



On Saturday, October 26, Somerville's Deborah Mason Performing Arts Center hosted Scrooge's Tricks and Treats - A Halloween Boogie Benefit to raise money for the eleventh annual Cambridge Youth Dance Company's (CYDP) production of the holiday dance-theatre tradition What the Dickens! December 14. 15, 21, and 22 at John Hancock Hall.

According to Deborah Mason Dudley, "We had a blast! I'd like to thank Nicole Jalbert Pirani and our CYDP family and friends plus everyone who came to dance and donate. The ongoing generosity focused on the aspiring young dancers of CYDP is evidence of the powerful positive impact we have in our community every day."

For more information about CYDP or What The Dickens!, visit cydp.org.

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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.

450,000: Across the U.S. about 450,000 residents have an immigration status known as temporary protected status (TPS) and it's under threat. In simple terms, TPS is one way our nation offers refuge to people fleeing extraordinary hardship such as natural disasters, war, or extreme violence. TPS holders can legally work in the U.S. and have to renew their status every 18 months. The status was originally intended as temporary relief for recipients from about ten countries, but in practice the federal government has continued to extend TPS for years and, in some cases, decades due to the continued dangerous conditions in these countries. TPS does not include a path to citizenship or permanent residency, and since taking office, the Trump administration has been working to dismantle it. Some may lose their status early in 2020.

12,000: In Massachusetts, there are more than 12,000 TPS holders. Their futures and that of their families hang in the balance.

20 years: Honduras was designated for TPS in 1999 - 20 years ago - after Hurricane Mitch caused extensive damage. Similarly, El Salvador was designated for TPS after the 2001 earthquake, and it has been renewed ever since. After decades of implied secure status, the Trump administration canceled TPS for these countries and others including Haiti and Nepal. These TPS holders remain here thanks to a reprieve by the courts (although Salvadorans were just granted work permits for another year). Hondurans and Salvadorans with TPS have been living in the U.S. for years and have built lives here. Immigrants from other countries with TPS may not have been in the U.S. as long, but each time their status is renewed they are further connected to their communities. Ending TPS would split up families, send people back to countries they may not have a connection to anymore, and potentially put them in danger by forcing them back to countries still experiencing instability.

273,000+: There are more than 273,000 U.S. born children who have at least one parent with TPS. The effects of ending TPS reaches far beyond the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who hold that status. Families with mixed immigration and citizenship statuses are facing hard decisions as they grapple with the possibility that some members may have to leave the country. The extension recently granted to Salvadoran TPS holders, and hopefully soon to other countries, offers some relief but doesn't address the real issue. It's time to rewrite the rules and give TPS holders options for staying in the country where they have made their home and contributed for so many years.

\$6.9 billion: Along with the human cost, ending TPS would be a hit to our economy. Because TPS holders are authorized to work in the U.S., they pay into Social Security and Medicare. More than 80% of TPS holders have jobs and removing them from the workforce would result in a loss of \$6.9 billion to Social Security and Medicare

over ten years. The gross domestic product would also lose \$4.5 billion over ten years if all TPS holders were removed from the workforce.

\$967 million: If TPS holders were removed from the workforce, businesses would be faced with nearly \$1 billion in turnover costs to hire and train people to fill those vacant positions. Some industries would be hit harder than others. Last year the Massachusetts Senior Care Association raised concerns about the effects ending TPS - especially for Haitians - would affect the healthcare industry. About 4,300 Haitians work in nursing facilities across the state and nationally around 1 million immigrants work as certified nursing assistants, personal care attendants, and home health aides.

1 minute: I'd like to ask you to take one minute to imagine what it would mean to you to know that at any moment someone could tell you that you have to move far away. Think about how it would feel to have to leave your job, school, friends, family, faith community, neighbors, and your home. Now imagine that you are a refugee from a crisis and you've already had to do this

before. You overcame that difficult experience, started a new life, and established stability in a new place. But now you are being told to go back to a place you no longer know, where you have no job or home, and where violence, extreme poverty, and instability await. Now consider that you may have to leave your child, sibling, or parent behind, because it's safer for them to stay here. For most of us, this would be horrifying, and we wouldn't want to manufacture this pain for others. America is big enough, prosperous enough, and humane enough, not to put people we've opened our hearts and country to through this. America needs to create a path to citizenship once and for all for those with TPS.

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.

Learn to Talk Social Justice Series – 'Crossing the Line: In Search of Sanctuary'

A Collaboration between Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church and the Nave Gallery

Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, in collaboration with the Nave Gallery, announces their 5th annual Learn to Talk Social Justice Series. The theme of this series focuses their attention on the experiences of immigrants and refugees seeking sanctuary in a new place and coping with untold losses.

What is our role as a nation, as a city, as communities of faith, and as individuals, in welcoming these strangers into our midst? Various events in this series will help us to reflect on this important public question. Proceeds from donations at these events will benefit The Welcome Project of Somerville.

They are especially proud to announce this event in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church in Somerville.



A special celebration and remembrance time will be held on Sunday, November 3. The Co-Moderator of the national Presbyterian Church (USA), the Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, will deliver the message for the event. Mayor Joseph Curtatone and City Council President Katjana Ballantyne will also present a citation from the city for our 100 years of service to this beloved community. All are welcome to attend the service and a meal afterwards, and to explore the two major art exhibits on hand for the Learn to Talk series.

Nave Gallery Exhibit: Opening Reception November 1 - Crossing the Line: In Search of Sanctuary

The global refugee crisis today is the greatest since the end of World War II. There are nearly 68.5 million people who are forcefully displaced from their homes and cultures by war, repression, famine, and natural disaster. Comprised of work chosen through an open call, Crossing the Line: In Search of Sanctuary aims to share various artistic impressions on current immigration and refugee issues – personal, political and philosophical. Ranging from photographs of local first-generation communities to works on canvas created in Syrian refugee camps, the exhibition reminds us of the differences that bring us together.

Juried by: Gabriel Sosa

Location: Nave Gallery (Teele Square), 155 Powder House Blvd, Somerville, MA

Exhibition dates: Friday, November 1, 2019 – Sunday, December 15, 2019

Gallery hours: Saturdays and Sundays $1:00-5:00\ p.m.$ or by appointment

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Let's all get out there and vote on November 5.

Our View Of The Times



As the little ones look forward to celebrating Halloween, we are doubly tasked with searching our souls for the right answers to questions posed at the ballot box next week.

For some of us the choices are blessedly clear, while others may have difficulty culling the wheat from the chaff amidst all of the conflicting messages put forward on each side of almost every issue. Politics as usual, really.

From the upcoming national race for the leadership of our country next year right on down to the local leaders that touch our everyday lives right here at home, every election day is an important election day.

Every eligible voter should consider it

his or her duty to get out to the polls and do the thing that makes life in this land such a precious gift: help to decide the course that we are to follow in the immediate future, and play their parts in writing the historical record for what is to follow.

Every single vote does count, be assured of that. We have a mayor to elect, as well

as the very important At-Large Councilors and a couple of School Committee members.

These people will be instrumental in setting the course for the city's near future and beyond.

If you can't get there on your own, then seek out help to get you there. But just get there. Somebody needs your vote.

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Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., East Somerville Community School cafeteria, 50 Cross St.

In August, local artist and businesswoman Katherine Martin Widmer died, just weeks before the 40th anniversary of her School of Painting in Somerville. Over those years she taught painting to upwards of three thousand students of all ages, some from childhood through adulthood. She participated in every year of Somerville Open Studios. On November 2 her family is hosting a memorial gala in celebration of her life and work. It will be at the school location, 40 Quincy St. in Somerville, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the evening, with an exhibit, food, and music.

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and members of the Tufts Partnership Negotiating Committee invite residents to a community meeting tonight, Wednesday, October 30, for an update on the current status of negotiations with Tufts University about a new Partnership Agreement between the city and the university. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the TAB Building, 167 Holland St. The previous Partnership Agreement expired on June 30, 2018. In

addition to Tufts' Payments in Lieu of Taxes (aka "PILOT payments"), the Partnership Agreement covers issues related to student housing, partnership with Somerville schools, the university's planning process, and other topics. More information about that process is available at www.somervillema.gov/TuftsPILOT.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding their very last Bazaar on on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They hope to have a large showing in order to continue to support the residents through this transition process and in order to bring a lot of Christmas cheer into the home. Please go out and support this home. They always have great raffles, food and much more. The Little Sisters of the Poor is located at 186 Highland Ave.

Please join the Somerville Department of Public Space and Urban Forestry, Ward 4 City Councilor Jesse Clingan, and the Somerville Public Schools on Thursday evening, November 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for a community update on the layout and features for the new Healey Schoolyard. The meeting will be held in the Healey School cafeteria, 5 Meacham St. To see the plans

and sign up for future project updates at www.somervillema.gov/healeyschoolyard. For more information, contact **Arn Franzen** at AFranzen@somervillema.gov/healeyschoolyard.

The annual flu vaccine clinics offered by the City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are back. All clinics offer free flu vaccines for Somerville residents ages three and older (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Clinics 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).

New fall Learn-To-Skate classes for children, ages 4 to 18 will be happening at the local ice rink in Somerville. Classes are at the Founders Memorial Rink, 581 Somerville Avenue in Somerville, starting November 3, at 2:00 p.m. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www. BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating over 50 years.

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Rep. Mike Connolly will be hosting office hours on Friday, November 8 at 269 Washington Street, Somerville, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., with Somerville City Councilor JT Scott. Residents should come with questions, concerns, and policy ideas. For more details and to RSVP for Office Hours, please visit www.Rep-MikeConnolly.org/events.

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Puppet Palooza 2019

The Puppet Palooza 2019 series kicked off at the East Somerville Main Street Halloween Block Party at Chuckie Harris Park on Saturday, October 26.

All the world is a stage, and the men and women merely players. The practice of using masks is as old civilization itself. From ceremony to ritual to performance, this culturally dynamic art-form infuses rich storytelling with fascinating characters. Throughout the world, masks are still used for their expressive power.

Behind the Mask Theater brought this dramatic tradition to the East Somerville Halloween Block Party.























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SPORTS

Home team collects second win

By Adam Parise

The Somerville High School Highlanders won last week's football conference game vs. the Medford Mustangs with a final score of 21-16. The game was played last Friday, October 25 at Hormel Stadium.

Somerville picked up their second win of the season while Medford adds another number to the L column and remains winless on the season. The Highlanders scored seven points in each of the first three quarters of the game, which includes one touchdown and one successful extra point in each of those three quarters.

It was not easy for the Highlanders though in the 4th quarter as they scored 0 points and the Mustangs were trying to comeback. Medford scored all 16 of their points in the 4th quarter, which included two touchdowns and two successful two point conversions, but they fell short in the final minutes of the game.

Somerville improves to 2-6 on the season while Medford drops to 0-7. The next game for the Highlanders is a playoff match at Pentucket Regional High School in West Newbury, MA. The game will be played on Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 p.m.



The SHS Highlanders improved to 2–6 with a victory over the Medford Mustangs last Friday night. — Photos by Adam Paris



Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- #703
- 1. What type of phobia is Samhainophobia?
- 2. Which actor played Dr. Frank-n-Furter in The Rocky Horror Picture Show?
- 3. Who wrote the novel *Frankenstein?*
- 4. Which country celebrates the Day of the Dead starting at midnight on October 31?
- 5. What was the first individually wrapped and sold penny candy in the United States?
- 6. What escape artist died on Halloween?

- 7. Where does the Village Halloween Parade take place?
- 8. What do you all a group of witches?
- 9. Michael Myers appears in all except which of the *Halloween* films?
- 10. What was the original name of candy corn?
- 11. If you see a spider on Halloween night what do some believe it means?
- 12. How did the candy Charleston Chew get it name?

Answers on page 16





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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 3rd Floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA to discuss the following in addition to any other items previously advertised and listed on the ZBA agenda. Please check the city website 48 hours prior to the start of the ZBA meeting to view the hearing status of pending projects.

8 Sycamore Street (ZBA 2019-61): Applicant, Creative Property Solutions, LLC, and Owner, Eight Sycamore Trust, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including increasing the GFA by more than 25% and under \$7.11 to change from 3 to 5 residential units. Parking relief under Article 9 for number of spaces and providing compact spaces. RC zone. Ward 4.

103 Washington (ZBA 2019-xxx): Applicant & Owner, Clover Leaf Capital Holdings, LLC, seek an Extension to their Special Permit under \$5.3.10 of the SZO to exercise their previous approval for a mixed-use building with one commercial unit and 6 residential units. RC zone. Ward 1.

121-123 Washington Street (ZBA 2019-111): Applicant & Owner, Wooden Teeth, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property to build a mixed-use building. A Special Permit under §7.11.1 to establish 5 residential units and a Special Permit with Design Review for a café in a commercial space. Parking relief under Article 9. RC zone. Ward 1.

110-112 Yorktown Street (ZBA 2019-106): Applicant, Sean Anderson, and Owners, Basam, Kim, Rahman, and Bashar Nabulsi, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer within the left side yard setback. RB Zone. Ward 7.

17-25 Murdock Street and 227-229 Cedar Street (ZBA 2016-129-R2-10/19): Applicant and Owner, Cedar Murdock Partners, LLC, seeks a revision to their previously approved special permit with site plan review under SZO §5.3.8 in order to change the height of the foundation for building 5 due to ground water levels. RB zone. Ward 5.

41 Myrtle Street (ZBA 2018-65-R1-10/19): Applicant, JC Mercer Development, and Owner, 41 Myrtle Street Realty Trust, seek a revision under SZO §5.3.8 to revise a previously approved special permit by altering the site plan. A special permit under SZO §9.13 is also required to modify parking design standards. RB Zone. Ward 1.

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 <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 10/23/19 & 10/30/19

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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 11/11/2019 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Hanwei Zhu unit #2413; Judith Nunes/Vinfen Corp. unit #307B; East End House unit #3383. 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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- 1. Fear of Halloween 8. Coven
- 2. Tim Curry
- 9. Halloween III: Season of the Witch
- 3. Mary Shelley
- 10. Chicken Feed
- 4. Mexico
- 5. Tootsie Roll
- 11. The spirit of a dead loved one is watching over you
- 6. Harry Houdini
- 7. New York City
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Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: Address DOM MLS# Description **List Price** Sale Price 480 Medford St U:1 \$325,000 \$325,000 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath \$395,000 72533272 480 Medford St U:3 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath 22 \$386,000 72528905 22 Laurel St U:24 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath 49 \$425,000 \$415,000 \$489,000 72558853 26 Montrose St U:3 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath 21 \$497,500 72554858 241 School St U:5 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath 4 \$499,000 \$550,000 241 School St U:6 23 \$499,000 \$495,000 72550501 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath 351 Lowell St U:1 \$510,000 72542884 4 room, 2 bed, 1f bath 20 \$500,000 23 Elm St U:309 7 \$525,000 \$583,000 72517462 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
72532388	97 Woods Ave	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	60	\$829,000	\$795,000	
72546743	10 Ashland Street	2 unit, 8 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	16	\$935,000	\$875,000	
72501642	11 Partridge Ave	3 unit, 15 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	49	\$1,250,000	\$1,155,000	
72523087	186 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	57	\$1,339,999	\$1,270,000	
72529149	141 Orchard St	2 unit, 10 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	2	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	
72561532	10 Hancock St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	15	\$1,395,000	\$1,370,000	
72467664	32 Murdock Street	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	20	\$1,400,000	\$1,250,000	

Scrapheap Showdown: Ship to Shore!

By Erica Dakin Voolich

On October 27, 18 high school students on six teams gathered in "The Cage" in Cousens Gym at Tufts University to compete in the Somerville Mathematics Fund's 15th annual Scrapheap Showdown. Along with the usual interesting "junk" in the center of the room when the students walked in, there were also piles of foam core and paper. The students were given their challenge: to design and build a crane on a base of MDF board. The teams worked intensely, designing, building, testing, reinforcing, and adjusting their cranes.

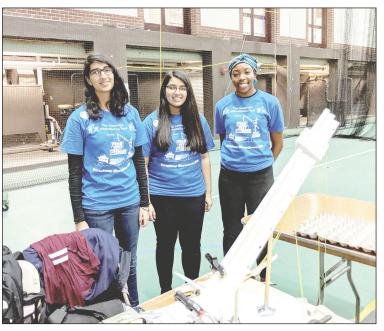
Time was called after 3 3/4 hours. Now was the time for the two competitions. The first challenge was a precision test to retrieve objects from the "ship" on the floor and place these to various places on the tables (different locations were worth different points). They had 3 minutes for this first challenge. The second challenge was unloading bulk cargo: a strength and speed test. They had to upload various objects (weights, marbles, coins) and the total was weighed after 2 minutes. They had to be careful to not overload their bucket and break the crane arm. The team

that was able to raise the most, Euleroids, lifted a total of 16 pounds, 2 ounces.

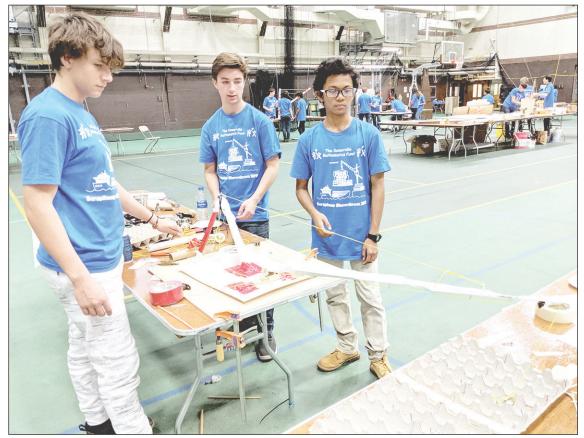
Teams were ranked in each event, one thru six, with 1 getting 1 point, etc. So the winning team had the lowest final score.

The team with the lowest overall score, was "Euleroids" (Charlie Nadeau, Iskandar Nazhar, Myles Rivera). The second place team was the "Crimson Quackateers" (Nora Chiu, Owen Chiu, Caden Yarberry). The third place team was $\sqrt{-1}$ $2^3 \Sigma \pi$ (i eight sum pi) (Laura Clervil, Harmanpreet Kaur, Nasreen Kaur). The fourth place team was i i on the $\pi \pi$ (is on the pi's) (Brian Jian Chan, Luca Duclos-Orsello, Timothy Labounko).

The teams could choose their prize in the order they finished. The prizes donated were: three \$100 Target gift cards (donated by Anne Button), three \$100 amazon gift cards (donated by Jay & Jasper) four 2019 Red Sox tickets (donated by Sam Voolich), four \$50 RedBones BBQ gift cards, one \$50 gift card for FlatBread and Sacco Bowl and \$60 cash. All competitors and volunteers went home with Scrapheap Showdown teeshirts donated by Gerald and Debra Bickoff of Commercial Cleaning Service.



"i 8 sum pi" won third place.



"Euleroids" won first place in Somerville Math Fund's Scrapheap Showdown.

This event was for both fundraising and an intellectual challenge--all funds raised go towards a Somerville Mathematics Fund scholarship for an outstanding Somerville mathematics student.

To see many more photos from the event, including all of the teams, go to our blog post https://somervillemathematics.blogspot.com/2019/10/scrapheap-showdown-2019-shipto-shore.html

Designers and refiners of the challenge were: Sanford Bogage, Anne Button, Chase Duclos-Orsello, Zachary Faubion, Adam Foster, Monica Fernandes, Richard Graf, Jay Landers, Zbigniew Nitecki, Erica Voolich. Stanhope Framers donated the foam core; Magnificent Muffin & Bagel donated egg crates and Patricia Murphy-Sheehy, with the math teachers at Somerville High School, recruited student teams. Amy Weiss designed the T-shirts and edited the poster advertising the event at the high school.

Sponsors of the event included



"Crimson Quackateers" won second place. Winter Hill Bank, RedBones BBQ, Commercial Cleaning Service, Jack Connolly of Wedgwood-Crane & Connolly, Mide Corporation, Rudy's Restaurant, Jay & Jasper, Anne Button, anonymous, and our most wonderful host, Tufts University. Suffolk University Catering provided the refreshments for the teams and volunteers. Various members of the Board worked on all aspects of organizing the event and worked to make it a success along with community

volunteer Scott Carlson.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage mathematics achievement in Somerville. In January, they will be looking for teacher grant applications; and in April, they will be looking for scholarship applications. For more information or to volunteer or to make a donation, call 617-666-0666, e-mail mathfund@gmail.com, or go to www.somervillemathematicsfund.org.

SHS graduate volunteers for over a decade in CTE Automotive Technology program

A proud 2010 graduate of Somerville High School's Center for Career and Technical Education (CTE), Tony Dasilva has been volunteering for over a decade with CTE's Automotive shop. Tony organizes and stocks supplies, helps with engine assembly and repair, cleans equipment and spaces, and hangs with staff and students. Tony's smile and energy fill the room when he talks about his work with Automotive staff and helping out. Tony's mom Joan says "We tried another program (outside of SPS) but Tony didn't feel comfortable there. He knows and trusts staff here, and they truly make him one of the family.

Since 2010 CTE Automotive instructor Bob Puopolo has been Tony's primary connection to his volunteer work. Their special bond is evident as they share stories, inside jokes and bring up hilarious things they've done in the shop over the years and during field trips. "It's been great having Tony here," Bob shares. "He's always positive and livens us all up. When Tony started volunteering, I never thought we'd be working with Tony ten years later. He's a great guy. It's good for staff and students, and it's just what we do here."

Learn more about volunteering opportunities at Somerville Public Schools: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/volunteer.

Learn more about the Automotive Technology program at Somerville High School at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/automotive.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday October 30

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime for Little Pump-

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

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday October 31

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 Ave

Friday November 1

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

Monday November 4

Central Library

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

Tuesday | **November 5**

Central Library

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

Wednesday November 6

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime for Little Pump-

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

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

Paper Circuits

3:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.|115 Broadway

West at TAB

floor

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

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Wednesday October 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

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The Nephrok Allstar 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 Chilluminati

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

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Last Wednesday Residency: Grant Bloom Duo 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

George DeVein Book Reading

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday October 31

Sally O'Brien's

BT/ALC Big Band Halloween Extravaganza! - \$10 cover 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.

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Once Somerville

A Very GRCB Halloween 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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John Williams Jam Band 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

Arts at the Armory

Lay Low Moon with Matt Minigell and Jessye DeSilva 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday November 1

Sally O'Brien's

Hashtag Hoedown|6 p.m. HearNowLive! Halloween Hangover -\$10|9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom: Pamela Means Presents Abbey Road|7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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Hear Now Live's Annual Halloween Hangover featuring Buddha-TY, Myth s King, The IV, and Dudley Ponders 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Motivated Sequence 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

Saturday November 2

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Chelsea Curve, Cold Expectations record release, Gene Dante & The Future Starlets - \$10|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Ses-Back Room: "Let's Do Lunch" with

Lindsay Foote, Jeff Butcher, Haley Sabella, Wyn Doran 12 p.m.

"Let's Do Lunch" with Hannah Jay, Mike Sim, Ciderdown, Bix Macmaghan|4 p.m.

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Hackensaw Boys, Gillian Boucher & Bob McNeill|7 p.m.

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Afterlife Goth Night with DJ Outsider 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Meyhem Lauren's Vegetarian Cookout w/ Cliff Notez 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends

10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Macbeth|7

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

Sunday November 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m.

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The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends 6 p.m., Los Goutos 9 p.m. "Let's Do Lunch" with Catherine King, Kim Moberg, Beth DeSombre 12 Fàrsan|4 p.m.

(WIMG) Showcase|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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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**

Humbug with special guests Reilly Somach & The Frozen Ponies, Background Orcs, and Ceramic 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Sabbath Sunday: Black Sabbath Metal Yoga with Black Widow Yoga|11 a.m. Hirie, RDGLDGRN, Kash`d Out in association with Ingenius Concepts 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Show +Tell: A [sort of] Open Mic 12:30 p.m.|Café Two Truths and a Lie 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Sick Sad & Lonesome|2 p.m. pindrop sessions 18: from afar the sweet light / blue heron with mayor ioe curtatone

7 p.m.||14 Tyler Street Monday November 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar 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

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

379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville

Sammi Lanzetta w/ Leopard Print Taser

7 p.m., 156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

Tuesday November 5 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Tim Gearan Trio 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Burren

Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers|8:30 p.m. Back Room: R.D. King, Anthony Troy, Athena Desai|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

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Pub Quiz

8200 **Thunder Road** Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square,

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

Somerville!

Lucie Silvas w/ Fancy Hagood 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Wednesday November 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room: Americana Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Backroom: Jamie Laval returns..|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Janet Mc-

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Namara|10 p.m.

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

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Thunder Road

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Once Somerville Great Grandpa, Dump Him, Really

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8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory

Holiday Sip & Shop 6 p.m.|Performance Hall Wiretap Wednesday 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Ash Spitter: Autumn Auction (Of The Silent Variety) 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Somerville Theatre

Superchunk Plays Foolish: A 25th Anniversary Acoustic Performance 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday October 30

Central Library

Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Let's Watch Beetlejuice!: Hey Siri, How Do I Make New Friends After College? 6:15 p.m.-8 p.m.

Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Davis Square Farmers Market 12 p.m.-6 p.m.|Day & Herbert Streets

Thursday October 31

Ciampa Manor Learn English with the Library! 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

First Church Somerville

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 November 2

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

Central Library

Schwartz

East Branch Library Let's talk about a Poem with Lloyd

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library** Gallery@SPL: Lilliputian Ocean

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

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain | 18-48

Holland St

Sunday November 3

Central Library Getting Cozy@ The Library 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday November 4

Central Library

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Chess Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library**

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|115 Broadway **Tuesday November 5**

Learn English at the Library!

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

November Poetry Reading

East Branch Library

12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday November 6 **Central Library** Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Davis Square Farmers Market**

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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 questions 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, ext. 2316.

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: 617-625-6600, ext. 4321.

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.

Caregivers Support Series – at our Holland Street Center from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. 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.

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 reservation.

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.

Watercolor Painting with Linda Cohen – Wednesday & Thursday, November 13 & 14 at our Holland Street Center from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Class size is limited. All supplies will be provided. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

MGM Springfield Casino – Monday, November 18 - \$45 per person includes transportation, \$10 food credit, \$20 slot play and dinner at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill. Check in times are 6:45 a.m. at the Holland Street Center and 7:15 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. Please contact 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 info or to RSVP call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Wright's Chicken Farm Restaurant & LaSalette Shrine – Thursday, December 5 - \$69 per person includes luxury coach transportation, lunch, Christmas Choral Concert with Father Pat and a spectacular display of over 400,000 lights. Check in is 9:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Ugly Sweater Bingo & Lunch – Tuesday, December 10 at our Holland Street Center starting at 10:00 a.m. \$5 per person due at time of reservation. Limited seating. For more info please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Christmas Luncheon & Dance – Monday, December 16 at the Dilboy Post located at 351 Summer Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12 per person due at time of reservation. Limited seating and transportation. For more info, call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Holiday Movie & Pizza – Thursday, December 19 at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street starting at 10:30 a.m. First come first serve. \$3 per person due at time of reservation. Movie is A Christmas Story. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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)

Monday:

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.

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.

Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

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.

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Somerville ShortStop graduate giving back to kids in Guatemala



Rolando Rojas, 24, is fulfilling the motto "Lift as You Climb" by returning to Guatemala for the first time in six years to deliver school supplies to children who lack the basics like shoes and books.

Rojas learned the motto while at Year Up, an educational nonprofit in Boston that helps young adults move from minimum wage jobs to professional careers in one year. Rojas graduated with honors from Year Up and is now using an \$800 grant from the organization to lift up his community. "Basically, it stands for don't forget where you came from and bring all your teammates with you," he said.

Rojas will travel to Guatemala for the first time in six years in December and hopes to have 80 backpacks filled with supplies and small toys. In addition to receiving the \$800 grant, Rojas is raising money to defray the cost of shipping. He's set up a GoFundMe page called Every Pencil Counts and has raised \$195 so far.

Like many, he came to the U.S. to get an education and help his family. He was homeless for two years and lived at Wayside Youth & Family's ShortStop community-based program in Somerville. ShortStop provides homeless young adults age 18-22 with transitional support.

"It was transition to independence, basically," he said. "That's what they do, they give coaching like how to do your taxes for the first time, make sure you have MBTA pass every month and how to set up your first bank account. Real life stuff."

ShortStop was his last stop in a long list of programs, shelters, and foster care. Rojas is in his second year of college and just completed an internship at BNY Mellon in Boston. "For the past six years living in the U.S., I've volunteered at several non-profits and tried to help the homeless, veterans, in one way or another," he said. "My long-desired goal, however, is to help children in poor communities, back home, in Guatemala."

For more information or to donate, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/everypencilcounts.

— Michelle Hillman

Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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What's new on Somerville Neighborhood News



What do folks think of the "pot shops" coming to your neighborhood? By Stephanie Wittenbach, Somerville Neighborhood News

As the city's Licensing Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals prepare to consider and possibly approve three recreational marijuana outlets for Somerville, neighbors and passersby across the city chimed in with their views.

"I think it's a good idea, I don't partake myself. But it's legal if people want to do that, then that's a good thing," said Josh Myers on Highland Avenue, where New England Select Harvest hopes to set up shop.



But near 71 Union Square, where Union Leaf plans to open its doors, some were more skeptical. Alexander Rich-Shea, who said he likes marijuana, is nervous about those who drive under the influence. "I think everyone is driving high these days and I don't think there is any way to really detect it," he noted. Still, he's happy Union Leaf might be opening up.

Here more from your neighbors in the SNN news video and read the story online at somervillemedia/org/snn.

Somerville Parks & Recreation

Whether you're interested in figure skating lessons, learning about the movements and music of Capoeira Angola (an Afro Brazilian martial art disguised as a dance), a fitness or sports program or clinic, or finding out about swim programs and times, Somerville Parks & Recreation has you covered. Register and learn more about the many Somerville Parks & Recreation programs at: www.somervillerec.com.

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	ay, October 30	1:30pm	The Somerville Line	7:00am	Effort Pour Christ	Monday, N	November 4
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 Party
6:00am	NASA TV	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	5:00am	Free Speech TV
7:00am		4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Science 360	6:00am	NASA TV
	Community Bulletin Board	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead Air Live		
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	6:00pm	#AFAD	11:00am	TeleGalaxie	7:00am	Somerville Storytellers
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	#AFAD	12:00pm	Somerville Storytellers	7:30am	Going Postal
9:00am	DW Global 3000	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View	2:00pm	Reeling Review	9:00am	Science 360
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony		A House of Representatives Formal Session	10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	Tele Kreyol	11:00am	Our View
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	10:30pm	The World Fusion Show	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
11:30am	From My Heart to Yours	11:00pm	VOX POP Comedy Night	5:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	SOM ARTS
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5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Music Video Show	7:00pm	Tele Galaxie
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Celling Your Soul

Wednesday, October 30 7:00am 8:52am

Celling Your Soul ESCS Field Ribbon Cutting PHCS Groundbreaking SFD Recruitment 2019 9:00am 9:10am 9:22am SFD Recruitment 2019 9:32am SFD Recruitment 2019 Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 10:30am CC - Land Use Meeting - 10.29.19 SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Oct. 2019 SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up 12:00pm 4:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm Conservation Preservation Meeting Dance for Dignity SFD Recruitment 2019 SFD Recruitment 2019 8:30pm 8:39pm 8:49pm SFD Recruitment 2019 9:01pm SomerViva en Español - 9.19.19 9:25pm 9:30pm 10:00pm Flood & Stormwater PSA SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up Honk! Parade 2019 Conservation Preservation Meeting SPD Ride Along

Thursday, October 31

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Veterans' Day Remembrance Ceremony

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> 9/11 Vigil - 2019 Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II" Push Ups for Veterans SFD Recruitment 2019 SFD Recruitment 2019 SED Recruitment 2019 SPD Ride Alona Dance for Dignity

12:30pm Somerville Veterans' Memorial Parade 2018 SomerViva em Português - 10/19 Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II" Flood & Stormwater PSA Dance for Dignity

PHCS Groundbreaking 8:00pm 8:09pm SPD Ride Alono

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CC - Land Use Meeting - 10.29.19 8:30pm Monday, November 4

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Tuesday, November 5 12:00am

Dance for Dignity Ball Sq. Walking Tour Return to Italy 12:30am 2:00am Honk! Parade 2019 Middlesex County Update w/Marian Ryan 3:00am 7:30am Connecting Communities - Fire Safety 8:00am 8:30am What the Fluff Fest? 9:00am Connecting Communities - Fire Safety Senior Circuit "Cooking with Caitlin II" SFD Recruitment 2019: Ser Bombero de 11:30am 12:00pm 12:23pm Somerville

PHCS Groundbreaking SPD Ride Along City Council Meeting - 10.24.19 Domestic Violence Vigil 10.2.19 Flood & Stormwater PSA em Portugues Flood & Stormwater PSA Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
75 Years After School Committee Meeting - 11.4.19 Honk! Parade 2019

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Push Ups for Veterans

Wednesday, October 30 9:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea Healey Schoolyard Community Mtg. 11:00am Our Schools, Our City - Equity SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut 12:30pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 3:00pm Connecting Communities - Fire Safety SHS Girls Soccer vs Waltham SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea Healey Schoolyard Community Mtg. 5:00pm 7:00pm Our Schools, Our City - Equity SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut 8:30pm 9:00pm Connecting Communities - Fire Safety SHS Girls Soccer vs Waltham 10:30pm 11:00pm Thursday, October 31 SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

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Friday, November 1 1:00am

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Saturday, November 2

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SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut SHS Football vs Falmouth 9.14.19 SHS Football vs Malden SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett SHS Girls Soccer vs Waltham Our Schools, Our City - Equity Connecting Communities - Fire Safety SHS Football vs Falmouth 9.14.19 SHS Football vs Malden SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

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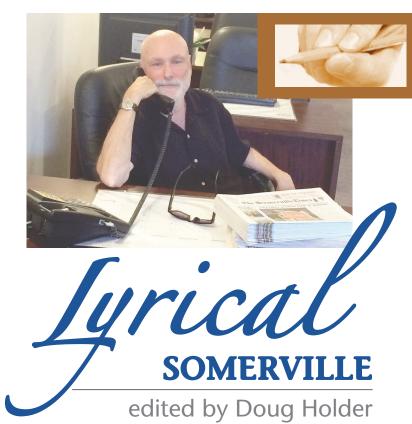
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I am glad The Somerville Times is alive and healthy, but this is not true for many newspapers. It is harder and harder to find a community newspaper, as they have been closing at a rapid pace across the country. Lawrence Kessenich addresses this in his poem Obituary. This poem first appeared



in his book Age of Wonders, published by Big Table Publishing Company. To order go to: lawrence-writer.com.

OBITUARY

The last newspaper landed on our sidewalk today, skinny as an anorexic teenager, front page announcing its demise, bullied into submission by electronic Furies.

Though its newsprint is fresh and crisp, it shows its age - no links, no videos, no searching for words, except with those archaic technologies, the eyes and the mind. I recall

its heyday, when, fat as a politician on the take, it surprised us every morning with news we hadn't already heard a dozen ways: RUSSIA INVADES HUNGARY, GLENN ORBITS

THE EARTH, BOBBY KENNEDY SHOT. Bulked up with want ads and two-page department store spreads, it had the presence to support those weighty headlines, a thick tome of world events

dropped on our doorstep as if delivered by God, celebrated with ritual cups of coffee, read with the close attention given biblical texts and argued over

as vehemently, while we washed the sacred printers ink from our hands and watched it spiral down the drain.

Lawrence Kessenich

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From the Bloc 11 Cafe:

Interview with magician Evan Northrup

I met Evan Northrup at my unofficial office at the back of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville. Northrup certainly has a stage presence. He speaks in an upbeat cadence and flashes a winning smile. I have never interviewed a magician before, but from my childhood I remember some darkly attired men, pulling an unfortunate bunny out a top hat, or of the enigmatic smile of an attractive woman about to be in cut in half, and miraculously brought back to her whole state.

Northup portrays magic as a mixture of sleight of hand and practical psychology. His mission statement is to bring the magic of life to his patrons.

Northrup has volunteered at the Ar tisan's Asylum outside of Union Square for a number of years. He finds inspiration for his work from many of the creative types who work there. As he goes from work space to work space, he picks up ideas from this high tech buffet off-the-grid inventors, artists, and artisans.

Northrup used to live in Somerville. Like many artists I have interviewed he has left our city to live on Beacon Hill in Boston. It is ironic of course, but he and his wife found a better deal there.

Northrup is not only a magician, but he provides stage craft and illusion services to such theaters in Boston as the Lyric Stage, and the Huntington Theatre. He told me, "I once developed a metal illusion for a production of Beauty and the Beast. It was basically a framed wood enclosure that included metal to ensure stability for the Beast."

Northrup, who is a graduate of Brown University, recalls some of the very first projects he provided magical design and special effects for. He reflects, "My very first production was at the Gloucester Stage. They were putting on a performance of Carnival." At Huntington Theatre in Boston, Northrup was involved in the p roduction of *I Was* Most Alive with You, a production performed by members of the deaf community.

Northrup is not your dad's magician. He sees magic through many different lenses. He told me, "Respected scientists now study magic's effect on the brain. MRIs are employed to see how the brain



reacts when it is exposed to magic." So Northrup infuses many different sources in his work.

Northrup said in the past he did his act for children, but now he likes to do it for adults. He reflected, "I like to get adults off guard. I want to challenge their assumptions."

Northrup performs in many venues – weddings, private parties – but he seeks more corporate work to make the daily nut. He is working on an idea using magic to explore the dining experience. He envisions diners choosing what they want to eat, and then have it materialize on their plates. Also, an appointment of floating candles could be thrown in the mix.

Northrup is a student of the "Spanish School of Magic." In this school of thought there is an emphasis on magic theory. Northrup said, "American magic is more procedural. The Spanish School has more contextual content with magic, rather than simply tricks."

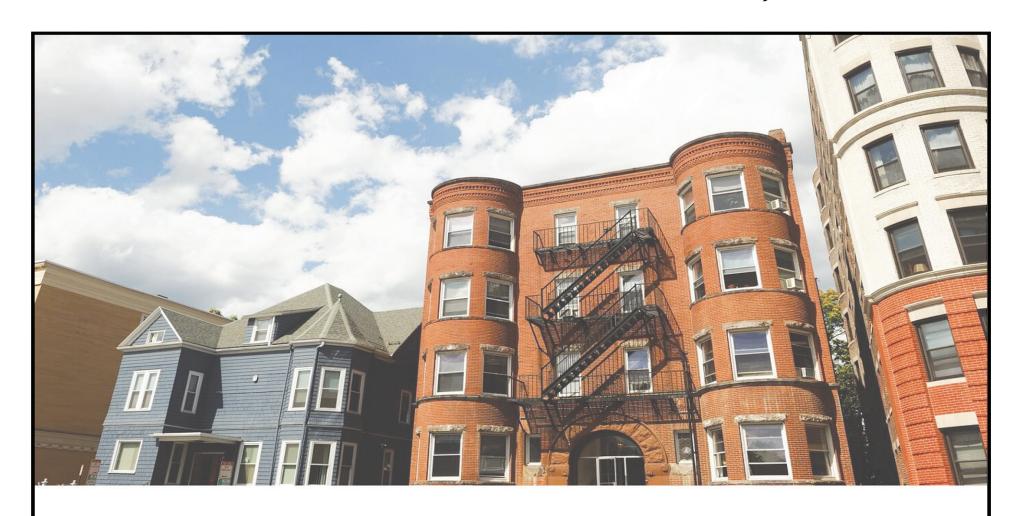
Northrup performed a few tricks for me at our table. One that I took interest in was when he changed one dollar bills into twenties. Boy, would I like to know that guy's secret!

Nominate properties for 2019 Preservation Awards

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Preservation Awards Program. During its annual celebration in honor of Historic Preservation Month in May 2020, the Commission will honor Somerville owners who performed significant restoration or maintenance efforts on designated historic buildings, or on non-designated buildings erected before 1968. The nomination period is open through Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019. Eligible property owners must have completed restoration and preservation work between January 2017 and December 2019. Owners may nominate their own property, or may be nominated by others in the community. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, removal of inappropriate siding materials, repair or restoration of damaged or missing architectural details, removal of enclosed porches or inappropriate windows, repainting with historic colors, and additions that are "historically sympathetic."

In addition to the formal award certificates from the City of Somerville and the Massachusetts State House, Somerville High School students will present winners with an original piece of artwork representing their property. The awards ceremony will be during the City's celebration of national Historic Preservation Month, in May 2020.

Nomination forms are available on the City Website at https://www.somervillema.gov/preservationawards the first floor lobby of City Hall, or the Preservation Commission's Office on the second floor of City Hall. For additional information, contact Brandon Wilson, Kristi Chase, Preservation Planner, or Morgan Griffiths, Preservation Planning Intern at 617-625-6600, ext. 2500 or via e-mail (kchase@somervillema.gov, bwilson@somervillema.gov or mgriffiths@ somervillema.gov).



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