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City seeks prohibitions on smoking near parks, playgrounds, and fields



Measures to increase protections against second-hand smoke contamination at public parks, playgrounds and playing fields in the city were recently adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

By Jim Clark

An order was put forward at the latest meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee on Thursday, November 2, asking that the Director of Health and Human Services report to the on Board whether smoking tobacco and marijuana is restricted to beyond a 50 foot radius around parks, playgrounds and athletic fields, and, if it is not, to work with the City Solicitor's Office to change the regulations to prohibit such smoking on public property within 50 feet of parks, playgrounds and athletic fields.

The order, sponsored by Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, was a follow-up to a similar order put forward and approved at the regular meeting of the Board on September 14 of this year wherein the alderman expressed concern that there is nothing in the

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Don't blink - or you may miss Eyelids!

By Blake Maddux

The Portland, OR-based quintet Eyelids is an indie super group whose members have worked together in various combinations in multiple projects since the mid-1990s.

However, their five individual paths did not converge until 2014, when Eyelids released its debut album, 854.

The lack of a musical alliance among them was not for lack of trying, as singer Chris Slusarenko explained in the recent phone interview with *The Somerville Times* that continues below.

"We wrote a couple songs, then I joined Guided By Voices and he joined The Decemberists, and we were just kind of like, 'Well, that's that!" Slusarenko said, referring to himself and Eyelids bandmate John Moen.

Slusarenko and Moen joined their respective bands in the early 2000s. Since then, Moen has continued drumming for The Decemberists and Slusarenko did a decade-long stint as the go-to collaborator for singer-songwriter Robert Pollard in Guided By Voices, The Takeovers, and Boston Spaceships.

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This week is the beginning of the East Somerville clothing drive, which began on November 13 and will continue through November 24. Hosted by Second Chances, Inc. and Mudflat Pottery School. You can find donation boxes at Whole Foods Market, 45 Beacon St. and Architectural Openings, 16 Garfield Ave. Second Chances reuses and recycles clothing, shoes and accessories so that homeless and lower income people feel confident and valued as they take their first steps toward brighter futures. For for more details go to www.secondchances.org/clothingDriveMudlflat2017. Drop off Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Somerville Education Foundation (SEF) will meet up tonight, Wednesday evening, November 15, from 6:00. to 8:00 p.m. Want to share ideas or get involved with the new Somerville Education Foundation? Come join in for their third monthly meet-up of the year. This time they will be meeting at Fabville at Somerville High School during open shop hours. Come make something. Now run by Parts & Crafts, you will hear about how the lab works and what they do. Fabrille is a fabrication space aiming to complement the collection of professional, semi-professional, and artist-focused spaces already available in and around Somerville. For more information about Fabville, go to https://www.fabville. net. For more information about SEF go to http://www. somervilleedfoundation.org.

The election is over and it was a clean sweep. All the candidates running for office challenging the incumbents did very well. We wish all of them the very best of luck and hope that next year there will be a continuation of the progress the city is enjoying moving forward.

******* Congratulations to all the winners in this year's city elections. To the many newcomers, we wish you much success in representing our city. To the incumbent aldermen who didn't win, we thank them for their service to the city and wish them the very best in hopefully continuing to be a Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville's 2017 Municipal Election – **Unofficial Results**

ovr_taxed says:

Spanking of McWatters, Heuston, and Connolly prove that old Somerville is dead. This is now Niedergang's City, and nothing will get done without his block of votes.

Brian says:

Transient millennials who move here for the coffee shops, road races, and breweries, just showed us who is boss. Power to the people, indeed. Now we will see what the gentrifiers have in store for the rest of us. We're so grateful that they will explain what Somerville should do to help them. Thank you, Bernie Sanders! You really took a courageous stand for Somerville's working class. Swing by again!

Downpuppy says:

Niedergang? Niedergang?!

He's the last person I'd have thought of as a coup leader, but geez.

The much mocked Revolutionaries are in charge

Reasonably sure there is no Madame Defarge out there for us

Villenous says:

Yell a lot about "displacement," displace a crew of longtime, local Aldermen and pretend you don't get irony. That's quite a plan they've got. I wish them luck, but they're going to have to work overtime to govern to the left of the people they displaced and we'll see if they're anywhere half as good about handling individual issues.

CAP says:

Everyone who ran on 'constituent services' lost. These people didn't get that most residents in Somerville now have grown up in the Information Age and are used to doing these kind of things for themselves. (Like how no one uses 'travel agents' anymore.) They don't need a \$45K a year alderman to make a phone call to DPW for them – they can do that themselves.

Every now and again, a resident may want someone to deal with some City bureaucracy issue for them or pull some weight when they're getting brushed off by some City Hall hack. But for the most part, they are looking for reps who will take on a lot bigger issues than broken tree limbs and a rat in the their trash barrel.

That's why the 'activists' swept house.

yetanotherposter says:

I think CAP means "the candidate who ran on constituent services' lost" – spoken from the vantage point of one who can only be clueless about what a ward alderman actually does and the limitations of the "Information Age". "go tweet your problem, I'm too busy championing national causes and complaining about the laws of supply and demand to attend to the simple needs of 99% of the folks who contact me about something" will not cut it.

In the case of the particular alderman you're referring to, "constituent services" has meant addressing the needs of his constituents (catchy, isn't it?). But hey - if you want to show off your Information Age prowess & rely on a tweet to address your problems with crime, traffic calming, scumbag developers, non-scumbag developers, effects of city work, road conditions, traffic safety, effects of zoning changes on your neighborhood, desires re commercial / residential / affordable / greenspace configuration of union square, or just complain about something that's bothering you & expect it to reach someone who actually gives a crap then I'm all with you bro. I guess that's why the 'activists' picked up 3 seats in the house.

Craig says:

This revolution would have failed if the Bernie Sanders endorsement never happened. All these candidates needed the big event in order to win. Good luck to ward 2 with your lame duck alderman that will be forced to recuse himself whenever Union Square is discussed.

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Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with Lee

By JT Thompson

Lee is a freelance photographer and software engineer who has been the director of the Washington Street gallery and studios, just outside Union Square, for the last fifteen years.

When we meet at bloc 11 café, he is wearing a 2006 brown and blue Art Beat t-shirt, glasses with black, rectangular frames, and a red cloth hat which looks something like a hunting cap. He says he thought it would add a nice touch of color to his photo.

Lee is an appealing conversationalist, roaming open-mindedly between intriguing tangents, and fascinated by people in an amused, gentle and non-judgmental way. He fidgets endearingly while he talks, and his observations on people and culture are often threaded through with his light laugh.

Being actively engaged with the world clearly means a lot to him, but he is always quick to acknowledge that there is more to know than he what he knows that people and situations are always too complex for one person to fully understand.

Lee grew up in Houlton, Maine, a tiny town about five miles from the Canadian border.

"At the turn of the century, Houlton had the highest income per capita income in the nation, from potato farming. I

don't know if it's true, they may just say it. The town had about 6,000 people when I was growing up, still does. They're just much older now."

"I didn't necessarily feel like I should get out of Houlton. But it seemed like things outside were interesting. But most peo-

In the photographs of Lee's that I've seen at the Washington Street Art Center – mostly candids of friends and family you can see his love of the little details that make people unique.

I ask him how he got into photography.

"I'm not suuuure...we had a camera at home. Then...hmm... when I was about ten, I started buying cameras at yard sales. I took a lot of pictures of our seven guinea pigs," he laughs. "I was also into the science of it. I skipped a year of science, got into the electronics class. I was into computers. Which I guess makes sense," he laughs again.

Though he has been more focused on freelance photography in recent years, software engineering is still one of Lee's main sources of income.

Lee didn't travel much growing up, but has a vivid memory of taking a lot of pictures at the Natural History Museum in DC ("Including some of their guinea pig!")

I ask him when his family came to the States, and what he loves

about America.

"I realized recently, I'm only second generation. On my father's side, they were in Canada in the 1800s. It was my grandfather who became a naturalized citizen in the U.S."

"What I love...seems like there's a lot to it. Which I think is good. The country is diverse. City to town, rural to city, I have more experience with."

"I'm somehow named after Robert E. Lee. Dad's mother's side had that name, not sure why. Don't think they were racist, but who knows," he laughs. "In my town, someone complained on Facebook recently that someone broke into their car and stole their Confederate flag. I don't know why they had it. This was a new thing in Houlton. I was driving up to Houlton the other day, and stopped at a big drugstore in Bangor, which now sells Confederate flags, with the Don't Tread on Me snake. So, I don't know." He shrugs. "The country's getting more segregated, not just racially, but ideologically. More intolerant."

"In some sense, there's better communication, but still segregation, just communicating with your own people better. Lots of assumptions people make without finding out what their deal is. Seems to come down to assumptions about motivations. Which are hard to guess about."



Freelance photographer and software engineer Lee.

nods firmly.

"It's both sides," he continues. "People not talking to the other side really. Both making assumptions about motivations and other things."

Lee came to the Boston area to go to college at MIT.

"I studied computer science, with a minor in literature. I'm less of an avid reader now. I have a lot of books, a lot I haven't read," he laughs. "Like a lot of people, I read a lot on the Internet. Harmless, but also focuses you on shorter things."

"I didn't do a lot of photography in college. There was no darkroom. After graduating, I went to Japan for a software job, and took a lot of pictures the six weeks I was there. It got me back into it."

"My girlfriend then, I was with her for six years. I realized later I didn't have Continued on page 14

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He pauses. "Accurately." He

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Best Somerville Non Profit Agency

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Best Idea in 2017 Worst Idea in 2017

EWEEKIN CRI By Jim Clark

They took it up with his boss

A police officer assigned in he needed to move his truck. plain clothes was making his way to the police station in an unmarked car on Washington Street from the McGrath Highway side last week, when he noticed that the street was gridlocked and moving very slowly.

He eventually found that the source of the gridlock was a box truck making deliveries at a Washington St location.

The officer parked his car in the police station parking lot and walked down towards the truck, spotting the driver, later identified as Doran Henry, of Springfield, as he was coming out with a two-wheeled dolly.

The officer told Henry that

Henry reportedly stated that he would do so but then continued to unload the truck.

The officer told him not to continue unloading until he moved the truck, at which time Henry reportedly asked, "You a cop?" The officer replied, "Yes, I am."

According to reports, Henry then wheeled the dolly around the officer and continued into the store. He reportedly said, "You'll have to take it up with my boss," as he walked around the officer.

Henry walked into the back of the building, out of sight, and when he came out, the officer asked him to produce a license. He said, "I'm just doing my job. I'm not showing you anything."

The officer reportedly asked a second and third time with similar responses. Henry allegedly told the officer to move out of his way and became pushy. The officer told him not to push and called the station by cell phone and requested a unit respond to assist him.

A customer at the location told Henry he was filming the incident, and the officer encouraged him to do so as he reiterated that he has asked multiple times for Henry to produce his license.

Henry reportedly around the officer and continued to unload his truck.

A uniformed officer arrived for back up, and when Henry came back out he was told that the needed to produce his license. Again, he reportedly refused.

Henry went around to the passenger side and climbed in. The first officer told him he would be arrested if he drove off, but he saw that Henry was intent on leaving. Not wanting to get into a dangerous situation, the officer closed the driver's door and stepped away.

According to reports, Henry then drove off. The officer called in the license plate number, vehicle description and direction of flight. He said that he would arrest the driver for refusing to stop, along with other violations, if he caught up with the truck.

Patrolling officers caught up with the truck on Bow Street and arrested the driver,

The company that owned the truck sent someone to take possession of it. The dash cam video from the truck was requested for evidence, but police were informed that the dash cam only turns on when triggered by hitting the brakes too hard or other similar events and there would be no video to be provided.

Henry was subsequently taken to jail and charged with failure to stop for police and motor vehicle operator failure to identify self.

Arrests:

Doran Henry, of 12 Eloise St., Springfield, November 6, 1:09 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of failure to stop for police and motor vehicle operator failure to identify self.

Joshua Bohrer, of 175 Beacon St., November 7, 9:54 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of rape and indecent assault and battery on a person 14 years of age or older.

Steven Andrade, of 2 gerous weapon.

Prescott St., November 8, 9:47 a.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of assault and battery with a dan-

Carlos Carrion, of 13 Pine St., Cambridge, November 10, 12:07 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

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City seeks prohibitions on smoking near parks, playgrounds, and fields CONT. FROM PG 1

current ordinances that restricts smoking near parks.

At that meeting Niedergang told the members of the Board, "My hope is that this is something we can deal with pretty quickly. It looks to me like it should be a pretty quick fix."

The matter was then passed on to the Legislative Matters Committee for further review.

At the Committee's November 2 meeting, it was resolved that the City Solicitor draft a revised version of Ordinance 6-3(b)(3), Smoking in Parks, to extend the smoking prohibition to 50 feet.

Assistant City Solicitor Jason Grossfield reviewed the proposed amendments with the committee, and Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Doug Kress suggested that the Police Department be the main enforcing authority but that HHS and the city's Inspectional Services Department (ISD) also retain enforcing authority in the event that they detect violations.

In revising the ordinance, Section 1-11(b) was amended by increasing the fine to \$100, making it consistent with the fine for having an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a public place. Members discussed allowing police officers to use their discretion when dealing with a violation. Section 9-3 was amended by extending the prohibition to 50 feet. Section 6-3(a) was amended by changing the definition of "tobacco product."

Grossfield noted that smoking marijuana in public places is covered by the state laws governing tobacco. The Law Department submitted the revised ordinance to the Board of Aldermen at its latest regular meeting on November 9 for approval.



Ward 5 Alderman Niedergang has been advocating for stricter controls on smoking in public areas in the city.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of November 6-10.

PARKING FOR VETERANS (H 2763)

House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring all cities and towns to designate a parking space, for veterans only parking, during regular business hours at the city or town hall. The city or town would also erect and maintain a sign designating the space as follows: "Veteran parking only. This space is reserved for those who have served."

Supporters said this is a small but important way to honor all the veterans who have served this nation.

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

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

CHECKOFF ON TAX RETURN FOR VETER-ANS (H 1948)

House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill allowing cities and towns to designate a check-off box on municipal tax bills or motor vehicle excise tax bills on which taxpayers can make a voluntary contribution to a new Veterans Memorial and Patriotic Celebration Fund. The money from the fund would be used by local communities for the restoration of monuments and other activities that honor the contributions and sacrifices of veterans living there. The donation would be paid in addition to the tax owed.

Supporters said this voluntary donation would go to local projects that will honor veterans. They noted that this is not unprecedented because state tax forms currently have a check-off option for donations. In 2016, the funds went to groups including Mass. Military Family Relief \$237,922; Homeless Animal Prevention and Care \$336,077; Endangered Wildlife Conservation \$186,305; Organ Transplant \$108,363; Massachusetts AIDS \$89,804; and Massachusetts U.S. Olympics \$40,562.

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

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

FREE CONTRACEPTION (H 4009)

House 140-16, approved and sent to the Senate a bill designed to ensure free access to FDA-approved methods of birth control for women in Massachusetts. The measure allows women to get a 12-month supply of a contraceptive of their choosing after an initial 3-month prescription and mandates coverage of emergency contraception at pharmacies without a copayment or a new prescription.

The proposal was filed in response to President Trump's executive order that exempts a wide range of employers from the requirement that they offer birth control to their employees without co-pays or deductibles. The bill exempts church or qualified church-controlled organizations who would be allowed to opt out of the requirement.

said the bill's mandates will cost the health care system between \$1.9 million and \$5.7 million annually over the next five years, and will add between 84 cents and \$2.40 to the annual premium by for a Massachusetts subscriber.

"Today, the Massachusetts House of Representatives made clear that birth control access is not up for debate in Massachusetts," said Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak, president of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts. "While the Trump Administration is laser-focused on making it harder for people to access the care they need, Massachusetts is stepping up to protect the health and well-being of its residents by passing the ... bill and keeping birth control affordable and accessible.

"This coercive measure burdens the consciences of Catholics and other pro-life citizens by forcing them, at an expanded level, to subsidize practices which they find morally objectionable." responded Catholic Action League Executive Director C.J. Doyle. "Our constitutional tradition requires a 'reasonable accommodation' for citizens' sincerely held religious beliefs. This absolutist legislation affords no such accommodation and is an affront to the beliefs of many in the state."

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

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

HEALTHCARE CHANGES (S 2022)

Senate 33-6, at 11:59 p.m., last Thursday, approved and sent to the House a complicated 100-page bill making changes in the state's health care system. Toward the end of debate, the Senate added an amendment that would require a study of how the costs of a single-payer health care system would compare to the state's actual current health care spending. If the single-payer system would have cost less than the current system, the center would be required to submit a proposed single-payer health care implementation plan to the Legislature for consideration.

"The bill is really about the consumers and doing everything we can to make health care affordable to consumers," said Sen. James Welch (D-Springfield.)

"My big concern about the Senate health care bill is that DO NOT LIST EMPLOYERS (S 2202) it doesn't save the state any money," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "One of the things we tried to do with our bill is ensure we continue to cover everybody in the commonwealth and maintain the success we've had as almost a virtually fully insured commonwealth. But at the same time recognizing and appreciating that if we don't do some things to change the way our system operates, we put education spending at risk, we put transportation spending at risk, we put general local aid to cities and towns for public safety and fire protection at risk."

"I understand the governor's concerns," Welch said. "He comes from the healthcare industry, comes from the insurance industry, and I'm sure obviously still has relationships in the healthcare industry that would make him concerned or that members of the healthcare industry might be concerned about. But I think the way we approached this bill is really to focus on the consumer."

A Center for Health Information and Analysis report (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

DISCLOSE CHARGES IN ADVANCE (S 2202)

Senate 12-26, rejected an amendment that would require hospitals and health care providers to disclose to the patient the cost of an admission, procedure or service prior to the event. The amendment would replace a section that gives the hospital and providers two working days after the request to give patients the information.

Amendment supporters said this gives more power to patients to make informed choices.

Amendment opponents said the amendment goes too far and noted that some hospitals and providers might not be able to get the information so quickly.

(A "Yes" vote is for providing the information prior to the admission, procedure or service. A "No" vote is for allowing two working days to get the information.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

CHECK ELIGIBILITY FOR MASSHEALTH (S 2202)

Senate 10-28, rejected an amendment that would require the state to conduct regular checks on Mass-Health recipients to determine if they are still eligible for the program. MassHealth is the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income and disabled persons.

Checks would include receiving and requesting information from the Lottery, Unemployment Office and Department of Transitional Assistance (Welfare Department) to see if the financial situation of the MassHealth recipient has improved to the point where the person is no longer eligible for MassHealth.

Amendment supporters said this will help ensure that ineligible people do not remain on the plan.

Amendment opponents said MassHealth already conducts eligibility checks.

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

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment that would strike a provision that requires the state to compile and release an annual report identifying the 50 employers with the highest number of workers who get MassHealth.

Amendment supporters said this "name and shame" idea is a cheap shot. They noted that prior to Obamacare, the state did not allow income-eligible employees to go on MassHealth. The state has since reversed its policy and now allows these employees to opt into MassHealth. This has led to a migration of many employees to MassHealth, a move over which employers have no control.

Amendment opponents said compiling the list is simply a way to get more data to count how many people with access to employer-sponsored health insurance are instead enrolling in MassHealth. They argued this will allow the state to continue working toward its goal of making sure people are insured and have access to quality care.

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Yes



(A "Yes" vote is for striking the requirement of the list and therefore against the list. A "No" vote is for the list.)

> Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

STUDY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE (S

Senate 35-3, approved an amendment that would require the state's Center for Health Information and Analysis to study whether a single-payer health care system would have cost less than the actual health care expenditures in the state, which is estimated to be \$59 billion in 2016. Single payer health care is described in the amendment as "a system that provides publicly financed, universal access to health care for the population through a unified public health care plan."

If the single-payer system would have cost less than the current system, the center would be required to submit a proposed single-payer health care implementation plan to the Legislature for consideration.

Amendment supporters this amendment does not create and implement single-payer health care but would simply leave all options open and give the Legislature the information it needs to consider a single-payer system sometime in the future.

Amendment opponents voiced concerns about the possible cost of a single-payer system, saying by some estimates it could double the state's health expenditures. Some said the last thing they want is for the government to be running the entire health care system.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SMOKING BY POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

(H 1361) - The Public Service Committee held a hearing on legislation amending the current law that prohibits smoking by any police officer or firefighter hired after 1988. Current law also requires the firing of anyone who violates the ban. The bill would give violators an alternative to dismissal from their jobs by allowing them to enter a smoking cessation program and permitting their firing only upon a second offense.

BUILD MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL

(H 3652) - The Senate approved a House-approved bill creating an 11-member Martin Luther King Memorial Committee which would develop plans by May 31, 2018 and make recommendations to the Legislature on the erection of an appropriate permanent memorial to the late leader of the civil rights movement. The committee's recommendations would include the type of memorial to be erected, at least three options for the location of it, estimated costs of acquiring the land and building the monument and its perpetual care and maintenance.

PRENATAL EXPOSURE TO OPIOIDS (H 3847)

- The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on a bill that would require that when a physician determines that a child was exposed to opioids prenatally, the child will automatically be eligible, without an evaluation or assessment or evidence of a delay, for continuing early intervention services until the child enters kindergarten or elementary school.

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 November 6-10, the House met for a total of six hours and 31 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 18 hours and 18 minutes.

Mon. November 6 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:48 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:52 a.m.

Tues. November 7 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. No Senate session

Wed. November 8 House 10:01 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 4:35 p.m.

Thurs. November 9 House 11:07 a.m. to 11:36 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

No House session Fri. November 10 No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
15 Hanson Street	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	11	\$648,000	\$729,000		
18 Forster St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	33	\$779,900	\$845,000		
14 Bartlett St	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Victorian	33	\$799,900	\$800,000		
54 Prescott St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$799,900	\$815,000		
46 Highland Rd	8 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$1,275,000	\$1,300,000		
7 Cedar Street Place	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Contemporary	17	\$1,469,000	\$1,490,000		

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
290 Highland Ave U:3A	4 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Low-Rise	22	\$975,000	\$1,015,000	
290 Highland Ave U:PH B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	1	\$1,032,000	\$995,000	
39-A Oxford St U:Left	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	287	\$1,099,995	\$1,025,000	
2 Loring Street U:C	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	18	\$1,195,000	\$1,160,000	
12 Clyde St U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	36	\$1,324,900	\$1,315,000	
10 Clyde St U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$1,369,900	\$1,349,000	
8 Clyde St U:1	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	70	\$1,399,900	\$1,355,000	
38 Chandler Street U:B	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$1,775,000	\$1,735,000	

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
95 -97 Ten Hills Road	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	49	\$1,150,000	\$1,000,000		
114 Highland Road	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,375,333	\$1,390,000		
65 Josephine Avenue	2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$1,425,000	\$1,550,000		
33 Central Street	2 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	43	\$1,678,000	\$1,570,000		
31-33 Wheatland Street	3 unit, 22 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,689,000	\$1,700,000		
74 Morrison Avenue	3 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,848,000	\$1,902,000		

Annual Harvest Bazzar at Little Sisters of the Poor

By Donald Norton

The Little Sisters of the Poor Annual Harvest Bazaar this past Saturday looked like a huge success. The halls of the first floor and second floor cafeteria were packed with people.

All sorts of items were on sale and at very reasonable prices, all to help the home raise money.

Many of the residents, along with the sisters, were kept busy selling tickets.

We in particular are fans of the home made beef stew, and once again we were not disappointed. They do a great job making it.

— Photos by Donald Norton















The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle feathers #141

The French Redoubt

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Central Hill, also referred to as Somerville's civic center, is the thirty-eight-acre site of land enclosed between Highland Avenue, School Street, Medford Street and Walnut Street.



Since 1845, it has been the location of the City Hall, three churches, four schools, two libraries, a firehouse, and the city's first public park. The area was first brought to importance in June of 1775. After retreating from the Battle of Bunker Hill and expecting British attacks to follow, General Israel Putnam and Colonel William Prescott's troops strengthened and reinforced this area. Today's Putnam and Prescott Streets both bring notice to this fact.



Americans dug trenches and built protective breastworks from Prospect Hill to Winter Hill, thereby bolstering those two strongholds and sheltering their flanks. In the middle of the fortress where today's Central Library lies, was a protected place of refuge called a French redoubt. It was designed as a fall back of last resort when under attack. Fortunately, the attacks never came.



Over the next four years, this area became a training ground for the emergent Revolutionary Army, and later a prisoner of war camp for over four thousand British and Hessian prisoners. Remnants of this fortress lasted into the 1880's.

Union Square was named for the Union's cause, and the first Civil War monument in the nation resides in the burial ground on Somerville Avenue. On Memorial Day in 1909, an elaborate Civil War statue was dedicated in a more conspicuous place, Central Hill. Continued on page 15

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SCES staffers recognized for helping elders age in place

By Nathan Lamb

A local community organization recently recognized two Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) staffers for providing information and services that help older adults age in place.

The Cambridge-based organization Paine Senior Services recently honored former SCES Executive Director John O'Neill for his career in elder services and Caseworker Cassie Cramer for helping meet the mental health needs of older adults.

Paine Senior Services provides comprehensive guidance and support to Cambridge senior, with the goal of helping them remain independent in the community.

Cramer received the Jeannie Warren Paine Award, which was established in 2005 to provide annual recognition for an individual who serves older adults

in Cambridge with compassion, commitment, and collaboration.

Much of Cramer's work has been to address the unmet mental health needs of older adults in Cambridge. She is a member of advocacy coalitions at the state and local levels, and has implemented creative, alternative models to traditional mental health treatments that don't always work for older adults. SCES Clinical Director Annie Fowler nominated Cramer for the award, saying she routinely goes above and beyond for people in need.

"Cassie is well-known in our community as the go-to person for advice and consultation on mental health and housing advocacy," said Fowler.

O'Neill received the Legacy Award, which honors someone who, over the course of their career, has demonstrated their commitment to serving Cambridge and to building community. Paine Senior Services Executive Director and SCES Board President Elizabeth Aguilo said that O'Neill's achievements and many years of service to the community made him a clear choice for the award.

"This award was established to honor those who have dedicated their lives and careers in service of others, and that exemplifies John's approach to the work," she said.

O'Neill, who retired in October after 38 years as director of SCES, established a reputation in Cambridge and across the state for innovation and dedication to the rights of older adults. Helping people live in the setting of their choice is one of his proudest achievements, he said.

"Any work that I did had to be consistent with my values. My career at SCES was an opportunity for me to be faithful to what



The work of Cassie Cramer (left) and John O'Neill was recently honored by Paine Senior Services, a Cambridge-based organization helps older adults remain independent in the community.

I believed, and at the same time, to make the world a little bit better for others," said O'Neill.

O'Neill and Cramer accepted their awards at an Oct. 30 celebration at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Cambridge.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

Don't blink - or you may miss Eyelids! CONT. FROM PG 1

In Eyelids, the longtime friends each sing and play guitar. They are joined by third guitarist Jonathan Drews, bassist Jim Talstra, and drummer Paul "Paulie" Pulvirenti.

The group's East Coast tour in support of its new album, or, stops at ONCE on Thursday.

The Somerville Times: Can you succinctly sum up how the paths of Eyelids' members have crossed over the past two

Chris Slusarenko: Everyone in the band has played in different capacities with each other. Jim and John were in the Dharma Bums together. John, Jim, and myself were in The Cavemanish Boys together. Jonathan and John were in Sunset Valley together. Me and John were in Boston Spaceships together with Robert Pollard. John, Jonathan, Jim, and Paulie were all in Jr. High at one point. Jim played bass in my band Svelt. John, Jim, and Jonathan all played in The Minus 5. Jim and Paulie played in No. 2. John played with Elliott Smith. Paulie played with Elliott Smith. It's really crazy. But never the five of us at the same time.

TST: Which of you were present at the creation of Eyelids?

CS: After John, myself, and Robert Pollard made all these Boston Spaceship records, John and myself really realized that we could communicate really quickly and well because Pollard was wanting two to three albums a year and it was left up to John and myself to play all of the instruments, arrange it, and everything. We just got that really cool secret language down really quickly.

Jonathan was the one who produced all the music for Boston Spaceships. I brought out the old demo of the songs that me and John had recorded and I played it for John and he was like, "Oh, we should do it." And Jonathan was like, "Well, I want to do it, too." So the three of us got together on a weekend and just shared songs and came up with the first album just over the weekend.

TST: How did your musical tastes evolve from childhood through your teens?

CS: It pretty much went like Beatles, Kiss, Cheap Trick, Devo, Residents. Then from 1982 on, it was all the great stuff: Black Flag, Husker Du, Mission of Burma, Minor Threat, Replacements, Camper Van Beethoven. And then R.E.M., of course, were so pivotal at turning people on to so many bands.

TST: You have written, recorded, and toured with Robert Pollard in several bands that he has led. Under what circumstances did you meet him and end up joining Guided By Voices?

CS: I met Bob in '97 at a GBV show ... I really just fell in love with the band and we became friends in the meantime. At one point, Bob said if anyone ever quits, you should be in it. And someone left and I came in at like the last couple of years of the band before he broke it up for the first time, in 2004.

So when that ended, we still wanted to keep making music together. So we did two albums [in a band called] The Takeovers that were my music and him singing on them. I wrote and played all the instruments except drums. For the most part it was my songs, and then he would go and write lyrics and then sing over it.

TST: Is it true that the name Boston Spaceships comes from the images that appear on the covers of albums by the band

CS: Yeah, it does. I don't even think that I put it together at first. I thought of the city and UFOs. The band Boston has never entered my head, ever. So I wasn't like, "Oh yeah, like the album covers!"

TST: What led to the selection of R.E.M.'s Peter Buck to produce the new Eyelids album?

CS: I've known Peter since 1983. We were pen pals. Before R.E.M. broke, I got a single and I wrote a letter to their P.O. Box. And for the next four years, Peter wrote back to me. I met him in '84, when I was a kid. He got my family into the sound check and the backstage and everything. He was just very nice and supportive. When met again as adults and just got a friendship through that. Peter has always been a big supporter of the first Eyelids record. Peter understands our language and what we're doing. These songs are tailor-made for his mind and his ears. It was just kind of a no-brainer.

Eyelids with Jay Gonzalez & the Guilty Pleasures and Corin Ashley. Thursday, November 16. Doors at 6, show at 7. ONCE Somerville, 156 Highland Ave.

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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.

39 percent of pipes over 100 years old: We've spent the year celebrating Somerville's 175th birthday. Astonishingly, some of our water and sewer pipes aren't far behind with 39 percent of them being more than 100 years old. But unlike our city, these pipes aren't getting better with age. The expected lifespan of water and sewer mains is about 50 years, meaning roughly 40 percent of our system is more than a half-century overdue for an upgrade. And Somerville is not alone. The aging infrastructure crisis across the country whether it's bridges, roads or utilities like electric and water just keeps mounting while much needed federal support just hasn't kept up.

That's why we've begun to find ways locally to more aggressively pursue our Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan and take on bigger infrastructure projects like the work in Union Square and on Cedar Street. By the time we get to our 200th birthday, the goal is to have a much younger water and sewer system.

\$1.75 million City affordable housing contribution: Recently, we celebrated the Somerville Housing Authority's transformation of the historic Mystic Water Works Pumping Station into 25 units designated for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities. All of the affordable housing projects in the City require many different agencies, organizations, and City departments to work together, and often City staff are working tirelessly to pull together needed funding support that can make or break a project. For the Waterworks, the City contributed \$1.75 million (just over 13 percent of the total project cost) from a variety of sources including funds from the Community Preservation Act, Somerville Affordable Housing Trust, and grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME initiative as well as the U.S. Community Development Block Grant program. The collaborative and creative work by all involved in the project delivered some much-needed affordable housing to our community.

4 days median permit application approval time: Although the number of building, electrical, and plumbing permits has increased over the past three fiscal years, average time from permit application to approval has remained low. The median approval time was just 4 days for permits issues in Fiscal Year 15 through Fiscal Year 17, and 91 percent of permits in those three categories plus gas fitting and demolition were approved within 34 days

within 34 days. Of course there are outliers and exceptions particularly for larger projects and demolition permits that typically require many additional steps before approval. However, the approval time is an improvement over where we were several years ago and can be attributed to numerous factors like moving permit applications online and better communication and coordination between City departments like Inspectional Services, Planning and Zoning, Health and Human Services, and others.

31.6% of registered voters: Somerville's voter turnout for

the Nov. 7 municipal election was the highest in years. With 31.6% of registered voters taking part, it was more than twice the turnout seen in 2015. Somerville should be proud to have such an improved turnout.

One webmaster: Meanwhile, unofficial vote tallies were also posted for the public at record speed this year thanks to new reporting systems supported by the State. Several years ago we created VoteSomerville.com to share unofficial election results quickly in an easy-to-read format, but the system required staff to get the vote tallies in person from every precinct, run back to City Hall, work in teams to read the tallies off of paper printout and type them into a shared spread sheet, and then our webmaster entered the double-checked numbers into the site. Generally it took a couple dozen people a few hours to finish. Now, thanks to modernization efforts by the Elections Department, those results come quickly and digitally so our awesome webmaster can get this done in just about 30 minutes all by himself (results were up by about 8:30 p.m.). Official tallies still require a full official Elections Dept. crew and a good deal of procedure of course, and those final results can be found

at Somervillema.gov/elections.

31.6 percent of the Halloween vote: Another election took place this month as well oddly with the same percentage (31.6%) being of note. At this year's Haunted Hall Halloween event, the City's Somer-Stat Office of Innovation and Analytics polled our pint-sized attendees for their favorite monster. It was a nail biter with just 14 votes separating the first through fourth place finisher. 'Monsters, Inc.' character Sully barely squeaked by Cookie Monster, earning 31.62 percent of the vote and a first place victory. Godzilla came in third and Frankenstein was fourth. In the spirit of clean elections, a full recount was administered to verify the numbers.

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 monthly 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 http://www.somervillema.gov/datafarm/.

Building the GLX to Route 16



By State Representative Christine Barber

After waiting for many years, there is finally some good news about the Green Line Extension (GLX) to Somerville and Medford. Federal approval is moving forward, the state has met all of its milestones, and the contractors who will re-start the project will be chosen in the next few weeks. The first portion of the GLX project, Phase I, will run from Lechmere Station to College Avenue in Medford, near Tufts University, with a separate spur from Lechmere to Union Square. The news that the GLX is moving forward is positive and it's about time.

But what about the next part of the project: Phase II? This section, from College Avenue to Route 16/Mystic Valley Parkway on the Somerville/Medford border, is critical and would connect a much greater portion of our dense neighborhoods to this historic expansion of public transit. After years of waiting, this project has also finally moved a step closer.

The planned stop at Route 16 was removed from Phase I of the GLX a number of years ago, but Phase II has been moving along on its own track. Phase II was originally provided with funding through a statewide process to distribute federal highway funds for projects through the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which found it to be one of the highest scoring projects in years based on environmental advantages and mobility. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency for our area, found that the Route 16 station would help bring nearly 250 new jobs, and potentially new housing options.

We need to continue to support strong options for transit in our region...

Over the last few years, Phase I of the GLX ran into cost and management issues at the state level and was "revised" to reduce the price and footprint of the project. In order to keep Phase I moving forward, it was decided that funding previously earmarked for Phase II would instead be used to fill the budget gap for GLX to College Avenue. While this was necessary to get the GLX project off the ground, it has created challenges to realizing the full GLX.

After a large amount of work

by local advocates, the mayors of Medford and Somerville and local legislators, MassDOT (Department of Transportation) has fulfilled its commitment to begin the planning of Phase II of the GLX to Route 16 by conducting the environmental review of the project. The current plan travels from College Avenue in Medford, down the commuter rail tracks (along Boston Avenue) to the current UHaul building on Route 16 at the Somerville/ Medford line. The initial review has not found any significant challenges, and lays out the early design of the extension and terminal (available at www.greenlineextension.org). Comments on the environmental review are due by November 28 to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, and a public meeting on the design process is being held on Monday, November 20 at from 6-8PM at 51 Winthrop Street in Medford.

The GLX stop at Route 16

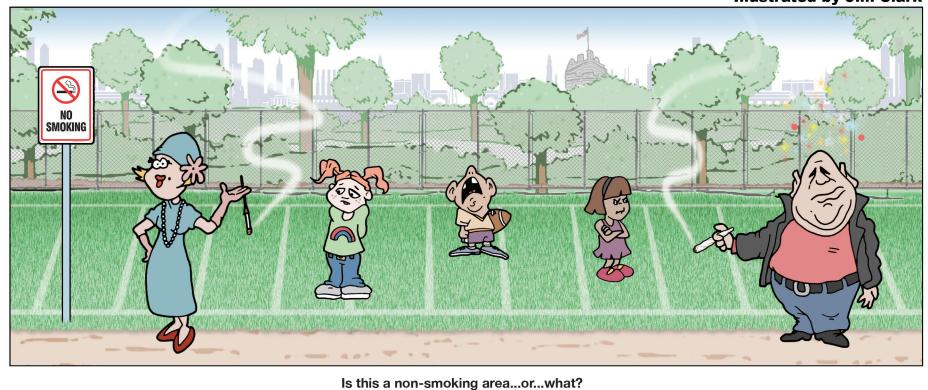
not only brings public transportation access to a number of environmental justice communities, but would connect a greater region of car-centric suburbs to help provide an easy, accessible transit option for thousands of people in the Medford, Arlington, and Somerville area and beyond. This segment of the extension is, many transportation advocates would argue, one of the most beneficial to the Greater Boston area.

While Phase I of the GLX is a promising start to long-overdue improvements to transit systems in our dense urban areas, completing the full project all the way to Route 16/Mystic Valley Parkway will mean that thousands of people can use our transit system to get to work, school and other activities. We need to continue to support strong options for transit in our region to build the economy and provide opportunities to keep supporting our region.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



Kudos to our Board of Aldermen, who are tightening up the ordinance protecting our kids and the general public from the dangers and inconvenience of being exposed to smoke in and around our public parks and play spaces.

We do live in a free society, but certain freedoms come with a few caveats and responsibilities, most particularly when harmful substances are potentially put into an atmosphere that we all have to share and share alike.

Smoking tobacco isn't good for anyone, but while it still remains an adult's right to do so, we need to make sure that others who choose not to breathe in that smoke are not involuntarily forced to do so.

Likewise, as with marijuana, its medical and recreational use has recently been legalized, but here also we need to be considerate and responsible when it comes to where it is used and who else may inadvertently be exposed to it.

Reasonable people should not have a

problem understanding and following what is being asked here. There are still plenty of places where smoking outside of the home can be done without risking the health and happiness of others. Especially for the kids, the smokers among us should all agree to follow the rules and help keep these shared spaces smoke free.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Congratulations over in Medford on

the re-election of a fine lady, and so far a very good mayor, **Stephanie Muccini Burke**. She worked hard and we wish her the very best in her next term. Also, congratulations to all the city councilors and **School Committee** people over in Medford. We have make an exception with our friend **Adam Knight**, who won his re-election bid for city councilor. He worked hard, as usual, and we haven't found anyone that doesn't like him. Also, congratulations to **Erin DiBenedetto**, who, though originally from Winter Hill, was re-elected once again to the

School Committee in Medford. A nice

lady and very sincere. We wish all the

candidates who were elected over there

in Medford a great next two years for

At the **DPW** this week, the electrical heaters were blowing fuses throughout the building. It seems that someone (we're not going to say **DPW Commissioner Koty**) isn't very popular, not just down at DPW but with **the gas company**. It appears they removed the old heating unit and installed a new one for the building, but the gas company was

supposed to be notified so they could install a larger and newer pipe for the building. Lots of people were freezing in the building (but thank God it wasn't this weekend). We could hear the nasty remarks about the bosses down there from the workers all the way to the paper's office. Especially (OK, so we'll say his name) Commissioner Stan Koty, who should get on the phone and get in contact with that company fast and talk nice to them. We know Stan has a big mouth when he wants to use it, so it's time for him to use it with the gas company. We hope at least he's changing the fuses down there for them so they can stay warm. Wear two sweaters!

Turkey Shoot this Sunday, November 19. Shooting Events start at approximately 10:00 a.m. on the Trap Field: Lucky Target, Adios, Wobbles, Walk-Back, Wolverton Mountain Doo-Dah, and anything else they can think of. Food and Beverages served through the day. Fun for everyone and non-members are welcome. At the Lawrence Rod & Gunn Club, So. Lawrence, right off the 93.

Happy birthday's this week: One of the nicest ladies here in Somerville, a former Alderman At-Large amongst many

of her accomplishments, we wish Helen Corrigan the very best of birthdays. We wished her last week, a week early, but she deserves two wishes for a HB. Happy birthday to local TV celebrity and anchorman Joe Lynch, who is celebrating this week. We wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday also to Sheila Meehan MacEachern, who is celebrating this week as well. A nice lady and well known too. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to the wonderful Marsha Eileen Hamel Urquilla. We know her family - which is huge - will be helping her to celebrate this week. We wish her all the very best A nice lady who, along with her husband, is always thinking of others. Happy birthday to our good friend Artie "Ernie" Mason, a good friend and a great family man who served in Vietnam with distinction and valor. We wish him a great birthday, celebrating with his many friends, wife Susan and his family. Happy birthday to Joe Nardella. A good guy, we wish him a very happy birthday. And finally, to the lady of Local Real Estate, Ms. Betty Levin, a big happy birthday to her.

The Somerville Times Best of Somerville voting started last week. When you see a business or person on the ballot

(on page 3) that you like let us know. If you don't see a category that you think should be included also let us know. You can email your choices (thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com) or mail them to the office (The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144). Show your pride in a person or business or place you like and want to vote for.

We guess the event of the year to celebrate 175 years as a town and city was successful, but we were disappointed that they chose to have a basic black tie, two-hour thing at Tufts. We remember when Mayor Gene Brune held a celebration of the city back in the 80's. A huge crowd of hundreds attended and celebrated through the night with dinner, awards and dancing. We know the mayor didn't decide this – at least we hope not – but whoever chose to do this, we think it should have been a much more inclusive event. After all, you only turn 175 once!

Have you seen the sign the state road crews put up on **rte. 16 just after Mystic Avenue** – "Warning delay in traffic due to market opening" – with a big flashing light? Never seen anything like that, have you? Now the state is getting involved in the local stores competition?

Continued on page 17

Thanksgiving with Mayor Curtatone

Somerville Seniors gathered at the Holiday Inn on Friday, November 10 for a Thanksgiving celebration with Mayor Curtatone.

The mayor and Director of Veterans Services Bryan Bishop also paid tribute to all the Veterans in the room. The mayor sang to the attending seniors, and two veterans were honored at the dinner. Sean Horgan received recognition as the 2017 Somerville Citizen Veteran of the Year and Devin Schneider received the 2017 Somerville Public Service Veteran of the Year honor.





















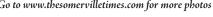
















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Union Square Portraits CONT. FROM PG3

many pictures of her. It's something I've reflected on since, probably had an influence on me. Things I take pictures of today, people I know, friends and family. Also everyday life."

Lee pauses.

"What I was thinking about segregation...most people, everyday people, are just trying to get by. I mean, like, you're voting for someone, you're not doing it against someone, you're probably just doing it for yourself. But not thinking about how it might affect others."

He nods, smiles ruefully, and goes back to his photography.

"I don't usually approach strangers for photos, I take pictures of people I know who are comfortable with it. I got involved at Washington Street in 1998, because they had a darkroom. With photography, I like...well, there's the aspect of taking the photos, showing what people are like, communicating something."

"It varies with people, what your message is. With my sister...she died. She had a history of mental illness and alcoholism. I did a series of photographs of her," he spreads his hands wide, "and showed it at Washington Street, to show her story. Here's this person, here's what happened."

"But when I put it together, I realized, these are two things people don't talk about. The mental illness. The alcoholism. It's good to discuss it with people publicly. More awareness, more discussion. At the opening, a small group self-organized in the corner. One guy said, 'A friend of mine had bipolar disorder, and killed himself.' A woman said, 'My brother is schizophrenic. He was driving across the country on "a mission from Obama." We don't know where he is.'

"The photos of my sister are a specific story about one particular person, but that opens the door to discussion on a larger, more universal scale."

"Another aspect of my photography is that it's candid, not posed at all, captured in a natural way. I took some at a wedding the other day. I don't know how to say this in a way that's not clichéd...but I captured in a natural way their happiness, and their interactions. Something that's important for them now, and also later."

"Then, I guess also, the love expressed between the various

family members there."

Lee pauses for a long moment. The topic of family gets him thinking about his own family.

"Also, um, I'm adopted. I don't know if that's important for your thing," he laughs. "Just me and my sister. She was also adopted, but from separate places."

"I never worried about my birth parents, that maybe some-body didn't want me. I do wonder if there's people out there who look like me. People told us my sister and I looked alike. I don't know if that's true. It was never treated as a negative thing. If people ask, 'Do you want to find your parents?', well..." he spreads his hands and smiles, "I already have parents."

I ask him what he likes about Union Square.

"I like that there's a wide variety of things in Union. There's the Brazilian market and then there's, like, bloc 11. I don't know what's going to happen, what's going to go down. There's some new 'nice' places that are more expensive," he says, using his fingers to make quotation marks, "but I don't know. I don't know what's going to happen."

"Some places have stayed a long time, and are evolving. The Taqueria, now Cantina Mexicana, used to be take out, now it's sit down with margaritas. Potro is very different. Cantina is more like burritos, enchiladas. Potro has grilled meats. But I don't know, they probably both have both. That's just the way I

approach them. Potro's mariachi bands are a nice feature."

"I like Ebi Sushi. I think I read in the Scout that it was started by Hispanic people. The opposite of Anna's Taqueria, which was started by Japanese people."

I ask him if other things he loves about America are coming to mind.

"I think in general, we have a lot of freedom. Some less than others, but probably doing pretty well in certain ways. After 9/11, it became a clear model of security vs. freedom. It's becoming a general model. If you want to make something better, or keep it as it is...well, if you're trying to control things, the trade-off is less freedom. Somerville is going through lots of changes. Demographically. I don't live here anymore. Now I can't afford it. People have taken advantage of the housing market, maybe sold their place and moved to, I don't know, Wilmington. But you can't force things to stay the same without reducing freedom."

"Are there things about America you think are great?"

"Oh yeah. Yeah. I think we could do better. But it's not a dichotomy of great/not great. The implication is that things used to be great – but for who? For some. But for others... not for them. Hopefully what's happening now is just a glitch. I hope it's not a regression. But even if lots could be improved, it's still probably better than 20,

40 years ago."

"I don't know if I'm qualified to give a specific example. I just saw a Facebook discussion, saying things were better for women in the 70s. Were they? I assume it's better now. But I don't know. I'm not a woman. Maybe it isn't better."

"I think also, we're at a point, where people voted for Trump, and that's bad. But there's a lot more political activism now. It had been building. Since the election, it seems to be accelerating. Because there is an official position from the President that looks pretty bad."

We wrap up our conversation, and step outside for a photo of Lee in his red hat.

I go back to my table, and am writing in my notebook, when Lee reappears.

Hovering over me, he says, in his gentle, amused way, "I just wanted to say, I love talking to different kinds of people. At parties, I have lots of questions for people. What they do, where they're from, what they think about things."

He raises his hands and puts quote marks around this observation: "Everybody's the same, everybody's different. I've been characterized as asking people a lot of questions." He smiles, nods, and disappears again.

I find myself wishing that more people in these polarized times had Lee's good humored, open minded curiosity, and his gentle willingness to be proved wrong.

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #603

- 1. What Roman numeral follows Alex Baldwin's name?
- 2. What *Friends* cast member starred in the Lost In space movie?
- 3. Fort Knox is located in what state?
- 4. Who coined the advertising slogan "You Press the Button, We Do the Rest"?
- 5. What is a quadrilateral?
- 6. What fruit is Melba sauce made from?

- 7. What was the name of Supergirl's pet cat?
- 8. What was Al Pacino's first movie?
- 9. What sports Hall of Fame and Museum is located in Ishpeming, Michigan?
- 10. hat does the word "pizza" mean in Italian?
- 11. Who said, "Never eat more than you can lift"?
- 12. What animal appeared on Cracker Jack boxes prior to the boy in a sailor's suit and his little dog?

Answers on page 17

Immaculate Conception 60th Anniversary



This past Saturday, November 11, Immaculate Conception School celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a dedicated service and reunion for students that graduated between the years of 1957-2011. Over 80 attendees enjoyed delicious food and beverages, participated in themed activities, and reminisced over their submitted pictures, articles, and yearbooks from the past. Beverly Gaffney, Bookkeeper at ICS, was able to connect faces of parents and grandparents with children that currently attend the school, noting "just how family-centered the ICS community has always been." Principal Sister Mary Chapman was delighted to learn of past students' successes, and is grateful to all who attended the celebration. Immaculate Conception School will be hosting several more alumni events that Somerville residents are greatly encouraged to attend. If you are an ICS alumni and are not connected with the Immaculate Conception Alumni Network, please email spavlovich@ics41mtn.org with your contact information to be added to the mailing list.

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Historical Fact

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A Spanish American War memorial was placed in front of the Central Library ten years later. It honors the soldiers and sailors who fought in that war, the Philippine insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition.

As years passed and emergencies arose, Somerville's patriotic men and woman stepped forward. Today, added statues and plaques dot Central Hill Park in solemn memory of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Beirut bombing.

In 1930 at Somerville's City Hall, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War presented Somerville with a large bronze tablet bearing Abraham Lincoln's famous address. As Lincoln proclaimed at Gettysburg, "that from these honored dead, we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here, highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

This past week we celebrated Veterans Day on November 11. It is not just a number on the calendar. Try to visit Somerville's Central Hill Memorial Park and remember that since 1775 our veterans have given their tomorrows so we could live our todays.



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Wreath Sale Fundraiser

It is that time of year again to put in your wreath order with the Somerville Community Growing Center.

In addition to our wreaths being a beautiful, hand-decorated craft item, your purchase helps support programming and maintenance at the Growing Center. With that said, we would like to say how greatly appreciative we are for your support and community love. These wreaths include handmade bows, in choice of three colors (red, burgundy or purple), cones and other natural materials.

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PICKUP INFORMATION

Wreaths will be available for pick-up at the first day of the season of the Winter Farmers Market at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., on Saturday, December 2, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Wreath orders received before November 25 are \$35, later order wreaths are \$40.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please pay when you pick-up. Cash or checks (made payable to the Friends of the Community Growing Center) accepted. Limited online payment option available, via PayPal at the Farmers Market or via their website.

HELP WITH WREATH MAKING

They also welcome volunteers to help create the wreaths on Sunday, November 26, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please contact volunteer@thegrowingcenter.org if you would like to participate in the hands-on experience.



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LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

3 Royce Place (ZBA 2017-74): Applicant and Owner, Black Wolf Special Opportunity II, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing three-family structure and convert it into a two-family structure and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under SZO §7.2 and a Variance under \$5.5 and \$8.5 to construct a single dwelling unit in a second principle structure on the lot within the required front yard setback. RB Zone, Ward 1.

86 Fremont Street (ZBA 2017-106): Applicant, Feng Zhao, and Owner, Pinnacle Development, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to perform alterations to the nonconforming three-family dwelling including constructing an addition in the rear and modifying the front entry porch. The Applicant and Owner also seek a Special Permit under SZO \$9.13 for parking relief.

23-25 Boston Avenue (ZBA 2017-100): Applicant and Owner, 23-25 Boston Avenue, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%, add dormers and an areaway within the non-conforming right side yard setback, and finish basement. RA zone. Ward 4.

57-59 Franklin Street (ZBA 2017-109): Applicant and Owner, Mattos Franklin, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%, install three front entry doors, open rear porches and install areaways within the right side yard setback. Parking relief under §9.13. RB zone. Ward 1.

69 Concord Avenue (ZBA 2017-108): Applicant and Owner, George Meeker, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to make alterations to a non-conforming structure. RB zone. Ward 2.

If you have an interest in receiving updates on when an Applicant of a particular case requests a continuance to another hearing date, you may sign up for updates by visiting the URL for that case.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 11/15/17 & 11/22/17.

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> **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

An amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, to establish a Project Mitigation Fee for Job Creation and Retention

An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 15.5, to update the Project Mitigation Contribution for Affordable Housing

An amendment, submitted by 18 registered voters, to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, to update the housing linkage fee and create a job creation and retention linkage fee

An amendment, submitted by 18 registered voters, to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, to update the housing linkage fee

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

374 Somerville Avenue (PB 2017-16) Applicant and Owner, 374 Somerville Ave, LLC, seeks approval of design and site plan review (DSPR) under SZO §6.1.22.D to construct a rear addition to the existing structure. Retail and office space will remain on the first floor and the second and partial third floor will become five dwelling units. A Special Permit under SZO §9.13 is also being sought for parking relief. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2. http://eepurl.com/c_kZsT

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding 1) a proposal by Sean T. O'Donovan & Peri Nawawi: to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 30 Warwick Street; and 2) a proposal by Kent Greenawalt to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 39 Irving Street.

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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Amendment IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) has rescheduled the PUB-LIC HEARING regarding the 2018 Annual Plan from Wednesday, December 13, 2017 to Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. The forty-five (45) day review and comment period commenced on October 31, 2017. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP 18-28

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

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Sealed proposals will be received until Friday December 1st, at 11:00am. Late proposals will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

> Michael Richards **Assistant Purchasing Director**

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION will hold a PUBLIC MEETING on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to review a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by AECOM on behalf of applicant Massachusetts Property, LLC. The applicant proposes to perform exploratory geotechnical borings and sediment sampling associated with a pedestrian bridge proposed to be located across the Mystic River between the cities of Somerville and Everett, Massachusetts. Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Vanessa Boukili, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Removal of Public Shade Trees City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 5:30 pm at the Department of Public Works Water Department Building, 17 Franey Road, Somerville, MA, to consider the removal of the following public shade

- 1. 1060 Broadway removal of 13 inch diameter Honeylocust for development at the former Powder House Community School.
- 2. 93 Ossipee Road removal of 16 inch diameter Honeylocust causing major infrastructure damage to street and driveway.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing prior to or during the hearing. Letters should be addressed to: Somerville City Arborist, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA. 02143; or email vboukili@ <u>somervillema.gov</u>.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

President William A. White, Jr. and Finance Committee Chair Tony Lafuente have called for a meeting of the Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee to conduct a Public Hearing on the Mayor's proposal to create a Union Square Development District (BOA #204437), and a Union Square District Improvement Financing (DIF) Development Program (BOA #204517). Information on this proposal can be found on the city's website at www.somervillema.gov/usqdif.

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 6 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG

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There was a sort of great commercial this past week on Facebook, with **George**, the owner of **Demets** boxing up a couple of dozen of his famous donuts. We know we said it before, but it's a great place that used to be like Dunkin' Donuts was. Remember on Middlesex Avenue back in the 50's and 60's, when it had a counter and served the best donuts? But somewhere along the For those that don't know, every line they lost that. Demets reminds you of the old fashion coffee shops of yesterday, a place to come enjoy your morning coffee, meet and greet new and old friends and to be waited on by the nicest people you could meet. If you haven't tried Demets Donuts, head over to Mystic Avenue in Medford, next to Dom-

freshly made in the back. P.S. Get one of those fresh egg sandwiches, you'll want another!

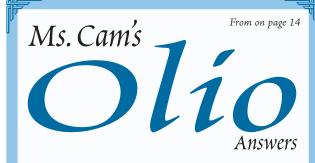
We have to admit though, that the staff at Dunkin' Donuts in Magoun Square is one of the friendliest in the city. Always helpful and

pleasant. It's our favorite here. *********

now and then we have to repeat: we are a "gossip column" - we print the local gossip going on in the city. We have many people throughout City Hall and other places that feed us stuff on a regular basis. Some of it might be true, but one thing we won't do is spread malicious lies about people and institutions. We

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The Somerville High School Class of 1982 welcomes classmates to join them for the 35th reunion. November 25, 7:00 p.m., at Pearl Street Station, 53 Summer St., Malden. Appetizers, no cost, cash bar.



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3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Thursday November 16

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10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

BPS Meeting 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Music Production 101 with DJ Mac 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday November 17

Central Library

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

Monday November 20

Central Library

Sing Along

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Middle School Writers' Den 5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday November 21

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

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

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

MUSIC ARTS Wednesday November 15

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: Le Vent Du Nord Second Show Added!!|7:30 p.m.|10

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Moth: True Stories Told Live 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Jan Marie

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.-7p.m.|Performance Hall New Play Reading Series 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday November 16

Sally O'Brien's

BYO Bluegrass with Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm

Backroom Series: WUMB Presents Amanda Anne Platt & The Honeycut-

Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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Thunder Road

Veterans For Peace Benefit Featuring Stanley And The Undercovers (Benefit) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Jay Gonzalez and the Guilty Pleasures, Corin Ashley 7 p.m|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Big Time Company 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Castle Of Comedy Presents: Brance Hayward's Spirits-giving 9 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday November 17

Sally O'Brien's

Jimmy Ryan Band |6 p.m. Chris Monti, The Martians, The Resurrectionists \$5 coverl9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room:

Spike the Punch|10 p.m.

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Naked Giants, Gymshorts 8 p.m|156 Highland Ave

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Seamus Galligan|8 p.m. Flamenco Boston|10 p.m.

14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge's Poets Theatre 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday November 18

Sally O'Brien's

One Thin Dime |6 p.m. MC Kabir birthday bash with The Krush Faktory \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Red Square 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

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Thunder Road

Between the Dark and Light - The Grateful Dead Photography of Jay Blakesberg

6 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Kaiju Big Battel - ONCE More Unto the Breach Psychic Dog 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. DJ J-Wall 8 p.m.

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

The Stonecoast MFA community special fall reading 2 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. Deke Dickerson|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday November 19

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Dave Wells & friends 8:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

Los Goutos 9 p.m.

Back Room Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sharon Shannon -Two Shows|4

p.m. 6 p.m. Driftwood Soldier and Muddy Ruck-

us|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Americana Sundays w/ Blame The

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Only Human, Nina Violet 6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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4 p.m.|Café ReRooted: Reconnecting with Nature —Practical Ecological Ethics in the Anthropocene

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave The Rockwell

Similar Jones: All Together Now|2 Missing Maura Murray Live 6 p.m.

255 Elm St Monday November 20

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Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-

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

The Burren

Front Room

Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

Science By The Pint|6:30 p.m. Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover|5 p.m.

Taco Monday Mess-Around 7:30 p.m. The Chuck Taylor Band|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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

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Tuesday November 21

Sally O'Brien's Bar **SYM Tuesdays** 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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Back Room:

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Front Room lason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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8200 **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** Simpsons Trivia|7 p.m.

Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m.

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

First and Last Word Poetry

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday November 22

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CLASSES AND GROUPS

Central Library

Mindfulness and Your Inner Strenaths: Session 3 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday November 16

Working Parent Community Conversations Group 6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library

East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

Central Library Selected Chamberworks of Melika M.

Friday November 17

Saturday November 18 **Central Library** Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Getting Cozy @ the Library 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain | 18-48

Sunday November 19 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

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

West Branch Library

Tuesday November 21 Central Library

1 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Romes

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Starstruck: Close Encounters of the 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday November 15

Central Library

Central Library Yoga at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

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

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet

Union Square Farmer's Market

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

Monday November 20 **Central Library**

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

NaNoWriMo: Come Write In

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

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

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more info and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Conversations of the Heart – Mondays (see dates below) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. When you experience a loss; whether it be a loved one, a place of employment or even a change in your life, don't process these feelings along; come join our group where we process difficult emotions together in a safe and welcoming environment. For more information or questions please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Refreshments will be served. Future dates: September 25, October 16 and 30, November 13 and 27 and December 11.

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby

Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class – A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Bowling is Back – at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbreads Pizza located in Davis Square. \$3 weekly fee which includes shoe rental, three strings of bowling and dues for bowling banquet. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Lessons my Father Taught Me – Friday, November 17 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us as Alan Cohen creator of Lessons my Father Taught Me as he shares with you an interactive and humorous presentation. Lunch and bingo to follow. For more info or to register please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, November 28 starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. This month we are showing Megan Leavey, a moving drama about marine corporal Megan Leavey's bond with a military dog Rex as they detect explosives in Iraq. Runs approximately 1 hour and 56 minutes. RSVP to Josephine by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Be SEEN! (Be Somerville Energy Efficient Now) – Tuesday, November 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This program educates residents about city, state and federal programs to help make homes more energy efficient. Tenant, landlord or homeowner – there is a program for you. Please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 with questions or to RSVP.

Holiday Festival/Bazaar – Thursday, November 30 & Friday, December 1 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bake sale, raffles, wreaths, lunch, crafts, trees and many more holiday items.

Winter Wonderland Art Class with Linda Cohen – Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. This class will combine glass painting and watercolor into a winter scene. Class size is limited. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for this class. All supplies will be provided.

Michael Buble Tribute with artist Scott Keo – Tuesday, December 5 - \$83 includes transportation, lunch and show at Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Illumination of Light Tour - Saturday, December 6 – Check in is at 4:15 p.m. at the High School Concourse - \$5 – Hop on the trolley and be amazed at the Holiday Lights in Somerville. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Memory Café – Thursday, December 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. A safe and comfortable place to share your stories and socialize with others who worry about their memory. RSVP by calling Natasha or Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Holiday Luncheon – Monday, December 11 at the Highlander Café (high school atrium) \$10 – to RSVP please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Holiday Party & Bingo – Thursday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. Seating is limited. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Scheduled for November 30th and December 21. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the

Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch is Back – Please join us the second Wednesday of the Month at the Senior Center at 167 Holland Street. A Hot Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. on November 8, December 13. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. A \$2.00 donation is suggested.

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule
Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

9:00 Walking Club (H) 11:00 Tai Chi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H) 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

Every Monday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

Every Tuesday

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

Every Thursday

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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Wednesd	ay, November 15	8:00pm	Greater Somerville	1:30pm	SMC Community Media Day	10:00am	2017 Election candidates Profiles
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	10:30pm	SOM ARTS
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	SCOUTV	3:00pm	Democracy Now	11:00am	Community Lens
7:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	4:30pm	SMC Community Media day	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	TUTV	5:00pm	SCOUTV	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:00pm	,	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
9:30am	Esoteric Science	11:30pm	SMC Presents:Duck Village Stage Sessions	6:00pm	Road to Recovery	2:00pm	Science 360
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	Friday, N	ovember 17	7:00pm	Startup TV Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:00am	Signs of Life	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:00pm	Zero Hour with RJ Eskow
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	12:30am	Signs of Life	8:30pm	TUTV	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	SMC youth Media
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	2:00 am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	The summer house	7:00pm	Road to Recovery
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, N	lovember 19	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH: Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	SOM ARTS	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
4:00pm	NASA TV News feed	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	2:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show
5:00pm	Physicians Focu	10:00am	NASA TV	6:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	The Summer House
5:30pm	Going Postal	11:00am	Aging Well	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes		Namedan 21
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8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	1:30pm	Road to Recovery	10:30am	DW Conflict zone	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	7:30am	Legacies
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	2:30pm	Hello Neighbor	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	CATV SECRET STASH: New Kids on the Rock	3:00pm	Democracy Now	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH: Flotilla	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Reeling Review	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
Thursday	, November 16	5:00pm	NE pride TV	1:30pm	Green Card Voices	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	5:30pm	What's new in Massachusettes?	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
1:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	11:30am	What's left
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	5:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	6:00pm	Duck Village: Beer During the Great War	2:00pm	Somerville overcoming addiction
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	11:00pm	Box house productions presents	8:00pm	Real estate answers	4:00pm	Aging Well
10:00am	The Kamla Show	11:30pm	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:30pm	Mim The movie Buff
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	Saturday	, November 18	9:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	DW Conflict zone	12:00am	Signs of life	10:00pm	VETERANS DAY PROGRAMMING	5:30pm	What's new Massachusetts?
11:30am	Community Lens	12:30am	Signs of life	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	6:00pm	The Literati Scene
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	SCATV secret stash hour	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Session	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:00am	Free speech tv		November 20	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00 am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Totally Working Out	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Art at SCATV	7:00am	Tele Magazine	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
4:30pm	The Struggle	8:00am	Democracy Now	2:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
5:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film	9:00am	Community Lens	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
6:00pm	Beyond Boston	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:00	Aging Well	10:00pm	SMC Presents: Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Dead air Live	7:30am	Going Postal	10:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash
7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	11:00pm	Beer During the Great War	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
7:30pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:30pm	(11:40) At Home In The Dark	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	11:30pm	New Kids on the Rock

CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

Wednesda	y, November 15	9:07pm	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	6:00pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	10:31pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards
9:00am	Talking Business	9:37pm	Rally Point	7:30pm	SomerViva Español	Monday,	November 20
9:14am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	10:07pm	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	8:00pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	12:01am	Senior Circuit
11:30am	SomerViva em Português 10.27.17	Friday, No	ovember 17	9:00pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival	12:31am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
12:01pm	Congressional Update	12:00am	Senior Circuit	9:49pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	1:00am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
12:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	12:30am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	10:00pm	SomerViva em Português 10.27.17	1:30am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
2:00pm	Talking Business	2:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	10:31pm	Rally Point	1:41am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
2:14pm	SomerViva Español	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention	Sunday, N	lovember 19	9:00am	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17
6:00pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	9:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	12:00am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	11:30am	Talking Business
7:00pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	11:30am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	12:30am	Rally Point	11:44am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
8:30pm	Talking Business	12:00pm	Rally Point	1:00am	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	12:00pm	Ball & Magoun Sqs. Visioning Workshop
8:44pm	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	12:30pm	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	12:41pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation
10:01pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	1:47pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	9:00am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	1:00pm	Congressional Update
10:07pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	2:00pm	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	9:11am	Talking Business	1:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
10:35pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	6:30pm	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	9:30am	Senior Circuit	2:00pm	SomerViva em Português 10.27.17
Thursday,	November 16	7:47pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	11:30am	Talking Business	2:31pm	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture
12:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	8:00pm	Honk!	11:44am	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
1:30am	Honk!	9:30pm	Rally Point	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	7:00pm	School Commitee Meeting - LIVE
2:53am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	10:00pm	Congressional Update	12:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	Tuesday	November 21
3:21am	Talking Business	10:30pm	Talking Business	2:00pm	Congressional Update	12:00am	Rally Point
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention	Saturday,	November 18	2:30pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	12:30am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
9:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awardsr	12:00am	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	6:30pm	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	2:00am	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	2:00am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony	6:41pm	Talking Business	9:00am	Rally Point
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3:00pm	SomerViva em Português 10.27.17	11:30am	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	8:00pm	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	12:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 11.20.17
6:30pm	Congressional Update	1:18pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	9:17pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation		3
7:00pm	Talking Business	1:30pm	Honk!	9:30pm	Congressional Update	4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
7:14pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	2:53pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	10:00pm	SomerViva em Português 10.27.17	7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE

Educational TV 15 Schedule

9:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
11:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin
1:00pm	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff
3:00pm	SHS Football vs Watertown
5:00pm	Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational
6:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
8:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin
9:45pm	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff
11:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Early Education
Thursda	y, November 16
12:00am	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.
2:31am	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
8:00am	Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational
9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
9:30am	SHS Post Secondary Fair
10:00am	SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody
2:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Early Education
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr - Healey School

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Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational

Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning

Wednesday, November 15

5:00pm

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8:00pm

8:30pm

SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin Friday, November 17 12:00am Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational SHS Volleyball v Malden 9:00am SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham 11:00am 1:00pm Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 2:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Danvers 3:30pm SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott 5:00pm SHS Volleyball v Malden SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham 7:00pm 9:00pm Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 10:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Danvers SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott 11:30pm

Saturday, November 18 1:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Latin 3:00am Public Domain Theater [11/17] Northeastern Conference Cheer Invitational 8:00am 9:00am Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 10:00am SHS Football vs Watertown 12:00pm SHS Football v Triton Reg'l. 2:05pm SHS Football v Lynn Classical 4:30pm SHS Football vs Lynn English 7:00pm Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 8:00pm SHS Football vs Watertown

10:00pm SHS Football v Triton Reg'l. Sunday, November 19 SHS Football v Lvnn Classical 12:05am SHS Football vs Lynn English 2:30am SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica 9:00am 10:30am SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff 12:15pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Masco SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline 2:00pm Our Schools, Our City - Early Education 4:00pm 4:30pm Student of the Qtr - Healey School 11.16.17 SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica 5:00pm SHS Boys' Soccer vs Peabody - Playoff 6:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Masco 8:15pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline 10:00pm

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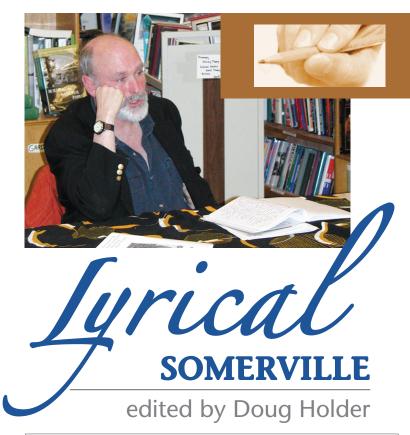
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book of poems, was released in April 2014 by Cervena Barva Press, edited by Gloria Mindock.

For Richard Wilbur 1921 - 2017

It was in autumn, in the time of leaves,

Persephone was pining home to Hades,

As ant stored up, cricket sighed out their lives

And pumpkins glowed around the neighborhoods,

All things appropriate, death a charade,

While winds disrobed the undesirable boughs,

The western light impatient, the poet laid

His head back on his pillow and closed his eyes.

Persephone, in Greek mythology, is the goddess of fertility and of the underworld. She was the daughter of Demeter (the Earth) and was abducted by Hades, Lord of the underworld. Hades allows Persephone to return to see her mother each spring, bringing new vegetation, flowers, etc. But each autumn she must return to Hades, and so the leaves fall from the trees and everything turns brown.

The ant and cricket, representing industry and prodigality, appear as an autumn lesson in the fables of Aesop, versified famously by Jean de la Fontaine in La Cigale et la Fourmi.

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Review by Dennis Daly

Love and friendship in times of license and freedom often go amiss, derailed by life's pedestrian complications. Prescribed relationships, on the other hand, monitored by their context in society and tempered by existential considerations or overarching cultural institutions reduce the tragedy and drama in everyday life to an acceptable expectation level. There's the rub. Unpredictable extremes of behavior make life not only more interesting, but also, infused by unwieldy passion, more creative.

In this dual publication Starving Moon/Millennium Resolution, Somerville writer Luke Salisbury and poet Jean Dany Joachim set up a compelling proposition and a stunning response with verve and spot-on tonality. Salisbury expertly provides the proposition in the form of a well-wrought short story. Joachim completes the narrative with a free verse poem that delivers an odd but very unique physicality. Together both literary pieces combine into a rather heartfelt, unified, and, more importantly, mesmerizing story.

The action takes place "in the summer of 1972, which was really the last summer of the sixties." Sex, rock and roll, some drugs, and a lot of booze abound. Primarily Salisbury chronicles two couples in their evolving/devolving relationships: Mark (the narrator) and his new love, Carol; and Peter and Gretchen, the star-crossed couple. All have histories, although Gretchen's is particularly vague. Damaged people meet lesser damaged people and cling. Doo-wop, Del Shannon, and Sam Cooke are piped into the mnemonic sound system at appropriate times adding to the texture.

While one relationship evolves, the other is toxic and spirals downward. True love offers up the irony, since both relationships have it. Friendships are woven-in complications. The character of Carol really amuses me. She is a straight-talking corrective to her boyfriend, Mark the narrator. I must say, this plot line works wonderfully well.

One exquisite section of prose sticks with me as I write this. Salisbury speaks of love's demise not as a loss of sentiment and passion, but rather the dissolution of a dynamic, a world view. He explains that everyone knows this to be true. That seems right somehow. Here's the section,

... Time is dead. The person you love, the person you know, isn't there anymore. Isn't here. Isn't yours. You're not really here either. You're in limbo because you're together but you're not. You're alone. But you'll be more alone. You hurt. But you'll hurt more. The past won't save you. Things don't work anymore and you can't do anything about it. The person you love, the body you can't imagine being



Left: Luke Salisbury. RIght: Jean Dany Joachim

without or touching someone else, is a ghost. You touch it but you aren't touching it. You're a ghost. Objects, chairs, cars, snow, don't look the same. Buildings, trees, the sky, get super real. The outline of things gets too sharp. You know what's

Just how alone are we in this world? Salisbury pretty much ends his story meditating on this question. His protagonist/narrator watches through memory's window as life's stories replicate, perhaps changing slightly, over twenty years until things make sense. Although this narrative is far from being a comedy, it does have a comic outlook where acceptance, not remedial change, proffers resolution.

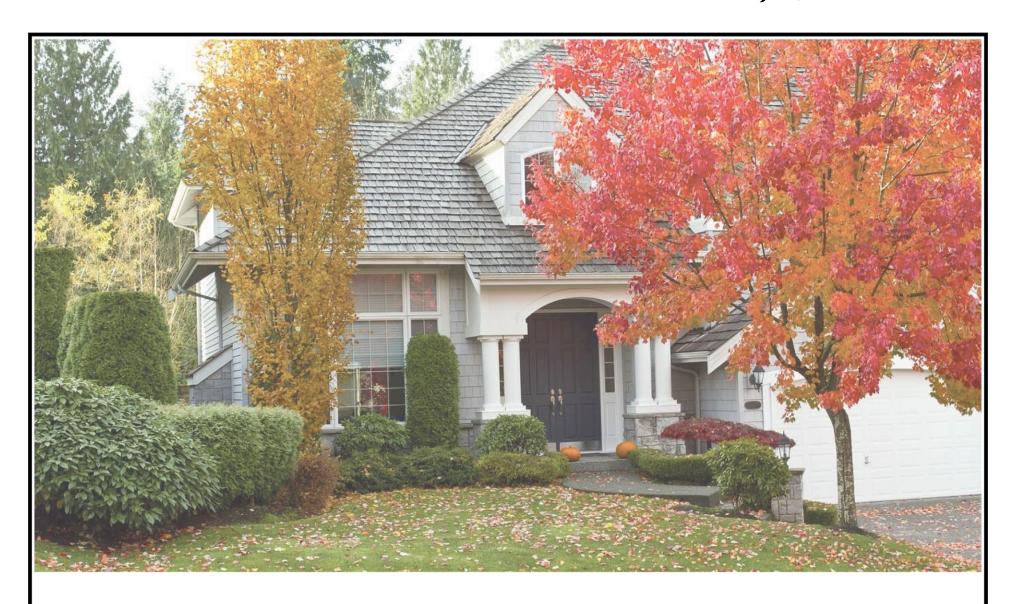
Embedded in Salisbury's short story, Joachim's poetic persona comments through the medium of his poem, entitled Millennium Resolution, identifying with one of the characters, Peter, and vowing to change the pattern of his own life. In the background bells toll from the tower of Trinity Church on St. Catherine Street in downtown Montreal. Consider these lines in the heart of the poem,

I was already swallowed by the "Starving Moon" A cold chill filled my whole body, That kind one experiences in very scary moments The same kind immigrants often feel When dealing with immigration agents I discovered myself in the pages of the story: I had Peter's face So obsessed with doing the right thing, And wanting to be Jesus too—In this fast moving World.

The poet ties himself even closer to Salisbury's Peter character in the penultimate stanza of his piece. He signals a new understanding before the millennium,

Peter went to another woman, Peter went back to Gretchen, And Peter never noticed Peter The way I missed myself for so long There were only two rings left Of the twelve sounds of midnight The first hour was almost final...

Both Salisbury and Joachim are well known literati in the Boston area. Salisbury is the author of Baseball Is the Answer and three other works of fiction. Joachim is a past Poet Populist of Cambridge, Massachusetts and the author of three collections of poetry. They are currently selling this book at readings. If you are in the northeast area, track them down. For God's sake stalk them. Get this book.



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