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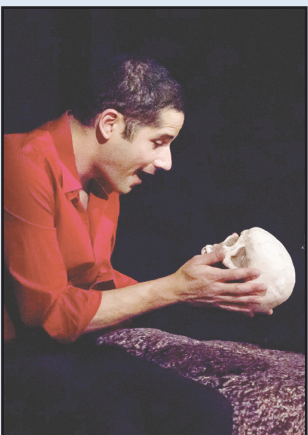
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Residents updated on parking fine increases, street modifications



The City of Somerville Traffic Commission recently held a public meeting to updated and conduct a dialog with residents about parking fine increases and changes to various city streets. — Photo by Adam Parise

By Adam Parise

Last Thursday, November 14, Somerville residents gathered at the Tufts Administration Building for a public meeting of the Traffic Commission to be updated on and discuss proposed parking fine increases and alterations to certain city streets.

Various options violations regarding different parking situations in the city of Somerville were proposed at the meeting. Overtime parking, which currently incurs a \$25 fine is proposed to be increased to \$50.

Another set of violations include parking for over 48 hours, parking in a taxi stand, parking in a restricted zone, parking in the high school concourse, commercial overnight parking, parking in the wrong direction, parking on the sidewalk, parking in a loading delivery zone, parking more than one foot from the

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'Faith in a City' explored at the Somerville Museum

"Faith in a City" is a project exploring religion in Somerville through music, photography, interviews and history as a way of better understanding our community. The focus is how religion is meaningful to people across the City. The project includes concerts, talks, panel discussions and an exhibit. "Faith in a City" includes some congregations near Somerville where local residents go to worship. The focus is how religion is meaningful to people across the city.

Upcoming events include:
Faith in a City: talking about religion (panel discussion)

Thursday, November 21, 6:30 p.m., Somerville Museum, \$10 admission, Museum members free.

How can we talk about religion with our neighbors, friends or children (and should we do so)? How can we learn more about the religions of people across our community? How can we start a dialogue with someone who holds different beliefs than our

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The "Faith in a City: Exploring Religion in Somerville, MA" exhibit opening took place on Sunday, November 17 at the Somerville Museum.

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Graduates from **St. Clement’s High School Class of 1969** will be holding their **50th reunion** on **Saturday, November 30**, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the **Holiday Inn** on Washington St. As they did last year, they want to invite their friends from the classes of 1968 and 1970 to celebrate with them. The plan is to have a very casual atmosphere to rekindle relationships, recall memories, and have a great time; informal, come when you can, and stay for as long as you’d like. A cash bar will be available and hors d’oeuvres will be provided. Please feel free to bring along family members and/or guests. The more the merrier! The suggested contribution for the reunion is \$15. For more info, go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/451601158816359/>

The city's recent response to the **Condominium Conversion Ordinance** flyer that was distributed by the **Somerville Property Owners Coalition** has stirred up dust on both sides of the issue. Some feel that the ordinance is fair and just what the city needs, while others think it over-reaches and puts too many restrictions on property owners. What do you think?

The **Conway Park meeting** previously announced for to-night, November 20, has been rescheduled. **Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott**, and the city’s **Public Space and Urban Forestry Division** invite the community to discuss site remediation at Conway Park as well as its future design at a community meeting now scheduled for **Monday, December 16**. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the **Public Safety Building**, 220 Washington Street. City staff will be joined by consultants from **Weston Sampson Associates**, who have been developing the site remediation plan in partnership with the **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection** and the **Federal Environmental Protection Agency**. For more information on Conway Park remediation and to sign up for project alerts, please visit www.somervillema.gov/conwayfield.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Escape from Somerville*

A Moore says:

The infamous clicker. I remember it well when my father picked his up and placed it to his ear and kept saying hello.

Paul Foley says:

I grew up there, live in Marblehead now. I came to Somerville last night went to Davis Square , I drove around for several minutes but couldn’t find a parking space. So, I tried Porter Square , the same result no spaces open. It’s too crowded and the real estate prices and property taxes are through the roof. I love to visit , but no thanks on permanent return.

Old Taxpayer says:

You were supposed to bike here as the city does not want cars here. They have made that clear.

Response to: *City seeks emergency response plan for water contamination*

Ted L says:

Nothing short of massive flood gates on the Mystic will do.
The comfortably re-elected (groan) City Council continues to specialize in shooting the breeze.

BMac says:

Be interesting to see what the city could do when all our water comes from halfway across the state.
<http://www.mwra.com/annual/waterreport/2018results/metro/somerville.pdf>

Response to: *Somerville declares CHA Cares Day*

Kevin J. says:

If only the actions of CHA showed that they do care.

Julie the Jarhead says:

You took the words out of my mouth, Kevin J.!
All the feel-good awards won’t keep the Somerville Hospital Emergency Services open.

Response to: *Somerville Accessibility Forum, November 12*

huh? says:

Wow. There are now 3 separate entities within the city needed to determine how best to make the city accessible? How much is the city paying for these 3 groups who on their own cannot determine what is needed for accessibility? It seems that every week the city is announcing a new position, department, commission, etc.

A Moore says:

With three now helping with making things accessible maybe that’s why things are not. I had been trying to get parking back to the new building on Broadway and Temple as the handicapped can no longer go there as their parking has been taken over for bike use. Seems the logic here is backwards. Maybe we need four now and have one overlook the others? Being less mobile now one gets to notice these things.

Response to: *2019 Somerville Heroes Salute*

Steve Keenan says:

Congratulations and thanks to these fine Military Veterans and the Police Officers and Firefighters. They serve our country and our communities in a most notable way.
Special congratulations to Lieutenant Mike Marino. Mike is a nice guy and a dedicated public servant. I salute all of you!

Response to: *This week in Somerville Neighborhood News*

Joseph Gaglione says:

How dare someone else steal a workers money other than one of the most corrupt local governments in Massachusetts

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Training wheels off



Today bicycles are everywhere. They're beside us, behind us, in front of us, and amongst us everywhere we go, even on the sidewalks. Bicycles have become

a very serious, popular and scary mode of transportation. But when I was a kid in the 60's and 70's, bicycles were just plain fun. If anyone over 25 rode a bike back then they were probably called hippies.

Growing up in 60's Somerville, a bicycle was a very prized possession. Every kid got one sooner or later. It was a rite of youth. From our first tricycle to when the training wheels came off, we were off and rolling.

My brother and sister and I had older cousins who gave us their old bikes and we were so happy to get them. But one Christmas my parents went all out and bought us three brand new bikes from Sears. They had a light and a horn built in. It was definitely one of my fondest gifts ever. I can still see those three new shiny bikes in the cellar near the furnace. We had to lock them down the cellar every night.

A friend shares this: "When Ace was in Ball Square circa 1965, my brother Gary and I got new twin Gold metallic Raleighs. We had them about two weeks before they were stolen on a shopping trip to Porter Sq." You had to guard your bike

with your life. Years later, we would build crazy looking bikes out of junk parts just for fun. It took a while to get used to balancing the big metal basket full of newspapers when we started delivering *The Record American*, *The Globe* and *The Herald Traveler*.

...when I was a kid in the 60's and 70's, bicycles were just plain fun

We went everywhere on our bikes. My dad wouldn't allow us to leave our street until we got older. We snuck off anyway. One day when I was 11 years old, four of us rode our bikes to the Prudential Building in Boston. I thought every honk and beep was my father who I thought was out looking for me. He never found out. Along with Ace Bike Shop and Park Sales on Somerville Ave., Abe's Bike Shop was on Mass Ave. in Cambridge. Along with Sears, Lechmere Sales, and Kmart, Bradlees sold bike stuff too. We would customize our bikes with mirrors, bells, sirens, raccoon tails, and hand grip streamers. My favorite accessory was a metal flag holder that attached to the front fork. It held 5 flags.



— Photo by Ron Bargoot

Remember putting baseball cards in the spokes to make a motor sound? The best motor sound came from putting a balloon in the spokes but it would always pop if you went too fast. Around 1964 Schwinn introduced the Sting Ray bike. If you had one of those you were really cool! Our bikes were very important to us. There would always be at least five or six of us riding around the city looking for fun. My most memorable bike stunt was done on a dare around 1968 at Grants five and ten store in Davis Square. I rode my bike in the front door which was on Elm St. I peddled all the way through the store, almost knocked over a few people, whizzed down the aisles, down several steps, and out the back door on Herbert Street. I didn't get bagged. At one time you could register your bike at the Somerville Police station and you'd get a small metal license. I'm not sure of

the years that practice was incorporated, but I had one. Here's a memory from a friend of mine: "Not sure about the 70s and 80s, but in the 60s, we went to Jimmy Welch's Garage (on Hudson Street behind the firehouse). Whatever parts you couldn't get along the tracks, you could usually get from Jimmy. For stuff like new tubes and patch kits, we'd go down to Somerville Ave. to Park Sales or over to Roach's Sporting Goods or Kresge's. Seems like Mickey Finn used to sell bike tire tubes as well." Our bikes were from Sears, Schwinn, Raleigh, Columbia, and JC Higgins. And then came more fancy and expensive bikes like Fujis, and Motebecanes. The last bike I had was a nice Trek that was stolen out of my yard five years ago. I don't mind. My bike riding days are over anyway. Too dangerous. Plus, I have two new titanium hips to get me around.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A loud crash and a trail of burning rubber

Police officers inside of the Somerville Police Sub Station on Broadway heard a loud screeching sound and a loud bang that is consistent with the sound of a motor vehicle crash last Wednesday evening. This was followed by a screeching sound getting closer to their location.

Officers exited the building to see what was happening and observed a large cloud of smoke a bit further down the street.

A man pulled his vehicle in front of the officers and stated that a gray Jeep just ran over a street sign and drove down Broadway towards the Powderhouse Rotary.

Officers drove in the direction where the Jeep fled and they immediately observed what appeared to be tire marks

on the road. The tire marks started in the area where the accident happened and continued East on Broadway. The marks on the road then continued onto Lovell St.

The officers turned onto Lovell Street and a witness yelled, "He turned right and then left onto Packard Ave!"

As they continued to follow the tire marks, another witness ran towards their vehicle and stated that the Jeep just turned left onto Teele Ave.

When they turned onto Teele Ave., they followed the tire marks to the driveway of 8 Teele Ave. and in the driveway they observed a Jeep with two flat tires on the driver's side of the vehicle.

They then observed a man, now known as the father of the suspect Shaun Lyons,

walking out of the front door of his house.

The officers asked the man if he was driving the vehicle and he did not respond with a clear answer. He appeared to be confused and asked what was going on. After he was informed of what happened he responded by saying, "Whatever my son damaged, he can pay for it."

The officers then asked the man where his son was and if he is the owner of the vehicle. At first the man denied knowing where he was but did confirm that his son is the registered owner.

The officers were informed that Lyons owned a firearm and it was uncertain if he still had access to it. The man then walked inside of the house and exited with his son, Shaun Lyons, onto the sidewalk.

Police asked Lyons what happened and he reportedly stated that he did not know what was going on because he was sleeping the entire time.

When Lyons made this statement, the officers reportedly observed that his speech was slurred and that his eyes were red and glassy.

During a pat frisk an officer reportedly felt a hard object in his right pants pocket. He asked Lyons if it was a weapon or keys and he did not reply. After pulling the object out of the pocket, the officers observed a black smart key with the word Jeep on the back.

The officers asked Lyons what happened and if he was driving. He then asked an officer how many years has he been on the job. He then reportedly started

screaming that he did nothing and he was sleeping.

The officers detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Lyons, who continued to scream and evaded all of the officers' questions.

Lyons was then placed under arrest for reckless operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Police asked Lyons' father if he could explain what exactly happened. He stated that he heard a loud screeching sound coming into his driveway, so he went to the front door and Lyons immediately walked past him and said nothing happened and to go back inside of the house. At this point, he stated that the police had arrived on scene.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jaime Miranda, November 13, 4:59 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a warrant charge of juror failure to appear.

Shaun Lyons, of 8 Teele Ave., November 13, 8:27 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle,

leaving the scene of property damage, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Anderson Rodriguez, of 45

Seaview Terrace, New Bedford, November 15, 10:57 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

John Elwell, of 27 Vernon St. Malden, November 17, 5:05 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a charge of larceny over \$1200.

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curb, parking in a construction zone, parking in a traffic island and parking in a no stopping zone, which all currently have a fine of \$30 in the city of Somerville are proposed to be increased to \$50.

The final set of violations that were discussed include parking within 20 inches of an intersection, parking with an unattached trailer and leaving less than 12 inches in space, all invite \$40 fines in the City of Somerville and are proposed to increase to a fine of \$50.

Also discussed was a request from the city's Engineering Department to temporarily change Merriam St. (between Somerville Ave. and Washington St.) into a two-way street for approximately three months, as the Somerville Ave. contractor prepares to begin excavating and installing new stormwater box culvert at that intersection.

Because the current traffic configuration of Merriam Street is one-way southbound towards Somerville Ave., a pro-

posal of exiting Merriam St. will be restricted due to limits and presence of this work zone. Another proposal from the Engineering Department is to temporarily remove approximately 3-4 residential permitted parking spaces on Merriam St. to facilitate two-way traffic, as egress onto Somerville Ave. will be restricted. The request to remove these parking spaces will allow for two vehicles to safely pass each other given the existing narrow roadway width. This request is being made for a duration of approximately three months in conjunction with the proposal of changing Merriam St. into a two-way street.

Another proposal by the Engineering Department for Merriam St. is to install a Dead End or Not a Thru Street sign at the intersection of Merriam St. and Washington St. for a duration of three months in conjunction with the two-way street and the removal of the residential permitted parking spaces.

Additional discussion at the meeting concerned the Engineering Department's proposal to remove two residential parking spaces at each of the northern corners of Stone Ave. at the intersection of Columbus Ave., as well as three spaces on Columbus Ave. opposite Stone Ave. for a duration of approximately one month. The proposal is being made in this case to facilitate turning movements of emergency vehicles and fire apparatus during the time of which Stone Ave. is inaccessible from Somerville Ave. due to box culvert installation.

A proposal to designate or extend a total of 55 different streets in the Winter Hill Neighborhood as 20 mph safety zones was also discussed. This proposal will also be designated or extended to 15 different streets in the Ten Hills Neighborhood.

A request was made by the Somerville City Council for the Traffic Commission to co-sponsor a Public Hearing with the City Council Traffic



and Parking Committee of the Whole on the Broadway Bus/Bike Lanes. The date for this meeting has not yet been released but will be announced at a later time. Residents got to participate and voice their opinions on this issue. One resident voiced agreement to these proposals and increase in fines because they were tired of oth-

ers blocking their driveway and also for parking in no parking zones/handicap spots.

For more information regarding these proposals and the Traffic Commission's activities, residents can contact the Secretary of Traffic and Parking, Laura Accaputo, by phone at 617-666-3311 or email at LAccaputo@somervillema.gov.

Somerville Heroes by Stephanie Hirsch

Somerville's Halloween heroes



Cotton Candy House: In Winter Hill, Vici Kins' "Cotton Candy House" celebrates the warm and welcoming, come-one-come-all spirit of Halloween. Twenty-one years ago, Vici bought a house and also adopted a community tradition which resonated with her.



For 10 years, the previous owners had offered fresh cotton candy from their

front porch for neighborhood trick-or-treaters. Like the "Pony Express", Vici, and her ever-changing cast of spinners have delivered! (Only once, a freshly broken ankle stopped the show.) Her longtime core team of spinners, James and Holly Halliday, had their first date at the Cotton Candy House, married a few years later, and came to spin on their wedding night.



This year, on this warm, wet Halloween, Vici's son Cormac (now also 21) was on hand with friends from college ready to assist. (The team is pictured here in action...) Neighbors, like frequent supporter **Susan Moynihan**, showed up once again to help. Like so often in the past, adults with small children expressed their fondness and appreciation for this tradition, which they've enjoyed since their own childhoods. It's a feel-good community thing.

The Decorators and Costume Designers: All over town, people pulled up boxes

from the basement to make their homes creepy. They carve the unique pumpkin designs (Like this one, created by **Nancy Bernhard** and her husband, that Somerville neighbors particularly appreciated).



They dug through storage bins or crafted into the night to put together the perfect costume. Here are pictures of just of few of the many homes where residents did their part to make their neighborhoods exciting to explore. I even tried to take the advice of the Somerville Times to: "Join in with the kids a little. Wear a silly costume." I'm pictured here with my young UPS delivery driver sidekick.



Allergy Friendly: Another way people supported an inclusive community on Halloween was by handing out allergy-safe candy options. The Teal Pumpkin Project was started by a food allergy group in Tennessee in 2012, and it has since spread through neighborhoods across the US. A teal pumpkin means that a house has non-food treats available, like small toys or stickers.

Maren Chiu, who has a teal pumpkin, hopes to spread the word: "My son has multiple food allergies. He loved trick or treating when he was younger, but I could see his disappointment when having to give up much of the unsafe candy given to him by well-meaning neighbors. We participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project because I want to 'exclude the food, not the child'. At our house, we have both a teal pumpkin and candy that is 'safe' for the top eight allergens." Here is: a list of allergy-friendly candy, more information on how to participate, and a place where you can find or list trick-or-treating spots.



Somerville Police and Crossing Guards: Finally, a big thank you is due to those who directed traffic to keep the mix of rush-hour traffic, dark, and excited kids in costumes manageable. Crossing guards were out throughout town, giving up their own households' Halloween evening to help the city. Somerville Police helped close blocks and keep people safe on streets like Lexington, Prospect Hill, and Springfield.

Residents reported they were happy to see officers out talking to people while handing out candy. They also had to handle other problems that arose. One parent told me: "I happen to know of a group of teens who pulled a stupid and potentially dangerous prank. The Somerville Police gave the kids a stern talk and spoke to their parents, and handled the situation extremely well."



And though neither Police officer or Official Crossing Guard, **Councilor Jesse Clingan** dressed as a guard and spent the night crossing kids at the dangerous intersection of Mystic and Shore Drive. It is the location of a recent pedestrian fatality and a difficult crossing point that separates the homes of many children in Winter Hill from the Mystic shoreline and Ten Hills neighborhood. Jesse got ready by purchasing a vest and special flashlight.

And one more thanks from a parent who said, "I also want to give a shout out to the **Somerville Fire Department** who opened their doors and gave out candy to all those trick or treating. The kids were so excited to go!"

For all the different ways people helped, thank you! You made this year's Halloween another successful celebration of friendship and community.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators and representatives from the week of November 11-15.

BAN FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS (H 4183)

House 126-31, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would ban the sale of flavored vaping and tobacco products—including mint and menthol cigarettes—and impose a 75 percent excise tax on e-cigarettes. Thirty percent of this estimated \$10 million to \$15 million tax revenue would go into a trust fund that cities and towns could use for substance abuse prevention. Businesses that don't comply with the bill's provisions could have their Lottery licenses temporarily suspended.

The bill also requires commercial health insurers and MassHealth to cover smoking cessation programs and nicotine replacement therapy. Another provision raises the penalties for illegal tobacco sales.

"This legislation is a critical step to help end the worsening youth e-cigarette epidemic and stop tobacco companies from using appealing flavors to lure kids into a lifetime of addiction," said Matthew Myers the president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "We urge swift action by the state Senate to approve the same legislation."

"The House vote to include menthol and mint tobacco in legislation brought about by a youth vaping epidemic demonstrates how little they understand and appreciate the dangerous consequences associated with their vote," said bill opponent Jon Shaer, executive director of the New England Convenience Store and Energy Marketer Association. "We're supportive of aggressive action aimed at vaping, however, a menthol tobacco ban will disproportionately impact communities of color with increased illicit tobacco-related crime, store closures and job losses. Not to mention it strips adults of their right to buy legal products of their choice. The House could have avoided this if it had kept the focus where it belongs -- on vape."

"Today the Massachusetts House voted to disarm one of Big Tobacco's most dangerous weapons: flavored tobacco products," said Marc Hymovitz, Massachusetts director of government relations for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. "While Massachusetts has long been at the forefront in this area, we are poised to lead the nation by passing legislation that would prohibit the sale of all flavored tobacco products, keeping these deadly products out of the hands of our kids."

"The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network said the bill would make Massachusetts the first state to restrict the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes," said Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation and an opponent of the measure. House Speaker Robert DeLeo described Wednesday's vote as 'a nation-leading step...to modernize our laws that regulate tobacco.' But opponent Rep. Sheila Harrington (R-Groton) summed it up best: 'We have just given a financial gift to the state of New Hampshire, because people are going in droves.'"

"Will the Massachusetts Legislature ever get over its nanny state obsession and leave its citizens alone to think for themselves?" Ford added. "Why must everything in the commonwealth be either mandatory or forbidden by law?"

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

bill.)

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

FINE FOR UNDERAGE USE OF MARIJUANA AND TOBACCO (H 4183)

House 36-123, rejected an amendment imposing up to a \$100 fine on anyone under 21 years old who is in possession of marijuana, marijuana products or marijuana accessories. The amendment also requires the offender to complete a drug awareness program. Anyone under 21 who possesses any tobacco products would be subject only to the up to \$100 fine.

"The amendment I proposed was aimed to set a standard of safety for our youth," said amendment sponsor Rep. Jay Barrows (R-Mansfield). "It is easy to penalize convenient stores/gas stations for the sale of tobacco to minors and that is the first step in the right direction. However, there needs to be a share of responsibility towards minors trying to access tobacco. So I suggested a minor penalty to deter minors from using tobacco, similar to that of underage drinking, which could be a small fine, or community service engagement."

The House Ways and Means chair Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) who drafted the final copy of the bill and Rep. Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough), who authored the original bill, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on why they voted against this amendment.

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

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

PHARMACEUTICAL ACCESS, COSTS AND TRANSPARENCY (PACT) ACT (S 2391)

Senate 40-0 approved and sent to the House the PACT Act aimed at addressing the high and rapidly increasing costs of prescription drugs in the Bay State. A key provision provides immediate price relief for insulin used by one in ten people living with diabetes who must take it daily or risk major health problems. The measure limits out-of-pocket spending for insulin by eliminating deductibles and coinsurance and capping co-pays at \$25 per month. Rising insulin prices have resulted in some people paying out-of-pocket costs of \$1,000 or more per year, leading to some patients decreasing their insulin dose or not taking it at all.

Other provisions include requiring pharmaceutical companies to notify the state in advance of new drugs coming to market, and of significant price increases for existing drugs; disclosing the proposed value of certain drugs if manufacturers don't take meaningful steps to lower costs; and several transparency and accountability mandates.

"This bill will bring us one step closer toward addressing rising costs within our healthcare system that continually impact patients' ability to access the care they need," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. "By reining in prescription drug costs and increasing transparency and oversight within the pharmaceutical industry, we can drive down costs and improve patient outcomes."

"Today the Senate stood unified in our mission to tackle the pressing issue of healthcare access and affordability," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "I am excited to see the PACT Act advance, as we have heard for far too long that the rapidly rising cost of prescription drugs is the greatest issue facing individuals and families today."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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EPIPENS FOR ALL MINORS (S 2397)

Senate 39-0, approved an amendment that requires that The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) perform an impact analysis regarding the cost of providing EpiPens to all minors and issue a report to the Senate by April 2020. Amendment supporters said a recent report found the price of an EpiPen two-pack increased from \$106 in 2004 to \$608 in 2016 while the active ingredient in it costs about one dollar. They said no child should have to die because his or her family can't afford life-saving medication due to the despicable price-gouging of pharmaceutical companies. "This important amendment to the PACT Act, which marks a momentous leap in the right direction for prescription drug cost containment and consumer protection, brings us one step closer to realizing the dream of providing epinephrine injector coverage for all children of the commonwealth," said Sen. Diane DiZoglio (D-Methuen), the sponsor of the amendment. "No child should have to suffer because a caregiver cannot afford this life-saving medication."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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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 11-15, the House met for a total of seven hours and 5 minutes and the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 43 minutes.

Mon. November 11	No House session No Senate session
Tues. November 12	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:58 a.m.
Wed. November 13	House 10:04 a.m. to 4:47 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. November 14	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. November 15	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

COMMENTARY

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SPOC responds to city's reaction to community flyer

The Somerville Property Owners Coalition (SPOC) is replying to the City's response in *The Somerville Times* to our community flyer which outlined how the new Condominium Conversion Ordinance overreaches and severely restricts property owners' rights compared to the 1985 Condominium Conversion Ordinance.

Italicized statements are City-selected portions from the SPOC flyer to which the City responded. The bold text is the SPOC's responses which further clarify our concerns with the new CCO. Our neighbors should note that the City Council scheduled two public hearings on this important matter, but cancelled the second public hearing and immediately voted to implement the new CCO.

Flyer: "The new CCO takes away your fundamental right to control YOUR private property."

City: There has been a condominium conversion ordinance in Somerville since 1985. Property owners always had to appear before the Condominium Review Board to convert existing property to condominium units.

SPOC: The new CCO barely resembles the 1985 ordinance with its broadly expanded

rules which not only expands the City's control of private property, but imposes costly and burdensome obligations and timelines upon property owners wishing to convert and sell their private property. Additionally, the Acts of 1985, c.218 did not expressly authorize the City to initiate or reinstitute rent control, or to regulate the conversion to condominiums of properties with fewer than four rental units, or to introduce and grant itself a mandatory exclusive right to purchase such property as a part of the regulatory process.

Flyer: "Owners of 2 and 3 family homes can no longer convert, or sell to a developer to convert, their private property, without first offering units 'as is' to tenants, a 'non-profit', or the City and before offering to the open market."

City: The tenant right to purchase already exists under both state law and Somerville's current ordinance. The City/designee right to purchase is a new provision and runs concurrent with the tenant's right - no additional time is added for the City/Designee. The right to purchase is structured so that the price, which is set by the owner, will reflect current market values.

SPOC: The Acts of 1976, c.37, by their express terms, did not apply to rental units in an owner-occupied two or three family house, so any provision to control conversion of these properties should not fall under the rules of the CCO at all. Under the old ordinance, tenants had a 30-day right to purchase. The new CCO extends this right up to 180 days and has now included "non-profits" plus the City with a right of first refusal. And although the owner can set the offer price for these rights of first refusal, true market value can never be realized without offering units to an open market and allowing the buyer pool and end-users to set the market value. The City's artificial price structure fundamentally impacts what a property owner can actually sell their unit for and, by default, lowers the property value.

Flyer: "Tenants now have up to 7 years to move out of your property!"

City: All tenants are entitled to one years' notice. Seven years is the maximum, which only applies if a property owner willfully neglects to fulfill their obligation to assist in housing search for vulnerable tenants who are

either low/mod income, elderly and/or disabled being displaced through conversion. Otherwise, vulnerable tenants who are either low/mod income, elderly and/or disabled are entitled to five years' notice.

SPOC: We live in a close-knit, diverse and compassionate community. No one wants their neighbor or tenant to suffer undue hardship. But why is it the property owner's "obligation" to find their low/moderate income, elderly and/or disabled tenants alternative housing, within Somerville, at their current rent which, may likely be below market, and then may be considered "willfully negligent" if unsuccessful in doing so? The owner themselves may fall under the "vulnerable" category and need to sell quickly. So to require this rule on such owners, let alone all owners, to control the terms of their leases and ability to sell their properties for up to 7 years, is clearly misplaced. Also, the City excludes from their response that a lease can automatically extend for at least one year and up to five/seven years, regardless of a lease or tenant-at-will situation. It also excluded from their response that during the notification period, the tenant

can break their lease with 30 days' notice while still obligating the property owner to wait a year to apply to convert.

Flyer: "During this time: You are not allowed to raise rents without permission from the City. You cannot improve your units without permission from your tenants."

City: City review of rent increases is done to verify that the rents do not exceed market rents. Necessary repairs required by State Sanitary and Building Code are permissible, and vacant units can be renovated during the waiting period. Cosmetic and other discretionary improvements that have in the past had the effect of disrupting tenant 'quiet enjoyment' rights to their units are limited.

SPOC: When a lease contract has been fulfilled, landlords should have a right to offer (or not) a new lease at the market rate. The City does not account for existing rents that are already below market rate when calculating a rent increase, thereby controlling any increase an owner has a right to offer. And virtually any work to a property may disrupt a tenant's "quiet enjoyment". Unfortunately, a tenant's control of landlord

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You have until December 20 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, January 1, 2020. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Foods & Restaurants

- Best Breakfast
- Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch
- Best Italian Food
- Best Chinese Food
- Best Mexican Food
- Best Portuguese Food
- Best Local Deli
- Best Variety and all around Restaurant
- Best Seafood
- Best Irish Pub
- Best Local Bar
- Best Thai Food
- Best Hamburger
- Best Mac & Cheese
- Best Hot-Dog
- Best Roast Beef Sandwich
- Best Pizza
- Best Bakery
- Best Sub Shop

- Best Coffee Shop Franchise
- Best Coffee Shop local
- Best Bar Food

Best of Somerville Services

- Best Electrician
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- Best Attorney
- Best Teacher
- Best Politician
- Best City Worker
- Best Receptionist
- Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor
- Best Real Estate Rental Agent
- Best Bank Teller
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- Best Cook
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- Best Barber
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- Best Police Officer
- Best Fire Fighter
- Best Photographer
- Best Somerville Historian
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- Best Somerville Artist
- Best Somerville Poet
- Best Somerville Writer
- Best Somerville Celebrity
- Best City Elected Politician
- Best City Employee DPW
- Best City Employee City Hall/Annex

Best of Somerville Businesses

- Best Somerville Bank
- Best Real Estate Company
- Best Insurance Agency
- Best Creative Business in 2016
- Best Florist
- Best Laundromat
- Best Liquor Store
- Best Gas Station
- Best Auto Body Shop
- Best Tow Company
- Best Law Firm
- Best Pest Exterminator
- Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store
- Best Somerville Non Profit Agency
- Best Bar For Bands
- Best Newspaper

- Best Idea in 2019
- Worst Idea in 2019

Somerville Mothers Out Front joins city in announcing new Renewable Energy Program



Mothers Out Front (MOF), Somerville, was pleased to join the city in announcing a new program for renewable energy electricity, part of one of MOF's goals for a just transition to a future of a healthy and livable climate, at City Hall on Monday, November 18.

The expanded program is called Community Choice Electricity (CCE), and allows ratepayers to automatically enjoy 25% clean electricity from local clean renewable sources.

Last May, MOF members ran a campaign that resulted in over 700 residents from across Somerville signing postcards that asked the city to raise the percentage of clean renewable energy in our electricity, and the city delivered. The postcards were presented at the press conference.

Jessica Garrett, a member of Mothers Out Front said, "As mothers, we are deeply concerned about our children's health and safety. Somerville's Community Choice Electricity (CCE) program is part of the solution to transition to clean, renewable energy."

The combined demand for 100% renewable energy will increase clean power installations in Massachusetts, stimulating local jobs and helping Somerville reach its 2050 carbon neutrality goals while delivering a cleaner future for everyone.

The City's CCE program keeps Somerville's electricity prices stable and protects consumers from seasonal rate increases. Under the new contract, individual ratepayers can opt up to 100% clean renewable energy by paying a slightly higher rate. Some 400 households have already opted up to 100% in the last couple years, and both options will now be open to all ratepayers.

The new city website will launch after Thanksgiving: [cce.somervillema.gov](https://www.facebook.com/MothersOutFrontSomervilleMA)

For MOF, Somerville, updates visit: <https://www.facebook.com/MothersOutFrontSomervilleMA>.

Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church and Nave Gallery special exhibit

Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church is celebrating 100 years of ministry today! Part of the celebration is an art exhibit called "Crossing the Line" in the Nave Gallery featuring works by refugees. The Nave Gallery collaborates with the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church (CHPC) to create a social justice gallery show, underscoring the assertion that art is a vehicle through which conversations on social change can be held, compelling people to action.

This exhibition will be part of the Learn to Talk Social Justice Series and will include additional programming led by the CHPC. These events are designed to further highlight issues tied to themes of refuge and sanctuary.

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

Exhibits runs Friday, November 1, 2019 – Sunday, December 15, 2019.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #192

The Tufts Family

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The oldest stone building in Massachusetts still stands proudly in the center of Somerville's Quarry Hill. Referred to as, The Powder House, this structure has stood its ground for over 315 years. Originally built as a gristmill in 1704, it was sold in 1747 to the Massachusetts Bay Colony for use as a gunpowder magazine.



Its day in the sun was on September 1, 1774, when British soldiers raided it and its 240 barrels of powder were captured and brought to Boston. By the next day, thousands of armed militiamen had rushed to this area. Cooler heads prevailed and war was averted for the next eight months. The Powder House incident was the dress rehearsal for the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill.



In 1818, the state sold the Powder House to Peter Tufts, a member of the Tufts family. This family has been part of Somerville's fabric going back to before the Revolutionary War. The Powder House and its land were then passed on in 1836 to brickyard owner Nathan Tufts and his heirs who in 1890 donated it to the city and named it after him.

Throughout Somerville's history, members of the Tufts family have made an enduring image on our city. Let's begin with the Revolution.

- The family of Timothy Tufts was witness to the early British march toward Lexington and skirmish at Elm Street on their retreat to Charlestown.
- Anne Adams Tufts nursed many wounded Bunker Hill soldiers at her Winter Hill home.
- During the Siege of Boston from 1775 to 1776, Oliver Tufts' house on Somerville Avenue became the headquarters for Washington's General Nathanael Greene. Samuel Tufts house on Sycamore Avenue, today's oldest house in Somerville, became the Headquarters of General Charles Lee.
- In 1804, Samuel Tufts donated land to establish the Milk Row Cemetery on today's



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Serving Seniors 2019 celebrates those who make a difference

Eight advocates, care providers, and volunteers were recognized for outstanding efforts on behalf of older adults at Serving Seniors 2019.

The awards ceremony was hosted by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) on November 7. The primary theme was recognizing those who have made an impact in the lives of local older adult, something SCES Executive Director Paul Hollings said he's seen first-hand over the past year.

"I have visited with elders who are still living independently and safely thanks to your hard work on their behalf," he told the 230 guests in attendance. "I have met clients who would otherwise be in a nursing home, or evicted from their housing, or not eating sufficiently, or on a general path of decline, were it not for your efforts."

Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs Elizabeth Chen was an honored guest and speaker. She emphasized state and local efforts to make Massachusetts more aging

friendly, adding it's important to celebrate successes and the people who make it possible.

"Each day in our 351 communities a story of healthy aging is written," said Chen. "People are cared for, they are fed, housed, advised, comforted, advocated for, protected, engaged, enriched, and provided with opportunities for meaning and purpose. This is a story that all of you co-author every single day, and it's something we should be very proud of."

The following awards were presented at Serving Seniors 2019:

Barbara Lester of Cambridge Health Alliance received the Kahn Collaboration award, which recognizes those who work to strengthen the coordination and availability of services for older people and people with disabilities.

Lester was recognized for tirelessly working to connect older adults with helpful resources in her capacity as a Complex Care Manager. The award was presented by Protective Services Case Manag-

er Jessica Chezia, who told of how Lester helped her find and assist a homeless elder who was facing serious health and behavioral challenges.

"Barbara's commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of this elder was amazing," said Chezia.

Rob Walker from the Department of Mental Health received a Sousa Advocacy Award, which honors those who stand-up and speak out for the rights, needs, and abilities of elders. The award was presented by Mental Health Social Worker Cassie Cramer, who described Walker as an effective advocate who has played a key role in expanding programs that support older adults facing behavioral health challenges, such as hoarding.

Marta Evora of Homemaker Services received a Compassionate Care Professional Award, which recognizes professional caregivers who demonstrate uncommon compassion while ensuring the highest quality of care. In presenting the award, bilingual case manager Stephanie Lacerda described Evora as immensely popular with her Portuguese speaking clients, saying she's a hard worker who routinely goes above and beyond.

Hanna Kafil, of Cambridge, received a Compassionate Care Professional Award for providing outstanding care at Properzi Manor over the past 10 years. In presenting the award, Aging Information Center Director Dana Beguerie described Kafil as a remarkable person and caregiver, whose positive outlook and infectious smile are very popular with the residents.

Robert McGowan, of Somerville, received the Outstanding Caregiver Award, which honors a friend or family member who demonstrates uncommon devotion and strength during the caregiving process. McGowan was nominated by Social Worker Eliza Royer, who described him as a thoughtful, kind, and compassionate caregiver for his grandmother.

Eileen Sommer, of Cambridge, received the Tingle Vol-



Hanna Kafil, of Cambridge, receives a hug and the Compassionate Care Professional Award from Dana Beguerie (right) of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) at Serving Seniors 2019. Kafil was also recognized by (from left) Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs Elizabeth Chen and SCES Director Paul Hollings. Hosted by SCES, the annual event recognizes those who help local older adults maintain independence and well-being.

unteerism award, which recognizes those who give of their time and energy to benefit local older residents. Sommer was nominated by Money Management Bill Payer & Compliance Manager Rachel Marta Greenberg, who told of how Eileen helped a bedridden older adult get her finances in order—helping with everything from balancing her checkbook to drug insurance coverage.

Catherine Hoffman, of Cambridge, received the Jalna Perry LGBT award, which recognizes those who work to create a positive and affirming environment for LGBT elders and caregivers. The award was presented by SCES Board Member Pearl Hines, who spoke of Hoffman's lengthy track record of state and local activism, which includes producing the 1982 documentary on homophobia, Pink Triangles.

Milagro Mancia from the SCES Nutrition program received the Spirit of SCES award, which recognizes an employee for caring, commitment and teamwork. The award was presented by Nutrition Director Meghan Ostrander, described Mancia as one of the most dedicated agency employees. Mancia started with the agency as a

Meals on Wheels driver 10 years ago, and now serves as the Home Delivered Meals Supervisor.

"It is never boring in meal delivery, and

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MONDAY November 25

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

TUESDAY November 26

Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY November 27

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

THURSDAY November 28

Happy Thanksgiving

FRIDAY November 29

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SATURDAY November 30

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Awesomeness awaits at Somerville's small businesses this holiday season



By Joseph A. Curtatone

From a gift certificate for floatation therapy to a lunch pit stop for handmade-that-day Bengali chickpea fritters drizzled with mango-mustard sauce, holiday shopping in Somerville is worlds away from a day at the mall. And all the while, when you shop local here, you can pat yourself on the back for doing good. That's because your support for our small, locally owned businesses is vital, especially for businesses in neighborhoods experiencing construction.

When I ask people what they love about Somerville they often talk about our vibrant and active squares and the eclectic mix of restaurants and shops around the city. Within four square miles you can get food from every corner of the globe, buy products you can't find any-

where else made right here in the community, and see musical acts and performances that aren't usually booked in the larger venues in the area. But if we want to maintain what many of us love so much about Somerville, we need to make sure we're supporting them.

Opening a small business is a risky venture. Within the first year about 20% close and 10 years out around 65% have closed. Small businesses are especially vulnerable to disruptions from construction and weather and to shifts in the economy. Many operate on a very slim profit margin and don't have the supply networks or bulk buying power of larger companies. Your dollars have a greater impact when spent at independent businesses and, especially for retail establishments, holiday spending is what keeps them going throughout the year. Likewise, their interesting offerings can keep you going as you shop local.

I find if you walk through any Somerville business district as alert and curious as a tourist, you always find something new and interesting – say, an art studio offering class gift certifi-

icates, an ethnic grocery store with interesting foods for your holiday events or gifts, specialty and gift shops stocked with fun and artful items you can't get at the mall, florists with fresh holiday bouquets, or even a chocolate factory or brewery with locally crafted treats. Our streets are also lined with entertainment venues, services ranging from nail salons to yoga studios, cafes and restaurants, and other non-material gift options that are good options for gift certificates.

Planning a day of holiday shopping/exploring in Somerville plus a meal or hot drink to warm up followed by a performance at a local venue would be an easy annual tradition to start up. Or keep on the lookout for planned holiday events or strolls in our squares and head out for those.

Then add to the good cheer this knowledge: When you shop locally, you're not just investing in the businesses you visit; you're also investing in the community. If you've ever flipped through a program at a school play or noticed the logos on youth sports jerseys, you've probably noticed

that it's often local businesses that are providing sponsorship. But we also have the data to back those anecdotes up – nearly half of the money spent at locally owned retailers recirculates in the community vs. just over 13% spent at chain retailers. That money recirculates in the community in a number of ways – wages paid to workers that get spent locally, payments to other local businesses as suppliers or for services, and charitable contributions to local schools and organizations.

I hope you'll join me in supporting local businesses this holiday season. They count on us for their survival. We count on them for our vibrant streets. It's win-win to shop local. To get oriented, check out websites and social media accounts of local businesses, Main Streets organizations, the Chamber of Commerce, and local publications to get an idea of where you want to shop and to find out about any special events or promotions coming up.

And, if you'll be shopping in Ball and Magoun Squares, pick up one of our business loyalty cards. Once you fill it up with

stamps you can turn it in for a monthly prize drawing and a tote bag featuring the work of a local artist. To learn more about the business loyalty program, visit www.somervillema.gov/loyaltyprogram.

Finally, you can help promote locally owned businesses through word of mouth. Tell friends, family members, and coworkers where you like to shop; share your shopping on social media, and let your followers know that you're #Local2Local this holiday season; and leave reviews for your favorite spots to shop and eat. Support our community this holiday season (and year round) by supporting our small, locally-owned business community.

P.S., Those fritters are available at the Somerville Arts Council's new Nibble Kitchen on Fridays midday at Bow Market. At this City-sponsored kitchen, you'll find a rotating international menu made by local culinary entrepreneurs as well as cooking classes. The Nibble Grand Opening at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, would be a great way to top off an afternoon of holiday shopping.

SPOC responds to city's reaction to community flyer

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improvements may become unintentionally retributive in nature, further burdening the property owner's ability to add any increased level of value before offering a unit for sale.

Flyer: "You must pay up to \$10,000 to relocate your tenants! You must find 'comparable' housing within the city of Somerville for your tenants!"

City: All households are entitled to a relocation payment of \$6,000. The \$10,000 payment provision is limited to especially vulnerable households including elderly, disabled or low/mod-income tenants. Owners must make a good faith effort (defined in CCO Rules) to assist vulnerable tenants who are either low/mod income, elderly and/or disabled in finding comparable housing.

SPOC: The prior CCO allocated a relocation payment of "actual moving expenses to a maximum amount of \$300.00 or one month's rent per rental unit, whichever is higher."

(Emphasis added). But this only applied to "any tenant and the tenant's family whose total income for the previous year was equal to or less than the qualification income for Section 8 Housing Assistance for the city." (Emphasis added). The new CCO expands beyond the vulnerable tenants to include entitling all tenants a \$6,000 - \$10,000 relocation payment from a property owner. Add in the return of a security deposit and the tenant is not only "profiting" from an owner who just wants to convert their property, but also has guaranteed housing for up to 7 years at the property owner's expense, not to mention incalculable lost opportunity costs for the property owner. Small property owners should not have to subsidize tenant relocation just because they want to convert to condos.

Flyer: "The restrictions of the CCO have now devalued your

property because it makes it harder to sell."

City: City staff are unaware of any empirical data demonstrating that the ordinance has devalued property since its passage.

SPOC: The City staff has enough resources and data to extrapolate that offering units "off market", "as-is" and outside a "competing bidding" environment will not only bring all property values down, but effectively impact the desirability of buying/renting in Somerville in general. The SPOC is in the process of collecting their own data that will be posted on our website in order to inform the community of the impacts already experienced, in some instances from the time the new CCO was being drafted, through the time of its implementation, including recent denials for removal permits by the Condominium Review Board.

Flyer: "Your tenant, a nonprofit

or the city can buy your property, without first offering it to the open market - develop the property themselves and FLIP it at a profit, and capitalize on your loss."

City: The tenant right to purchase is recognized by state law. If the City/Designee were to purchase a property, it is required to be for the purposes of maintaining the unit as an affordable unit, in perpetuity. In other words, it cannot be sold at a profit.

SPOC: The City's response above did not address the fact that a tenant, who may actually have a higher income than the property owners themselves, can literally buy an "as-is" property and flip it for profit. How does the City reconcile allowing one party to profit from another party's property equity? How does this contribute to retention of rental housing? Additionally, there is a clear conflict of interest with the City both making the rules and participating in a regulatory taking without compensa-

tion based on those rules. Our hope, too, is that affordable housing remains a stepping stone/catch net for our vulnerable neighbors and that our community promotes a desire for property ownership, and not focus on the city collecting, holding and expanding government controlled property. This only further distances all tenants from acquiring stable housing, ending a cycle of perpetual tenancy and building personal wealth.

Flyer: "The city is setting the rules for how, when and to whom you sell your property."

City: This ordinance only applies to transactions involving Condominium Conversion. All other transactions are not impacted. Condominium Conversion remains allowable, so long as owners abide by the Ordinance.

SPOC: This ordinance is fundamentally unbalanced and unfair to the property owners who have

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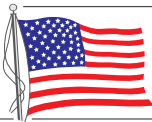
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Don't forget to shop local this holiday season.

Our View Of The Times



Here comes the holiday shopping season once again, and we are ready to embrace the opportunity to celebrate the only way we know how: with enthusiasm and optimistic attitudes.

Let the political and social pundits doom and gloom themselves into their usual perpetual state of the doldrums. We know how to lift ourselves, to rise to the occasion and make the most of what we have, in spite of whatever challenges may confront us.

While the Thanksgiving holiday reminds us to be grateful for the blessings we have received, likewise, the Christmas holiday allows us the opportunity to share our bounty and to take stock in all the good things that life here in the ‘Ville has to offer.

We know that prosperity of spirit is far more important than the material wealth that may elude us from time to time. It may sound trite, but when you really think about it seriously the truth of it becomes clear.

As we are so often reminded, “local first” applies to our friends, families, and the occasional stranger as much as it does to our local economy. It’s a time to be a little kinder, and a little gentler with one another, as well as help local business to both survive and thrive.

We are certain that the rewards to be gained from this will soften the effects of whatever excesses we may experience along the way.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to our very special guy **Bobby Potaris**, who celebrates this week. A great guy, he also writes those quirky dad jokes here in the paper. We wish him a Happy 35th birthday! Happy birthday to another good friend, **Dakota Rea**. He’s also the founder of a multi-million-dollar international energy drink known as **Neon**. It’s an awesome, all natural energy drink with no preservatives. We wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Joan Puglia**, a lifelong resident and activist who is celebrating this week as well. She’s the wife of former alderman **Andy**. A very nice couple who love Somerville. Happy birthday to another good friend of ours and longtime associate, **Malitta Knaut**. A great lady who is in Somerville just about every day. She is now a proud horse owner and trainer as well. We wish her the very best. Happy birthday to **Diane Johansen**, another lifelong and well known resident who lives in Winter Hill. A gracious and great lady, we wish her the very best on this her birthday. Happy birthday to a good guy and former East Somervillian who also loves Somerville, **John Hight**. Happy birthday to **Joshua Lewin**, of **Juliet** in Union Square. A nice guy, a great place

and awesome food. We wish him the very best. Happy birthday to one of Somerville’s well known activists, **Joe Beckman**. A nice guy with a great sense of humor. You can always enjoy a great conversation with him. We wish him the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

This weekend the **Somerville High Class of 1969** will be holding their **50th reunion**. The event will take place at **Anthony’s Malden**, 105 Canal St., Malden, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. For tickets and info, go to www.somerville1969.com.

The **Somerville Community Growing Center** invites you to a **benefit fundraiser** at **Flatbread Pizza** in Davis Square, 45 Day Street in Somerville. A portion of all pizza sales on **Tuesday, November 19** between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. will be donated to the Somerville Community Growing Center. Eat in or take it to go! Learn more about this and other upcoming Community Growing Center events at www.thegrowingcenter.org.

With cold and flu season upon us, the **City of Somerville Health and Human**

Services Department is offering **free flu vaccines** for Somerville residents ages 3 and older (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). While there is no charge for vaccinations, attendees are asked to bring an insurance card if available, including Medicaid cards. Upcoming flu clinics include: **Thursday, November 21**: Council on Aging / project Soup (165 Broadway), 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. and **Thursday, December 5**: Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The **Clothing Closet** of the **Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC)** will be collecting donations of new and gently used winter clothing. With the colder weather, there is an urgent need for winter coats, snow pants, gloves, warm socks, and winter boots. Donations of children’s garments 5T-16 and boots sizes 5-13, and adult garments S-XXL and boots sizes 6-12 would be most appreciated. Drop-off locations are at **all SPS schools** during regular school hours and at the **SFLC Center** located at 42 Prescott Street. Please contact **Francia Reyes** at (617) 625-6600, x6994 or freyes@k12.somerville.ma.us with any questions.

With the winter season at our doorstep, it’s that time of the year again! **Next Wave/Full Circle** is holding its annual **Holiday Wreath fundraiser**. The purchase of a beautiful 14” balsam wreath with a red velvet bow for \$18 apiece will not only brighten up your décor, but will also help fund student activities, field trips, and incentives for the school’s reward system. Wreaths will be delivered to schools **the first week in December**. To place an order, contact **Agnes Gallant** at agallant@k12.somerville.ma.us.

The **Kennedy School** will be having their upcoming **Winter Concerts** in December. The Kindergarten-Grade 3 concert will be on **Tuesday, December 10** at 9:00 a.m., and the Grade 4-8 concert will be on **Wednesday, December 11** at 9:00 a.m. Both concerts will be in the **cafetorium** of the Kennedy School.

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'Faith In a City'

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own? What if such a conversation doesn't reveal a sense of commonality, but seems to draw us apart? If you are religious or secular, join us for a thoughtful discussion on Talking about Religion. The panel features educators Dr. Celene Ibrahim and Megan Brady.

Dr. Celene Ibrahim, Ph.D.: a widely published scholar and Muslim faith leader. She is a faculty member at the Groton School and served as Muslim Chaplain at Tufts University (2014-2019). She is the editor of One Nation Indivisible: Seeking Liberty and Justice from the Pulpit to the Streets (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2019) and the author of Women of the Qur'an (Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2020).

Megan Brady: teaches middle school social studies at Somerville's John F. Kennedy School. As part of her seventh grade curriculum, she teaches a comparative religion unit on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Megan has taught in Somerville for six years, and previously taught in Springfield, MA and the Bronx, NY.

"Faith in a City" includes photographs (shown here) by: Yorgos Efthymiadis, Carlos Arzaga, Mara Brod, Charan Devereaux, Keiko Hiromi, Alonso Nichols, Claudia Ruiz Gustafson, and Amber Davis Tourlentes.

Faith in a City: concert at the Armory
Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., Center for the Arts at the Armory, \$5 donation, \$3 discounted Museum member ticket.

Faith in a City: faith and community (Panel Discussion)

Sunday, January 5, 3:00 p.m., Somerville Museum, \$10 admission, Museum members free.

Faith in a City: artist + curator talk
Saturday, January 11, 2:00 p.m., Somerville Museum, \$10 admission, Museum members free.

Faith in a City: talk + concert (with dan breen)

Thursday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. | Somerville Museum | \$10 admission, Museum members free

Faith in a City: "fire and roses" – a talk by dr. nancy lusignan schultz

Sunday, January 26, 2:00 p.m., Somerville Museum, \$10 admission, Museum members free.

The Somerville Museum is located at One Westwood Road, Somerville.

Museum hours during the exhibit:
Thursdays, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Saturdays 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., Sundays 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit closed on December 1 and January 12.
For more information and directions, please call 617-666-9810 or visit the website at www.somervillemuseum.org.



Photos by Yorgos Efthymiadis

Theatre@First's 'Hamlet' delivers passion and punch

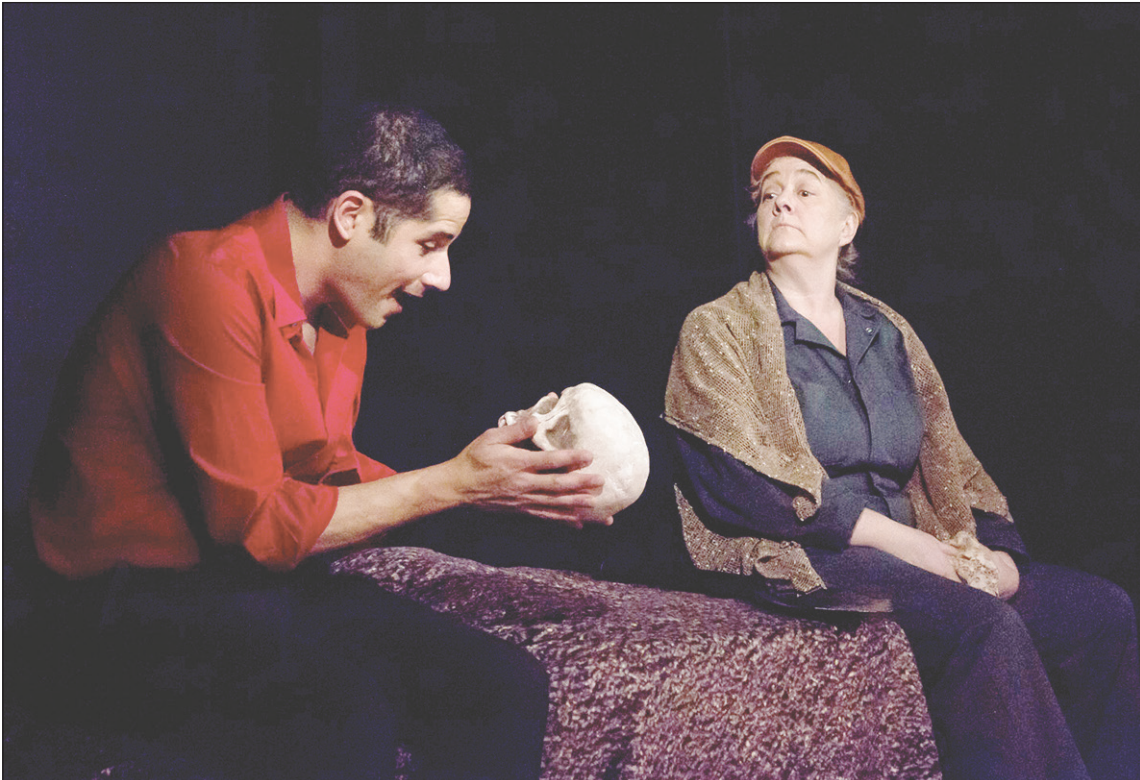
By Shira Laucharoen

As soon as lights rise on the opening scene, we are introduced to a set of guards, trembling before the appearance of a ghostly apparition. This is how we step into the world of *Hamlet*, in a new production by community theater organization Theatre@First, which runs from November 15 to 23.

Directed by Elizabeth Hunter, this fast paced rendition of Shakespeare's classic delivers a pared down performance, a bare bones interpretation that grounds its characters in the text. Hamlet is struggling after the death of his father with his mother's new marriage to his uncle Claudius. Played with strength and muscularity by Hatem Adell, the feisty prince

of Denmark adopts an act of madness, while he grapples with whether he should act on his wish for revenge. Meanwhile, the young Ophelia, played earnestly by Evelyne Cardella, seeks to restore Hamlet to his sanity, eventually falling victim to his downward descent.

Hunter emphasized that she wanted the characters to feel real and palpable, giving them definition through Shakespeare's words. For this reason, the play used gender blind casting, with roles such as the stately queen Gertrude played by a man, Ron Lacey, and the self-possessed Claudius portrayed by a woman, Myra Hope Eskridge. While Hunter did not deliberately cast actors with this intention in mind, she based auditions off of who gave



Hamlet (Hatem Adell), the prince of Denmark, peruses the skull of Yorick, while the gravedigger (Sue Downing) looks on. — Photos by Johanna Bobrow

the most powerful delivery, regardless of gender. The result is a passionate performance given by each of the players, who approach the text with control and emotion.

The production touches on themes such as action and indecision, artifice and disguise, and political corruption. As the plot unfurls, we watch Hamlet feign madness in order to access the truth, creating a lie that serves to expose a reality. By the second half of the play, the stability of the kingdom begins to unravel, with a fragile Ophelia losing her mind and Claudius facing the consequences of his actions. At the core of this *Hamlet*, we see that the characters, through their uncertainty and strife, are very human.

This performance of *Hamlet* was produced by Theatre@First, a community theater organization that is part of the Massachusetts Community Theatre Corporation. Founded in 2003 by Hunter, Theatre@First has put together more than 50 mainstage shows.



Ophelia (Evelyne Cardella) goes mad, in the wake of her father's death and Hamlet's downward spiral.

Hunter said that she formed the group during a time when there was not much community theater in Somerville, while there was a burgeoning visual

arts scene. She was inspired to have a place where a performing arts community could also thrive, she said, and the organization was created.



After the death of Hamlet's father, Claudius (Myra Hope Eskridge) assumes the throne, with his new wife, the queen Gertrude (Ron Lacey).

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Is Betty Crocker a real person?

2. What do you call a toilet on a ship?

3. Where would you find the Sea of Tranquility?

4. What basketball move was banned in the NCAA from 1967 to 1976?

5. Which pop singer has a tattoo of Jesus Christ on one of his calves?

6. Which is the most electrically conductive element?

7. What singer's real

name is Kenneth Brian Edmonds?

8. What is largest and most massive planet in the Solar System?

9. When you give someone the brush off, what are you giving them?

10. As of now, what is the best-selling book series in history?

11. Who was the Greek god of dreams?

12. How old did Mickey Mouse turn on November 18, 2019?

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Properzi Manor Sewer Repairs Project for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by GCG Associates, Inc.

The Project consists of: Improvements to existing sewer service.

The work is estimated to cost **\$57,000**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 § 39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §526 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the SOMERVILLE Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

General Bids will be received until **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019** and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount, and made payable to the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

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Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for **\$ 40.00** per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

A prebid meeting will be held at Properzi Manor, Somerville Housing Authority, 13 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143 on December 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

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Date of Death: October 09, 2019

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Petitioner Edwin J. Smith of Somerville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)


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☒ Edwin J. Smith of Somerville MA
First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

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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 26, 2019 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 Vanasse Hangen Brustlin on behalf of applicant Federal Realty. The applicant proposes to replace two existing Filtera Water Quality Units on Foley Street with linear Rain Gardens. Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Malik Drayton, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2514 for more information.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
CITY COUNCIL


There will be a public hearing at a Special Meeting of the Somerville City Council on **Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of President Katjana Ballantyne, to determine the percentage of local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2020, as required by MGL c40 s56. At this public hearing, Frank Golden, Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Somerville Board of Assessors, will provide information and data relevant to making a determination, including the fiscal effects of the available alternatives.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at the Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the City Council.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP #20-14-2

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

Inclusionary Lottery Design and Implementation Services

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 beginning on **Wednesday, November 20th, 2019**.

Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **2:00 PM, Wednesday, December 18th, 2019**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

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Serving Seniors 2019

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Milagro handles staffing short-ages by jumping in to help deliver, but not until she makes sure all her drivers are ready to go,” said Ostrander. “Milagro truly loves Meals on Wheels, and we cannot ask for more than some-one who loves their job of leading the team and representing us in the community.”

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

Adult Foster Care (AFC) is a life-changing program for thou-sands of family caregivers across the Commonwealth. If you ap-preciate the vital work caregivers do, please consider joining us at Beacon Hill for Adult Foster Care Awareness Day 2019.

SPOC responds to city's reaction to community flyer

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earned the right to profit from their years of ownership, pro-vided housing to tenants and paid their fair share of proper-ty taxes. The City is not going after the retirement accounts and pensions of our neighbors – so why did they pass an ordi-nance that literally controls the largest and likely single asset of small property owners (and in many instances, multiple fam-ily members' nest egg) all of whom will be relying on their property's equity for their fu-ture survival? We believe there is a much better way to ensure all residents' needs are sup-ported and addressed without discriminating against a specif-ic group of neighbors.

The SPOC invites the commu-nity to read the full content of our flyer in context. We especially encourage everyone to read the new CCO (<https://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/condominium-conversion-ordinance.pdf>) and judge for your-selves if it equitably balances our community housing needs with private property rights. An informed community will foster fairness, balance and respect for each other. Concerned commu-nity members (property owners and tenants alike) can reach us at: somervillepropertyowners@gmail.com. Reach out to your Ward Councilor, too!! Our mis-sion is to work cooperatively with our neighbors to keep Somerville a place where homeowners, land-lords and tenants can continue to thrive together as one community!

— Somerville Property Owners Coalition

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Answers

1. No, she is a fictional character used in advertis-ing for food and recipes

2. The head

3. The Moon

4. Slam dunk

5. Justin Bieber

6. Silver

7. Babyface

8. Jupiter

9. The cold shoulder

10. Harry Potter, by J. K. Rowling

11. Morpheus

12. 91

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|November 20

East Branch Library
Music with Matt! PreK Sing-Along with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

Thursday|November 21

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Comic Book Drawing Workshop for Kid
3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Friday|November 22

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
Teen Empowerment Library Leaders meeting
3:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|November 23

Central Library
Magic the Gathering Tournament
12:30 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|November 25

Central Library
Sing Along
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB
Kids' Book Club
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 167 Holland St, 2nd floor

Tuesday|November 26

Somerville Community Baptist Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave

MUSIC|ARTS
Wednesday|November 20

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
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Backroom: The A-Beez
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Orleans Restaurant and Bar
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – A Tribute To The Grateful Dead
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Clan of Xymox w/The Bellweather Syndicate, Helix
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Matt Heaton & the Electric Heaters
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Somerville Theatre
Warren Miller’s Timeless
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

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

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Sally O’Brien’s
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Front Room:Americana Session with Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company |7 p.m.
Back Room: WUMB Presents The Tarbox Ramblers |7 p.m.
Scattershot|10 p.m.

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Once Somerville
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Adam Janjigian Quartet
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Macbeth|7 p.m.
Boss Whom is Girl|9:30 p.m.
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Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present - \$10 cover |9 p.m.
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The Burren
Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Backroom: The Beantown Buckaroos (Featuring 2 Step Dance Lessons w/ Roger Weiss at |6:30 p.m.
Ripcord|10 p.m.
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The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Macbeth|7 p.m.
Boss Whom is Girl|9 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Suzy Reno and Jobe Freeman with The Regulars and Bill Dwyer
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
Warren Miller’s Timeless
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Saturday|November 23

Sally O’Brien’s
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Tiny Oak presents The Knock Ups, blindspot, Lonely Leesa & The Lost Cowboys - \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.
Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m.
Back Room:WUMB Hootenanny|12 p.m.
An Evening With Bill Janovitz and Friends |7 p.m.
Jimmy’s Down|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s
Background Orcs
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casey’s
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
Booty Vortex live in Union Square, Somerville!|7 p.m.
The Stampede with special guests Miracle Blood|9:30p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Love The Bands
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Luke DeRoy Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Guitar Stop All Ages Fall Recital
3 p.m.|Cafe
Shawn Deirdre with Sean Ryan, Janet Connerney, and Kevin O'Neil
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Macbeth|7 p.m.
Dreamland Silent Disco|10 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|November 24

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
all-star benefit to beat Parkinson's|1 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m.
Acoustic Chick Singer Brunch|12 p.m.
The Foggy Mountain Consort |3:30 p.m.
Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band: CD Release Party and Residency|7 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
Livvy Marcus with special guests Halsey Harkins, Taylor Copeland, and Jill Tolan
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Role Model w/ Jackie Hayes

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
Cozy Corner CD Launch
10:30 a.m.|Café
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Sunday Americana Picnic Residency: Pretty Saro
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday|November 25

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.
Catch A Dinosaur|10 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville
Macseal w/ I'm Glad It's You, Yeah Is What We Have, The Michael Character
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Union Comedy Improv Course
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|November 26

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Tim Gearan & The Shrikes
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room: Songwriter Roundup with Katie Dobbins and Various Special Guests! |7 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Highland Kitchen
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan’s
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road
Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville!
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Eileen Rose & The Legendary Rich Gilbert + Bob L'Heureux Cowboy Trio
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co
Indie Trivia
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Wednesday|November 27

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:Americana Session with:

Grain Thief|9 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The A-Beez
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – A Tribute To The Grateful Dead
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Friendsgiving Karaoke
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Wednesday Residency: Grant Bloom Trio
8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|November 20

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
P2P Technologies: A Series
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Mystery Book Group
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|November 21

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

Central Library
Feminist Book Club
7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|November 23

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

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

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

Sunday|November 24

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Unity Church of God
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|November 25

Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Yoga at the Library
6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|November 26

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Wednesday|November 27

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square)
Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)
Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2335
Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2300
Fax: 617-625-0688
TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Classes – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

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

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

Somerville Mobile Farmer’s Market – Running until Saturday, October 19. Fridays: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging Holland Street Center. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. East Somerville Community School. Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. North Street Housing Development and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mystic Housing Development.. The Somerville Mobile Farmer’s Market sells fresh, affordable produce. 50% off for residents of Mystic or North Street Housing, or for showing your SNAP, MassHealth, WIC or Senior Coupons. Info: 617-625-6600, ext. 4321.

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

Caregivers Support Series – at our Holland Street Center from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14 – Attend a Memory Café and Nov. 21 – Coping with the holidays and having honest discussions with family and friends. To reserve your spot please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Shopping Spree in Salem, NH – Tuesday, November 26 – Go to Walmart & The Christmas Tree Shop then off to the 99 Restaurant for lunch on your own. \$15 per person for motorcoach transportation. First come first serve. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Wright’s Chicken Farm Restaurant & LaSalette Shrine – Thursday, December 5 - \$69 per person

includes luxury coach transportation, lunch, Christmas Choral Concert with Father Pat and a spectacular display of over 400,000 lights. Check in is 9:30 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Breakfast with Santa at Renee’s Café – Monday, December 9. 9:00 a.m. at Renee’s Café, 198 Holland Street. Seating is limited and RSVP is a must. \$7 to be paid at time of reservation. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information.

Music & Movement with Steve Gintz – December 9, January 27 and February 24 – at our Holland Street Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come create magical movements through music. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for more information.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

LBT Women Fit-4-Life at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - Fitness class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

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

Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

Wednesdays:
Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) – 8:45 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)

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

Fridays:
Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H)
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details
All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or

require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

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

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



Washington Street.

- ♦ In 1851, printer Edmund Tufts who was the town's first Treasurer and Collector had an office on Winter Hill. He created Somerville's first directory that contained the names of the heads of families, their occupations, and dwellings. Members of the Tufts family owned fourteen of these households.
- ♦ In 1850, a Board of Engineers had been appointed in Somerville to supersede the old Board of Fire Wards and Nathan Tufts, Jr. was appointed as its first fire chief. In this position, he commanded fifty volunteer firefighters.
- ♦ In 1852, Charles Tufts donated 100 acres of land to establish a college across from the Powder House. He told a friend, "I will put a light upon that hill." Today, that light is Tufts University.
- ♦ Sarah Miller Tufts, wife of Nathan Tufts, brought one of Somerville's heroic families into the Tufts fold through her

- relation to Somerville's Revolutionary martyr, James Miller, and his grandson Charles who originated Somerville's name.
- ♦ In 1872, the prior home of Nathan Tufts, Jr. at One Arlington Street was later the terminus of the world's first outside telephone call.
 - ♦ Nathan Tufts died in 1872, the year Somerville became a city. That year a municipal seal depicting General Washington on Prospect Hill was selected. It lasted one hundred years, until 1972 when it was changed to today's Powder House.
- At one time, Tufts relatives owned one tenth of the of the city's land. Party gatherings on Winter Hill were said to attract 60 to 70 family members. The Powder House, its Park, and "the Light Upon The Hill" owe their existence to this historic and generous family.

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Wednesday, November 20

12:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Community Bulletin Board
7:30am DW In Good Shape
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Global 3000
9:30am Both Sides of the Bars
10:00am Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
10:30am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am SNN Neighborhood Update
11:30am From My Heart to Yours
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm Colores Latinos
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm DW Conflict Zone
4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
5:00pm Hello Neighbor
5:30pm From My Heart to Yours
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
7:00pm "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP
7:30pm Sidewalks Entertainment
8:00pm LIVE - Somerville Pundits
8:30pm DW Euromaxx
9:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
10:00pm LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Flotilla

Thursday, November 21

12:00am SCATV Secret Stash
12:30am SCATV Secret Stash
1:00am Free Speech TV
1:30am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am DW Conflict Zone
7:30am DW Euromaxx
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Tomorrow Today
9:30am Hello Neighbor
10:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:30am The Chef's Table Series
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
11:30am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm The Somerville Line

1:30pm The Somerville Line
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
4:30pm The Struggle
5:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00pm #AFAD
6:30pm #AFAD
7:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
8:00pm LIVE - Our View
9:00pm PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony
10:00pm Community Bulletin Board
10:30pm The World Fusion Show
11:00pm VOX POP Comedy Night

Friday, November 22

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
1:00am SCATV Secret Stash
1:30am SCATV Secret Stash
2:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am DW Euromaxx
9:30am Strata
10:00am NASA TV
11:00am SOM ARTS
11:30am Cambridge Calendar
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Community Benefits Agreement
2:00pm Somerville Pundits
2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm Gay USA
5:00pm DW Global 3000
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Grandstanders
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
7:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
8:00pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:30pm Greater Somerville
9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
11:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show

Saturday, November 23

12:00am VOX POP Comedy Night
1:00am Free Speech TV
2:00am Free Speech TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
5:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am DW Focus on Europe

7:00am Effort Pour Christ
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am SMC Youth Media
9:30am Science 360
10:00am Dead Air Live
11:00am TeleGalaxie
12:00pm Somerville Storytellers
1:00pm Tele Magazine
2:00pm Reeling Review
3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session
4:00pm Tele Kreyol
5:00pm Henry Parker Presents
5:30pm Henry Parker Presents
6:00pm Somerville Pundits
6:30pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:00pm BLOWW Show a Go Go
7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00pm #AFAD
9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes
10:00pm Heavy Leather Music Video Show
11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash
11:30pm Queer Cats

Sunday, November 24

12:00am Flotilla
1:00am NASA TV
1:30am NASA TV
2:00am NASA TV
3:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley
7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes
8:00am Effort Pour Christ
9:00am NASA TV
10:00am Tele Kreyol
11:00amMA House of Representatives Formal Session
12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment
1:00pm SOM ARTS
1:30pm SNN Neighborhood Update
2:00pm Chico and B-Man
3:00pm African Television Network
4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade
5:00pm Gay USA
6:00pm VOX POP: Somerville Connects
6:30pm DW Tomorrow Today
7:00pm Emergency Preparedness
8:00pm Dead Air Live
9:00pm Tele Magazine
10:00pm Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour
11:00pm TUTV
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

Monday, November 25

12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
5:00am Free Speech TV
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am Somerville Storytellers
7:30am Going Postal
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am Science 360
10:00am Somerville Neighborhood News
11:00am Our View
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm SOM ARTS
1:30pm Somerville Storytellers
2:00pm NASA TV
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm African Television Network
5:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
6:00pm LIVE from VOX POP
6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers
7:00pm Tele Galaxie
8:00pm LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:00pm Dedilhando ao Saudade
10:00pm Colores Latinos
11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

Tuesday, November 26

12:00amPublic Safety and Homeland Security Hearing
6:00am NASA TV
7:00am NASA TV
8:00am Democracy Now!
9:00am The Chef's Table Series
10:00am Strata
11:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show
1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP
2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction
3:00pm Democracy Now!
4:00pm SMC Youth Media
4:30pm Going Postal
5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
5:30pm What's New Massachusetts?
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News
6:30pm From My Heart to Yours
7:00pm The Somerville Labor Show
7:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville
8:00pm LIVE - Dead Air Live
9:00pm The World Fusion Show
10:00pm Totally Working Out
11:00pm Box House Productions Presents
11:30pm SCATV Secret Stash

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Wednesday, November 20

7:30am Middlesex County Update w/Marian Ryan
8:00am SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Oct. 2019
8:18am PHCS Groundbreaking
8:30am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
10:30am Healey Schoolyard Community Meeting
11:39am SPD Ride Along
11:54am Flood & Stormwater PSA
12:00pm School Committee Meeting - 11.18.19
3:00pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
6:00pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
6:30pm Foss Park Community Meeting - 11.13.19
8:00pm Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019
9:11pm SPD Ride Along
9:26pm Flood & Stormwater PSA
9:30pm Somerville's Henry Hansen
10:21pm PHCS Groundbreaking
10:31pm Dance for Dignity
11:27pm Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol
11:30pm SPD Ride Along

Thursday, November 21

12:00am School Committee Meeting - 11.18.19
3:00am Honk! Parade 2019
3:30am Push Ups for Veterans
7:00am Fit-4-Life #4
7:20am PHCS Groundbreaking
7:30am Healey Schoolyard Community Meeting
8:39am Flood & Stormwater PSA
8:42am Flood & Stormwater PSA en Portugues
8:45am Flood & Stormwater PSA an Kreyòl Ayisyen
8:50am Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol
9:00am Honk! Parade 2019
9:30am SPD Ride Along
11:00am SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Oct. 2019
11:18am SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Miral Atis

11:30am SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
12:00pm Senior Circuit - November 2019
12:30pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
2:00pm Somerville's Henry Hansen
3:00pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
6:30pm Celling Your Soul
8:22pm Flood & Stormwater PSA an Kreyòl Ayisyen
8:30pm SomerViva em Português
9:00pm SomerViva en Español
9:30pm Dance for Dignity
10:30pm Senior Circuit - November 2019
11:00pm Domestic Violence Vigil 10.2.19
11:21pm Flood & Stormwater PSA
11:30pm Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

Friday, November 22

12:00am CC-Land Use Meeting - 11.19.19
3:30am SomerViva em Português
7:30am Senior Circuit - November 2019
8:00am Somerville's Henry Hansen
9:00am CC-Land Use Meeting - 11.19.19
12:00pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
1:30pm SomerViva en Español
2:00pm Dance for Dignity
2:55pm Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol
3:00pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
6:00pm Mayor's Municipal Aggregation
6:30pm CC-Land Use Meeting - 11.19.19
10:00pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion

Saturday, November 23

12:00am Mayor's Municipal Aggregation
1:00am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
2:30am SomerViva em Português
7:30am SomerViva en Español
8:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

8:30am SomerViva em Português
9:00am Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019
11:00am Domestic Violence Vigil 10.2.19
11:21am Flood & Stormwater PSA
11:30am Senior Circuit - November 2019
12:00pm Somerville's Henry Hansen
1:00pm Dance for Dignity
2:00pmConservation Preservation Meeting - 10.23.19
6:00pm Licensing Commission Public Meeting
9:00pm SomerViva en Español
9:30pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
10:00pm Mayor's Municipal Aggregation
10:23pm Flood & Stormwater PSA
10:30pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019

Sunday, November 24

12:00am Healey Schoolyard Community Meeting
1:09am PHCS Groundbreaking
1:18am Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol
1:30am Ball Sq. Walking Tour
3:00am Ghosts of Somerville Tour
7:30am Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019
8:41am Flood & Stormwater PSA
8:43am SPD Ride Along
9:00am Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
10:30am SomerViva em Português
12:00pm Senior Circuit - November 2019
12:30pm The Firstamerican Flag
2:00pm Somerville's Henry Hansen
3:00pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
6:00pm SomerViva en Español
6:30pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
7:00pm Senior Circuit - November 2019
7:30pm Mayor's Municipal Aggregation
8:00pm CC-Land Use Meeting - 11.19.19

Monday, November 25, 2019

12:00am Senior Circuit - November 2019
12:30am Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
2:00am Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019
7:30am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
8:00am Honk! Parade 2019
8:30am SomerViva em Português
9:00am School Committee Meeting - 11.18.19
11:30am SomerViva en Español
12:00pm Licensing Commission Public Meeting
3:00pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
6:00pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
7:30pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
9:00pm Mystic Ave. Safety Meeting - 10.1.19

Tuesday, November 26

12:00am Foss Park Community Meeting - 11.13.19
1:30am Senior Circuit - November 2019
2:00am Domestic Violence Vigil 10.2.19
2:30am Dance for Dignity
7:30am Transgender Day of Remembrance
8:00am Honk! Parade 2019
8:30am Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
9:00am Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019
11:00am SomerViva em Português
11:30am Mayor's Municipal Aggregation
11:53am Flood & Stormwater PSA
12:00pm Senior Circuit - November 2019
12:30pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
2:00pm Ball Sq. Walking Tour
4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda
7:00pm City Council Meeting - 11.26.19

Wednesday, November 27

12:00am Senior Circuit - November 2019
12:30am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
2:00am City Council Meeting - 11.14.19

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Wednesday, November 20

9:00am SHS Football vs Bedford
11:30am Healey Schoolyard Community Mtg II
1:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
1:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
2:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
3:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
4:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle
5:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
6:00pm SHS Football vs Bedford
8:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
9:00pm Healey Schoolyard Community Mtg II
10:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
11:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett

Thursday, November 21

12:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea
9:00am SHS Football vs Pentucket Reg.
11:00am SHS Football vs Bedford
1:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough
3:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle
5:00pm SHS Football vs Pentucket Reg.
7:00pm SHS Football vs Bedford
9:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough
11:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle

Friday, November 22

12:30am SHS Football vs Bedford

9:00am SHS Football vs Bedford
11:30am Student of the Qtr. - WHCS
12:00pm SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
1:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
2:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle
3:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
4:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough
6:00pm SHS Football vs Bedford
8:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WHCS
9:00pm SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
10:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
11:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
11:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WHCS

Saturday, November 23

12:00am SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
1:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Acton-Boxborough
3:00am Public Domain Theater
9:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere
10:30am SHS Football vs Falmouth 9.14.19
1:00pm Our Schools, Our City
1:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
2:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
2:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WHCS
3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett
4:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut
6:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere
7:30pm SHS Football vs Falmouth 9.14.19

10:00pm Our Schools, Our City
10:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
11:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
11:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WHCS

Sunday, November 24

12:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett
1:30am SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut
3:00am Public Domain Theater
9:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Medford
10:30am Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
11:00am SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett
12:30pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Revere
2:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Tewksbury
3:30pm Our Schools, Our City
4:00pm SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
6:00pm SHS Football vs Bedford
8:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
9:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Medford
10:30pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett

Monday, November 25

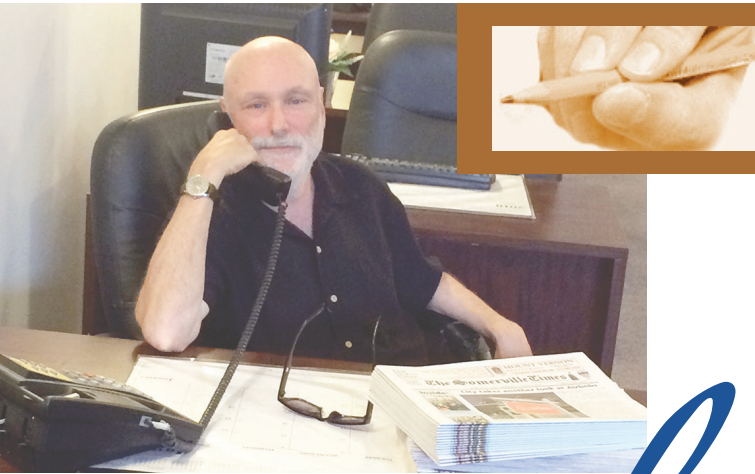
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1:30am SHS Football vs Pentucket Reg.
9:00am Our Schools, Our City
9:30am Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
10:00am Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
10:30am Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
11:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut

12:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs N. Andover
2:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l
4:00pm SHS Football vs Ipswich
6:00pm Our Schools, Our City
6:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
7:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
7:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School
8:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Dracut
9:30pm SHS Boys Soccer vs N. Andover
11:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Boston Int'l

Tuesday, November 26

12:30am SHS Football vs Ipswich
9:00am SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea
11:00am SHS Boys Soccer @ Lincoln-Sudbury
12:30pm Our Schools, Our City
1:00pm SHS Football vs Bedford
3:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School
3:50pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
4:00pm SHS Girls Soccer vs Concord Carlisle
5:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WHCS
6:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea
8:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School
8:30pm Our Schools, Our City
8:50pm Student of the Qtr. - Brown School
9:00pm SHS Boys Soccer vs Chelsea
11:00pm Student of the Qtr. - WSNS
11:30pm Our Schools, Our City

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Alec Hutson: Working
outside of the music box

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He cast about almost aimlessly...
Almost anxiously...
Almost desperately...

For something to touch.
To lean on.
To lead him.

No reasons to greet the sunrise.
No far off bugle sounding charge.
No mountains to climb.

How to fill the day?

Passions, interests, even love
had all been buried so deeply
beneath the crush of necessity.

He did not know them.
Could not see them.
Was not sure they existed.

He struggled to find meaning to his existence.
Plummeted to depths he never thought he would.
Focused on how near the end of the road was

And not on the journey.

But the Spring rains came.
A friendly smile.
A gentle touch.

Words written long ago flowered
When shared with others
And brightened their days if even but a little.

And the gift of time was understood.
And the gift of sharing.
And the gift of just being.

A new garden was tilled
and planted with long forgotten seeds
fertilized with recognition and pleasure.

Adventures came calling in different dress
from odd places and directions,
not coherent nor leading to a unified end.

He was uncomfortable with them at first
feeling the sense of obligation trying to creep in.
But obligation to what...? to what...?

Nothing really.

And so he seized th em each in turn
and like spokes on a wheel inserted them
into the hub of his life

And let the wheel spin free.

— Tom Miller
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It is hard to label Alec Hutson, and that's OK with him. He is an eclectic artist who is involved with many different projects. I met Hutson in the backroom of my usual haunt, the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville. Hutson is a 30ish looking man, with a shaved head, a well-trimmed beard and an intense intellectual look about him. Hutson told me that he has lived in Somerville for the past 4 years.

He said he loves living here, but qualified it. "It is very expensive. Because of gentrification artists have to be very creative about how they earn income." Hutson lives in a cooperative house in the Spring Hill section of the city. He works as a freelance graphic designer, a waiter at the famed Club Passim, and the leader of the band, aptly named, "Alec Hutson."

He defines the music he and his six-piece band play as experimental pop music. Hutson explained, "It is a tricky genre. My music revolves around several different types. Categories like soul, rock or folk don't quite fit. My music is both catchy and experimental." Hutson told me that the band Talking Heads is an inspiration. Like Talking Heads, he incorporates many different types of music into his work like: Bossa nova, jazz, Russian and Jewish music, etc.

Hutson told me he started out studying classical piano. He went on to play the guitar in high school. He went to school at U/Mass Amherst for architecture, but as a post graduate he

trained himself in video production, design, and multi-media production, thus his part time gig as a freelance designer.

In terms of lyrics for his music, Hutson counts singer/songwriter Ainslie Wills and Jeff Buckley as influences. He said, "I like how they draw things from their experience, not from whatever is popular at the time. The lyrics feel true. They write about what moves them. I can relate to what they are saying."

Hutson told me he has been involved in Buddhist meditation for the last year and a half. He recently went on a ten-day retreat. Hutson believes that these periods of silence and meditation help him as a person and a musician.

Hutson told me there are Somerville residents in his band, one of whom is his roommate. Another one of his band mates lives down the block from him. It is evident that Somerville is fertile ground for a harvest of creatives.

Hutson has played at a number of venues in Somerville such as The Burren, Thunder Road, Bull McCabe's and others. He told me he is about to embark on a three-week West Coast tour with his band this summer and he hopes it bears fruit.

I imagine Hutson will progress with his work, and will be another artist who has lived and thrived in the "Paris of New England."

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