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## Somerville eases concern of lead in public school's drinking water



Environmental Protection Agency rules do not mandate testing lead levels in public schools drinking water, a cause for concern among many.

By Eesha Pendharkar

Students spilled out into the bright corridor of East Somerville Community School, filling the halls with the sound of hurried footsteps and loud chatter. The muffled sounds of a Taylor Swift song echoed from the gym as three boys rushed to a water fountain between two bathroom entrances. They waited exactly long enough for their plastic bottles to fill to the brim with water and then ran away.

A smaller boy with a huge blue Nike backpack and shiny white Adidas shoes approached the fountain and drank straight from it. After a few gulps he sighed with satisfaction and walked towards his next class. The crowd of students cleared as abruptly as they had appeared, and silence was restored to the middle school corridor.

If this water fountain was visited by four boys within a few minutes, scaling *Continued on page 7*

## City's annual tree lighting ceremony

By Kalina Newman

The holiday spirit was in the air last Thursday as crowds gathered at Somerville City Hall to witness the annual Christmas Tree lighting. There were performances from the Somerville High School Band, the Somerville High School Chorus and the Somerville Community Chorus. After the tree was lit, the Somerville Fire and Police Departments led a small parade that featured a lit-up fire truck as Santa waved from the front.

"This is always a great event and is always a joy to have every year," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who was in attendance. "We have our wonderful 'One Somerville' sign up on display on City Hall and a beautiful tree to go along with it."

David Giessou, the director of the Somerville Community Chorus, had his chorus wear Santa hats for the occasion. "We participate every year and like to be part of the community. It's a tradition we love," said Giessou.

Following the outdoor festivities, everyone moved inside Somerville High School for a photo op with Santa and complimentary refreshments.



The annual tree lighting ceremony at Somerville City Hall concourse last Thursday. More photos on pages 12 and 13.  
— Photo by Kalina Newman

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The Next Wave and Full Circle Alternative schools' 22nd Annual Tree Lot Fundraiser is being held at a new location this year, at the Edgerly Building on the corner of Cross Street and Bonair Street. All proceeds will go to supporting student scholarships, trips and behavioral management programs. The lot is operated entirely by teachers and students, who volunteer their time on evenings and weekends during the busy holiday season. The trees and decorative wreaths are being sold from now to December 18 between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. during the week and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the weekends.

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Happy birthdays this week: Happy birthday to Doug Carrier, who is celebrating this week. We hope he has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to DPW nice guy Kevin McDervitt, who also is celebrating this week. Hopefully, he will get what he wants for his birthday. Happy birthday to the nicest real estate professional around, Irene Bremis. We hope she has a great birthday, and what a way to end a great year in RE. Happy birthday to Ann Cassesso-Ercolini, who is also celebrating this week, from a great East Somerville family. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to David Bassett, who grew up on Florence Street. We hope he also has a great birthday. To one of the nicest lifelong Somerville ladies, Stacy Hersey Buckley. We hope she has a great day for herself. Happy birthday to Cheryl Callahan, who is celebrating this week. We hope she also has a great day. Happy birthday to the ever popular Maria Curtatone, who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a great day and a great year coming up. Happy birthday to one of our good friends, Ron Lakerveld, who moved to the South and is now planning on moving to Central America. We wish him the very best. Always a nice guy. Happy birthday to another one of our good old friends, Mike Seaver, who is one of the owners of ERA Key Realty Services out of Franklin. A nice guy who loves Somerville.

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The Somerville Illuminations Tour takes place on Saturday, December 16. Residents and visitors are invited to the Somerville Arts Council event. Tour Continued on page 11

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Comments of the Week

Response to: City seeks to increase fines and penalties for rodent control violations

Matt C says:  
There is a big difference between citing a homeowner \$50 vs citing a business. If we treated them differently I can see value in the change- but if they are the same I would have to stand against it. Even with the current fee structure I would be surprised if there was an appropriate level of enforcement within large developments and business districts.

Ruth says:  
I live near one of the Somerville Community Corporation's buildings and the dumpsters are overflowing at least twice a week. We've called and complained numerous times, but nothing seems to change.

DatGruntled says:  
Ruth, SCC is great about telling other people what to do, nto so good about actually following rules themselves.  
Also, Ruth, most of the Board of Aldermen are in their pocket, so do not expect change.

Somerbreeze says:  
This vitriol against SCC is basically fear of positive social change cloaked in complaints.

DatGruntled says:  
"This vitriol against SCC is basically fear of positive social change cloaked in complaints."  
No, it is the fact that they push an agenda they themselves do not follow and they lie and fear monger to get their way.  
This is mostly their board, the people that actually work there seem fine.

The Know says:  
Four members of the board of aldermen are former presidents of the scc board of directors

Courtney O'Keefe says:  
The affiliation that some members of the Board of Aldermen have and or had with the Somerville Community Corporation concerns me when the approval of CPA projects are presented. Considering the close connection of these members, I always felt it prudent to have them recuse themselves, however, Conflict of Interest laws disagree.

rodents says:  
Why won't the city acknowledge their part in this problem, as well as all of the developers? We've been given 'rodent' proof barrels, but mine have had holes chewed in the top by something, I hope it's a squirrel or raccoon! And allowing people to keep chickens in their yard? Their food and their feces attracts rodents. Just like dog feces does, yet the barrels at the parks and the bike path are filled to overflowing all weekend with food and dog poop. And by the way, Mr. Niedergang, that lot where you and your friend parked while at Highland Kitchen is a private lot for Dunkin' Donuts and Once. Hmmm, maybe the city needs more public parking lots??

Response to: New regional housing partnership announced

Matt C says:  
There should be density goals set and tied to state funding. If a town or city wishes to preserve a low density housing infrastructure its residents should be prepared to pay for the burden they place on other cities and towns in the surrounding metro area.

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John Connolly

# Union Square Portraits:

## Conversations about America – with Monica

By JT Thompson

Monica: late 30s, is a line cook at Buddy's, a tiny old railroad car diner on a mostly empty, industrial avenue, on the other side of the McGrath Highway from Union Square. Monica is second-generation Portuguese and grew up in Somerville, working in businesses run by her family. Her sister bought Buddy's, which first opened in 1951, eleven years ago.

Monica has sharp features, a thin frame, pale skin, and dark hair pulled up into a tight bun; there are faint traces of blonde highlighting in the bun. She is wearing grey tights and a thin, black, boat-necked sweater, which shows her slender collarbones. No apron. She is in constant, energetic motion – tending the griddle, ducking into the back room, taking orders, bantering with the regulars.

When I walk in at 11:00 a.m., three older guys, grey haired and wearing work stained clothes, are sitting at the counter, two together talking, one at the far end alone, concentrating on his coffee. Monica gives me a cheerful hello, and so do the two guys who are sitting together.

Buddy's has an old, burnished chrome exterior, a black and white mosaic floor inside – clean, but with dark cracks that show decades of use – and a row of stools facing the griddle across the counter. The door, a holdover from the diner's life as a

railroad car, slides open sideways. A classic American diner. And it has the feel of one – a place loved by regulars, and also a place where a stranger can stop by and share in the local community.

The menu is a row of white paper plates, slightly greasy with age, which are pinned up over the griddle, the dishes written on them in black magic marker. I order eggs over easy, bacon, hash browns, wheat toast, and a coffee, which is dark and strong. The food, when it comes, is good; hearty, but not greasy like the old paper plates.

While Monica bustles to and fro, Paul, a retired butcher who, I find out, sometimes comes by to help out, is peeling potatoes on the counter with a big carving knife. Paul's blue shirt is unbuttoned all the way below his breast bone; he has his glasses hanging on the button there, and grey chest hair curls out of the open shirt up toward his bare throat. There's a pack of L&M cigarettes in his shirt pocket. While he talks with the regulars, he gestures with the carving knife for emphasis. He's got a nice smile, wispy remains of grey hair on his head, and his bright blue eyes are a little cloudy with age.

Monica notices me looking around and writing in my notebook, and asks if I'm doing a story on them.

I tell her about the project, and ask her what she loves about living in America.

She's moving fast while we talk – making my breakfast, giving people fresh coffees – and it's hard to follow up for more detail on the things she says. I just keep up as best I can.

"Well, we have our freedom."  
"Not as much as we used to have."  
"It's gotten worse. I feel bad for my kids."  
"I think it will get better again."  
"But, growing up, I could walk the streets. Now you need a weapon, or some mace."

"I work hard to protect my kids."  
"I used to walk around with friends, we'd go to every park, go home at 8 or 9, felt safe the whole time. Now my kids have gotta be in by 4 or 5."

"The gangs, maybe from California ... I don't know. At the Mystic Projects – there's gang related stuff going on there."

One of the regulars, in battered jeans and a black sweatshirt, chimes in. "Yeah, it's not like it used to be."

When Monica was growing up, they would sometimes visit her parents' families in Portugal.

"It was very different, my dad's family was from the countryside. Milking cows, fresh eggs, fresh milk. The milk was warm, I didn't like it at first, I had to get used to it."

"It was fun. Not forever, but nice to visit."  
"Now, my dad's rebuilding my great grandma's house. We stay in touch. On my mom's side in Portugal, there's just my grandma left now in Lisbon."

"We've always had family businesses here. My mom ran the Portuguese fish market on Broadway. I always worked hard, I was at the register at 7 years old."

"I worked for somebody else for two years, I hated it. I didn't like the way they treated people."

"I've been here for only two months, but no complaints from anyone yet!"

Monica turns to the two regulars. "It's so quiet in here! Should I turn on the TV?"

"No!" says the guy in the black sweatshirt. "The radio is fine."

On the counter in front of him is a big, round, bright orange mug which clearly belongs to him, not the diner.

Monica brings him some milk. "You and your milk. We're going to have to start charging you."

Black sweatshirt guy raises a fist and shakes it at her.

"Oh yeah?" says Monica, "I've got a right and a left." She raises her fists and makes little punching gestures.

When she is back at my end of the counter, I ask again if there are things she likes about America.

"Don't get me wrong," she replies. "I love America. I'm a people person. Talking, socializing, all races."

"I have an old soul, it's easier for me to talk to older people."

I ask her if there are things about America that she thinks are great.

"Now? That's kind of a hard one."  
"We can make the choices we want, make our own decisions, make our life good."



Buddy's diner, where cook Monica can be found.

"A lot of people don't take advantage. They could have a job, a good family."

"Parents are too lenient now. Kids want everything. I was 7 when I was at the register. I was taught the value of a dollar."

"I am who I am today because my parents were strict. Now I'm a hardworking person."

"Too many people want things handed to them on a platter. They get into drugs. They're not raised right. They want to get on welfare."

"Hard to remember what's great. All the bad things come to mind."

The guy in the black sweatshirt nods firmly and says, "I worked for everything I own."

A young man and woman, who look like they're members of Somerville's recent wave of gentrification, come in the door. The guy is wearing a button down shirt and a suit coat; she's in a green dress. Monica and the guys at the counter greet them with warm hellos.

They sit down to my left and start reading the dishes listed on the paper plates.

"Hmm, it looks like mostly breakfasty things," says the guy.

"Oh! It's cash only," she says. They both rummage for money and decide they have enough to order.

On the wall behind the young couple, a rotary phone starts ringing. The regulars call out, in unison, "Hello! This is Buddy's!" Monica disappears into the back.

Next in are two young guys who, with their close shaved heads, their work-worn jeans, big boots, and sweatshirts, look like 'old school' Somervilleans. Paul looks up from his potato peeling, and says, "What do you want for supper? I have a shoe, you can have fillet of sole..."

They laugh and place their order. Paul calls out to Monica, who is still in the back, "Hey hon, can we get a steak?"

The guy in the black sweatshirt says, "It's so warm out. Let's open the door." He gets up and slides it open.

Monica, who has reappeared, says, "We never had weather like this when I was a kid. Sixty degrees in February! It's global warming."

Black sweatshirt guy says, "Ah, it's a million year cycle. Don't

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Having a really bad day

Last week, a Somerville police officer observed a van running a red light at Highland Ave. and Walnut St.

The officer pursued and pulled the vehicle over and asked the driver, Kevin Banos, for his license and registration.

Banos reportedly handed over his license and registration but stated, "Just so you know, my license is suspended."

Police dispatch confirmed that the Banos did have a suspended driver's license, and the officer placed him under arrest on a

charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Banos was subsequently taken in for booking and his vehicle was towed away

Later, that evening, another officer encountered Banos, who was standing at the front entrance of the police station.

The officer asked Banos if there was anything he could help him with, and he reportedly responded with a slew of vulgarities concerning why he hates cops and saying that he knew who the officer was and that he

will see him again on the street.

The officer then asked Banos if the vehicle parked in front of the handicapped ramp was his and he once again started a vulgarity laced tirade about his being arrested and his vehicle being towed and torn apart earlier.

The officer told him that he did not know anything about that and that he was not present at his prior arrest. Once again Banos reportedly said, "I know who you are and I will see you again."

At this time, Banos's girlfriend came outside and started yelling

at him to calm down and get in her car to leave. Banos reportedly refused to get in the car and continued swearing at the officer.

The officer told Banos that if he had a problem to file a complaint, after which Banos stated he was going sue the city and once again reminded the officer that he knew who he was and where he could be found, according to reports.

The officer once again asked Banos, along with his girlfriend, to quiet down and leave or he would be arrested.

Banos reportedly got even angrier and faced the officer while saying again he knew who he was and would find him.

The officer then placed Banos under arrest and, while walking him back into the station, he reportedly tried to pull away, and as they entered the booking room he placed his right foot against the wall, again trying to push away.

Banos was escorted to the booking window where he was additionally charged with threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

**Arrests:**

**Kevin Banos**, of 47 Hanson, December 4, 2:47 p.m., arrested at Walnut St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Kevin Banos**, of 47 Hanson, December 4, 8:12 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, and dis-

orderly conduct.

**Darryll Lydon**, of 7 Wisconsin Ave., December 5, 10:14 a.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of larceny over \$250, and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Pentagrammaton Antoine**, of 80 Jackson Circle, Cambridge, December 5, 3:40 p.m.,

arrested at Memorial Rd. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and unregistered motor vehicle.

**Chris Reyes**, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, December 6, 2:22 p.m., arrested at Knowlton St. on warrant charges of

assault and battery on a police officer, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, and unregistered motor vehicle.

**Julio Rolon-Lopez**, of 172 Central Ave., Chelsea, December 7, 1:23 a.m., arrested at North St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, use of a motor vehicle

without authority, and failure to stop or yield.

**Ryan Audette**, December 9, 8:15 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, larceny over \$250, possession of a class B drug, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and utter false check.

## Tips for fighting the flu during holiday travels

By Dr. Robin Mayfield, physician at CareWell Urgent Care in Somerville

The holiday season is here, but unfortunately so is flu season. The flu virus is unpredictable and this year Massachusetts has already seen widespread flu activity – just weeks before the holiday season is in full swing. This time of year is one of the busiest for travel as families try to get together for celebrations. If you are traveling by mass transportation like airplanes, you're bound to come in contact with someone who's sick. Here are some quick tips to help you avoid feeling lousy for your celebrations.

**Wash your hands – really**

It's a no-brainer, but washing your hands is really the most important thing of all – especially when you're passing through airports that tens of thousands of other passengers have passed through. It's important to be thorough with warm water and soap, and lather all over for at least 20 seconds. Alcohol based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.

**Be conscious of what you are touching**

Surfaces touched by many hands such as poles and hand railings are loaded with viruses. We can prevent infection by avoiding touching our eyes, nose, and mouth. And, if possible, avoid close contact, sharing utensils, or drinks with sick friends and family. Wash your hands frequently.

**Take care of your body**

A healthy body is your first line of defense when you're surrounded by others who are sick. It can be hard to resist all the goodies this time of year, but it's important to maintain a healthy diet consisting of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Adequate exercise (even though it's cold out) is also a must, as well as getting plenty of sleep. Develop stress management techniques such as meditation, yoga, music, art, or whatever helps with diffusing stress. If you have most of those things under control, you'll be setting your body up to handle any illnesses that come your way.

**Stay hydrated**

Staying hydrated is key to helping keep your immune system healthy. Airplane cabins can get very dry with higher altitudes. Most heated homes and

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Approving the CDP will send a strong message in Massachusetts and beyond that Union Square and the City of Somerville are open for business.





# Beacon Hill Roll Call

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senator's votes on three roll calls from the week of December 4-8. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

**SEN. STAN ROSENBERG RESIGNS FROM SENATE PRESIDENCY** - "I believe taking a leave of absence from the Senate Presidency during the investigation is in the best interest of the Senate," said Sen. Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst). "I want to ensure that the investigation is fully independent and credible, and that anyone who wishes to come forward will feel confident that there will be no retaliation."

Last week saw Rosenberg's resignation, the election of Worcester's Sen. Harriette Chandler, the majority leader and second-in-command in the Senate, to replace him for now and the beginning of an investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee into allegations in the Boston Globe that Rosenberg's husband, Bryon Hefner, groped three men and kissed another one against his will. The Globe story also included claims that Hefner has said he speaks for Rosenberg and talks about Senate business with legislators and their staffs.

"Choices had to be made and today we've chosen to move on and to move forward," Chandler said. "What's most important right now is that we work towards a swift and resolute conclusion to this whole sad event." Chandler has stated that she plans only to serve as interim president and to step down when Rosenberg returns, or a new Senate president is elected."

"I have repeatedly made clear that Bryon was to have no influence on what happens in the Senate," said Rosenberg. "He has no influence over policy, the internal operations of the Senate, or any Senate-related business. If Bryon claimed to have influence over my decisions or over the Senate, he should not have said that. It is simply not true." The Senate empowered the Ethics Committee to begin the investigation of the sexual assault charges against Hefner, whether Rosenberg violated any rules of the Senate and if Hefner did have any influence over what happens in the Senate.

"I think it's really important that this gets started," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "It's going to be really important for Chandler and for all of the members of the Ethics Committee to demonstrate by both who they choose and what the rules are that whoever it is that's conducting this investigation has the latitude and the independence to provide comfort to those people who are going to come forward who were victimized -- that they won't suffer repercussions for doing so."

"I wish to reemphasize that the most important thing is to make sure that anyone who may have been hurt has every assurance that they can turn to whatever authority they feel comfortable with, with absolutely no fear of retribution, and to restore confidence in the Senate," said Rosenberg in a written statement. "During my leave of absence from being Senate president, I look forward to a thorough, fair, and independent investigation. I thank my colleagues for providing this opportunity and have every confidence that the Acting President will help the Senate focus on a robust agenda for 2018."

"I am deeply disturbed by these allegations which jeopardize the integrity of the Senate," said Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), chairman of the Ethics Committee. "Sexual harassment and assault have no place in the Massachusetts state Senate or any workplace. I am

committed to a fair and thorough review of the facts as well as a process that ensures confidentiality for any person who has any information to report on sexual harassment or sexual assaults." The Senate cannot bring criminal charges against anyone. However, Attorney General Maura Healey and Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley issued a joint statement that encourages victims to come forward.

"We ask anyone with this information to contact either office, and we remind every survivor of sexual assault that they can count on us to provide a safe, respectful, victim-centered environment, no matter what the circumstances might be," said the two prosecutors. "Sexual assault is a crime and we want to send a clear message that harassment and assault of any kind will not be tolerated." No one knows if Rosenberg's will return as Senate president or whether the Senate will elect a new permanent one. Everything hinges on the outcome of the probe. However, "just in case," four senators are said to be already jockeying for votes for Senate President: Sens. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett), Linda Dorcea Forry (D-Boston), Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) and Eileen Donoghue. (D-Lowell).

Here are the votes of local senators on Chandler's election, opening the investigation and recusing Rosenberg and his staff from all decisions relating to the investigation.

**CHANDLER ELECTED SENATE PRESIDENT**  
Senate 31-6, elected Sen. Harriette Chandler as president. The vote, as expected, was straight along party lines with all the Democrats voting for Chandler and all Republicans casting their vote for Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Voted for Chandler
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**AUTHORIZE INVESTIGATION (S 2228)**  
Senate 37-0, authorized the Senate Ethics Committee to retain a special investigator to investigate the question of whether Rosenberg violated the rules of the Senate. The investigation is in response to claims that Hefner bragged that he has influence over Rosenberg, speaks for him and talks about Senate business with legislators and their staffs.

(A "Yes" vote is for the investigation and appointment of a special investigator.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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**RECUSE ROSENBERG AND HIS STAFF (S 2227)**  
Senate 37-0, approved an order that Rosenberg and his entire Senate staff be recused from all decisions relating to investigations of the conduct of Rosenberg or Hefner.

(A "Yes" vote is for recusal.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** - The Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee held a hearing on several proposals involving persons with disabilities including:

**REPLACE "HANDICAP" WITH "DISABILITY" (S 50)** - Strikes all references in the state's General

Laws to "handicap" and replace them with "disability." Supporters said over the years, the word "handicap" has developed a negative connotation and is commonly perceived as being offensive by implying that persons with disabilities are somehow lesser than their able-bodied peers.

**PROHIBIT ELECTRIC SHOCK TREATMENT (S 93)** - Prohibits any state or local facilities from using electric shock therapy, hitting, pinching or any procedure which causes obvious signs of physical pain on individuals with a physical, intellectual or developmental disability.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING (H 3802)** - Establishes a mandatory disability awareness training for employees of the Massachusetts House and Senate, Massport, MBTA, and all public safety agencies. Disability is defined in the measure as a person with "physical or developmental impairments blindness, deafness, and intellectual disabilities."

**SOME 2018 POSSIBLE BALLOT QUESTIONS CLEAR ANOTHER HURDLE** - Sponsors of several possible ballot questions for the November 2018 election faced another deadline last week in the long process to get their proposed law on the ballot. Sponsors had until December 6 to file 64,750 valid signatures with Secretary of State's Bill Galvin's office. If the signatures are certified by Galvin's office, the proposal would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 2, 2018, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 4, 2018, in order for the question to appear on the November 2018 ballot. Supporters try to gather a lot more than the 64,750 signatures required in order to ensure that they have 64,750 certified ones.

**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 December 4-8, the House met for a total of 59 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 53 minutes.

Mon. December 4	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 8:02 p.m.
Tues. December 5	No House session No Senate session
Wed. December 6	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. December 7	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.
Fri. December 8	No House session No Senate session

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# Somerville eases concern of lead in public school's drinking water

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up to include kids in schools all over the country proves that drinking water in schools needs to be checked for contamination.

So, there has to be a regulation in place to make sure that the water does not contain excessive lead, right? Wrong.

The Environmental Protection Agency does not have a law mandating schools to test for lead levels in drinking water.

“Only schools that are considered ‘public water suppliers’ are required under the Federal standards to test their drinking water for the presence of lead,” according to Emily Bender, a public affairs specialist at the EPA, clarifying the matter in an email. “In general, most school districts in the US are served by public water utilities, so the school itself is not required to perform any drinking water testing.”

Though the EPA recommends lead testing, making it optional means that schools can get away with not checking their drinking water for lead, which is known to be most harmful to growing children.

“Children for pretty much all contaminants are more susceptible to adverse health effects,” said Dr. Patricia Janulewicz, who teaches Environmental Health at Boston University’s School of Public Health. “We all should know, not just within the public health field that lead is dangerous.”

Dr. Janulewicz explained that at low levels, lead might cause problems that will not need to be addressed by a doctor, like reduced performance on IQ tests, higher rates of ADHD and trouble with emotional regulation. At higher levels, lead poisoning affects the nervous system and brain function.

The much-needed conversation about lead contamination

was thrust into the spotlight after alarmingly high levels were found in drinking water in Flint, Michigan. According to the Washington Post series on the Flint Water Crisis, the water from the Flint River was so corrosive that the amount of lead that leached into the water was described by Virginia Tech researchers to fit the EPA definition of toxic waste.

To understand leaching, imagine brewing a pot of tea. The amount of tea that seeps into the water depends on the temperature and time. To make stronger tea, the pot needs to be kept brewing for longer and at a high enough temperature. Now replace tea with lead and temperature with corrosiveness. Corrosive water will absorb more lead from pipes or fixtures, especially if the time of contact is increased.

The EPA states that the “action level” for lead in drinking water is 15 parts per billion. This means that if more lead than 15 ppb exists in drinking water, the EPA recommends that some steps should be taken (by residences and municipalities) to reduce that level for lead, as amounts lower than 15 ppb can also cause problems. Even though lead is something everyone’s now wary of in water, the focus is not on water in schools.

Since the EPA doesn’t mandate testing, cities and towns across states may get away with not testing the water in their public schools at all. This is mitigated in Massachusetts by the Lead Contamination Control Act (LCAA) to reduce the levels of lead in schools and child-care facilities. In April 2016, the Department of Environmental Protection launched an Assistance program to help schools with testing and analyzing water

samples in public schools across the state. The MassDEP database with all the test results did not include any data for a few towns and incomplete results for some others. Somerville was one of the cities with incomplete results, reporting testing results for only two out of the city’s 11 public schools. However, this does not mean Somerville is neglecting testing and talking about lead in school water.

“In response to national and regional concerns over lead in drinking water in 2016, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Public Schools chose to exceed federal requirements,” said Susana Hernandez Morgan, Director of Communication for Somerville schools via email. “Thus Copper and lead testing was conducted in all of our public school buildings in spring 2016. Every drinking water fountain, cafeteria water source, and school nursing station sink at every school in the District was tested.”

As Morgan walked around the empty halls of East Somerville Community school, she explained that the city had applied to the MassDEP Assistance program, but then decided to do its own testing. She added she thought that East Somerville Community school may have appeared in the MassDEP database in addition to the city’s testing.

In Massachusetts, children are not tested for blood lead levels after they’re 4, according to Janulewicz. “If these schools are serving kids K-12 nobody is even aware of their blood lead levels are,” she said. Janulewicz said that a lot of change is brought about by one concerned parent refusing to give up on an issue that affects their child. She pushed her child’s

school to do lead testing when they moved to a different building, and emphasized that if parents were kept in the loop, they would make sure the school was protecting their kids.

“Our children are in schools eight plus hours and that is a lot of lead exposure,” Janulewicz said, stressing on the importance of school testing. “These schools need to not only test and make that data available to parents but also then do something about it.”

Somerville’s city website has data from the 2016 tests and they seem to have gone above and beyond what is legally required of them. The city’s schools have taken the right steps when it comes to testing and making the results publicly available, according to Mary Marshall, longtime resident of Somerville who has two children in the public school system.

“They sent a parent email out, they told students, they had a meeting, so they tried to involve us as much as they could,” she said.

Marshall is president of the Somerville High School PTA where her son is a senior, and is involved in the school improvement council. “I’m pretty sure that everyone is feeling comfortable that the school district is doing their job protecting us.”

Marshall said she was sure that everyone including the mayor was concerned about this issue and that they would not have let any faucets with high lead levels be in use. Morgan agreed in her email, saying that the school had shut down two faucets that showed slightly high levels of lead.

However, Ellenor Barish, another Somerville parent, said she didn’t remember receiving any information about testing school

water for lead. “That doesn’t mean it didn’t happen; just that I don’t remember receiving any information,” she said.

Dr. Wendy Heiger-Bernays, a professor at BU’s school of public health thinks that it is crucial that information about lead testing is made public. “We need public meetings, we need information to go out via schools (PTAs), Somerville Hospital, clinics, posted on memo boards – whatever works to get messages out to communities,” she said.

Dr. Heiger-Bernays is also on the technical advisory committees for toxicological and environmental health issues at the MassDEP, Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute, and the EPA. She says that the law needs to be revised to increase testing at the tap in addition to educating the public.

“I think that the lead and copper rule was written when it was known that there are lead pipes and that the expense of removing them is costly,” she explained. “The rule was written in a way such that extensive sampling is not required, including not testing water in schools.”

Modifying this law may mean that in states like Massachusetts, some cities that may not be testing their water now will be mandated to, and take advantage of the state’s Assistance program. Somerville is taking precautions to protect its school children, but Flint’s water crisis is an example of what can happen if cities are not as proactive.

Mary Marshall was surprised to hear about this exclusion of schools from the federal testing requirements. “That’s terrible, that you may have young children drinking water that’s not safe,” she said. “I’m glad that’s not us.”

# Union Square portraits

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worry about it.”

Monica exclaims, “I *am* worried!”

Having eaten the last of my breakfast, I leave some cash on the counter, and say good bye.

Monica, who’s got two omelets cooking in front of her, calls over her shoulder with a big smile, “Nice meeting you!”

Monica is tough and cheerful. But she’s worried for her kids.

# Tips for fighting the flu

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workplaces also have much lower humidity at this time of year increasing the amount of fluid you would usually need. Remember to take into account drinks high in caffeine and alcohol, which can make you lose more fluid than you are consuming. Dehydration can weaken your immune system, make you more susceptible to getting sick, and cause dizziness and headaches.

**Get a flu shot – now**

Getting a flu shot is the most effective way to protect yourself from the flu virus. If you haven’t already gotten one, it’s not too late. Many worry about the safety of vaccines. However, the risks of severe illness if you

don’t get the flu shot are much higher than the risks of getting it. If you get the flu after getting the vaccine, your symptoms are likely to be less severe and last for a shorter period of time. The vaccine takes about two weeks to take full effect, but partial protection is better than nothing. And if you’re hoping for it to help protect you during your holiday travels, it’s best to get it sooner rather than later. Luckily you can stop by local urgent care centers without an appointment and be taken care of in just a few minutes.

You should call your physician or go to your local urgent care center if you have been exposed to someone who has the flu. There are antiviral medi-

cines which can be prescribed that can help prevent you from getting the flu.

Lastly, if you develop symptoms of the flu, which usually include fever, body aches, headache and cough, see a healthcare provider as soon as possible. If indicated a test can be done and, antiviral medications are most helpful, if started within the first couple days of symptoms.

No one wants their holiday plans to be ruined from getting sick on the way to the celebrations. We all hope to stay healthy, but if you do get sick and find your symptoms worsening when you’re out of town, visit a local urgent care center and they’ll have you back to celebrating in no time.

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# The Mayor's Merry Carolers



Mayor Curtatone, Jimmy Del Ponte and the Moonlighters, Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, and other city officials have been making their way around Somerville visiting our local seniors, and regaling them with holiday songs. These pictures were taken at the Somerville Home.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #143

### The Argonauts

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

In 1848 Somerville was a young, six-year old town trying to make it on her own. After her separation from Charlestown, her citizens had a long row to hoe to make it succeed through business and hard work. At that time, one town resident, Samuel P. Langmaid, established the new concept of ready-made doors and windows. Up until that time, doors and windows were custom made. Builders and carpenters assembled them on site as defined by the buyer.



1848 was an eventful year for America. John Quincy Adams, our sixth president passed away, and the forty-year construction of the Washington Monument began. America's war with Mexico from 1846 to 1848 ended in favor of America, with the United States acquiring 525,000 square miles.



This acquisition, included today's Golden State, California, and six other western states. Although being significant and far reaching, these events were eclipsed by the discovery of gold outside of San Francisco that year. The finding of gold at Sutter's Mill prompted over 300,000 easterners, many from New England, to go west in their quest for riches. Some travelled by land across the country, and some traveled by sea around the tip of South America. Others experienced both by cutting through the jungles of Panama. They were labeled Argonauts because of their search of the classical Golden Fleece and Forty-Niners because that was the year the gold rush was initiated. They suffered greatly to get

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### Tufts Police issue safety warning

A Tufts University student reported to Tufts Police on December 10 that at approximately 12:15 a.m., while walking near campus, a male had followed her on to her front porch. When the student turned around the male indecently touched her. The male then fled the area towards Conwell Ave. The victim was not injured.

A search of the area by the Tufts University Police, the Somerville Police and the Medford Police was conducted with negative results.

The suspect was described as a male, dark complexion, late teens to early twenties, 5' 8", wearing a black and blue jacket and black pants.

While victims of crimes are never to blame for criminal activity, TUPD recommends the following risk reduction and safety precautions:

- Remain alert and observant of the people around you. If you think someone is following you, move quickly toward an open store or restaurant.
- Don't be afraid to call out for help. Walk with purpose, head up, no earbuds and don't be distracted by electronic devices.
- Stick to well-lit and well-travelled routes and walk with friends whenever possible.
- Utilize the SafeRide service by calling Tufts Police at (617) 627-3030 or from a campus phone dial X-73030.
- Program the Tufts Police number into your cell phone so you will be prepared in an emergency (617-627-6911).
- Report any suspicious persons or circumstances to Tufts Police immediately at 617-627-6911 or x66911 from an on-campus phone, or dial 911 for off campus emergencies.

If you have any information regarding the above incident please contact the Tufts Police as soon as possible at 617-627-3030 or x73030 from an off campus phone or call Somerville Police at 617-625-1600.

—Tufts University Police

## 'Aging Well' shares tips for managing caregiver stress

**By Nathan Lamb**

The pressures of providing care and tips for managing caregiver stress were the featured topics on the most recent episode of Aging Well, a monthly production of Somerville Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

The discussion was led by SCES social workers Nina Cohen and Carolyn Nagao-Marcotte, who have both worked extensively to support caregivers through agency programs. They said stress is common when providing care, but also cautioned that unchecked it can lead to caregiver burnout, which is often marked by irritability, decreased patience, and feeling at wits end.

Nagao-Marcotte said caregivers at risk for burnout often take on too much.

"I think it's important to recognize your own limitations and have realistic expectations about how much time and energy it's going to require to care for somebody, and to not be afraid to ask for help if you need it," said Nagao-Marcotte.

Cohen added that it's crucial that caregivers make some time for themselves. "I think good self-care is really important when you're a caregiver – taking time to take care of yourself, away from the person your caring for," said Cohen. "This can be difficult, so we often encourage people to enroll the person they're caring for in a day program, so they can have time away from each other." The guests also discussed how their respective programs assist caregivers.

Cohen is the social work manager for Adult Family Care (AFC), which provides compensation, training, and respite for live-in caregivers. The program is provided at no cost to eligible households, and Cohen said the idea is providing knowledge and support to help caregivers succeed.



SCES social workers Nina Cohen and Carolyn Nagao-Marcotte recently joined "Aging Well" to discuss tips for managing caregiver stress.

"Basically we're providing the tools that caregivers need to be successful," said Cohen.

Nagao-Marcotte is an Aging Life Care Manager with the Community Living Options (CLO) program, which provides private case management without eligibility requirements. She said caregivers typically contact CLO during care transitions, when it becomes clear that more help is needed.

Aging Well is produced in partnership with the Somerville Media Center and airs on SCATV Channel 3 at the following times: Sundays at 10am, Mondays at 7:30am and Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Episodes are also available through the SCES YouTube channel.

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



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Remember the Golden Rule, even If you get a parking ticket



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The golden rule is something we all learned about as kids (and something that children today are still learning). We are taught to treat others with respect, dignity, kindness, and common human decency. Thankfully, I see many examples of the golden rule in play every day. Whether it's people respectfully sharing the road with others or good Samaritans digging out neighbors after a snowstorm, acts of respect and kindness are on display in each corner of this city.

But when it comes to the City's Parking Control Officers, the golden rule seems to fly out the window for some of us – and recently we've even seen a spike in outright aggression against our parking officers. I can't stop

thinking about three recent incidents, and they deserve everyone's attention.

Within a few weeks of each other, one Parking Officer was repeatedly verbally attacked, one officer had hot soup thrown at him, and a person spat at another one. I want to be absolutely clear – this is uncivil, unacceptable behavior for anyone to display in any situation, and in the case of the hot soup, it's just plain dangerous (though I'm happy to report the officer is OK). It especially saddens me that our officers had to experience these upsetting acts. They are hard-working people dedicated to our city who are just trying to do the job that our community needs them to do.

True, nobody likes getting a parking ticket. But our Parking Officers play an essential role in Somerville. There are more than 45,000 cars registered in our city of only 4.1 square miles, and even more visitors drive and park here daily. We need our Parking Officers to enforce our city's parking rules to ensure, among other things, that our streets are safe, our public ways are accessible, our parking spots are shared fairly, our business districts have

needed parking turnover, and our City doesn't become a big parking lot for non-resident T commuters. So they head out daily in all manner of weather to enforce the rules for all of us.

At times, our Parking Officers must issue tickets for street obstruction, including when a vehicle is blocking road access for emergency vehicles, snow plows, or the street sweepers that keep our catch basins clear to prevent flooding. They are also the ones who tag cars for wrongly taking handicapped spots, blocking fire hydrants and crosswalks, and more recently for blocking bike lanes – all violations that can cause difficult and unsafe conditions for others.

Many of us take pride in shopping local and supporting the many independent, small businesses that dot our squares. Parking enforcement also supports those businesses. Without Parking Officers out to ensure fair turnover of parking spots, customers for those businesses would get squeezed out by people who park all day and leave. Just imagine if we allowed all day parking in downtown Davis Square so that non-residents could drive in, park in front of

our shops and restaurants, and take the T downtown for the day. It would hurt the very entrepreneurs that keep our squares vibrant and lively.

As you can see, contrary to what many believe, Parking Officers aren't out to issue tickets for fun. Our goal rather is to educate residents and visitors alike about the rules, and we're making good progress on that. Issued parking citations actually saw an eight percent decrease from Fiscal Year 16 to Fiscal Year 17. We're lucky to have such a professional parking control staff. Not only do they make every effort to treat us all fairly, when the three officers were targeted in the incidents I mentioned above, I'm proud to say that in every case they took the high road seeking to deescalate the situation by backing away and not responding in kind. I commend them for keeping cool heads in a situation where many would struggle to do so.

That's not to say that they won't ever make a mistake in issuing a ticket. Like the rest of us, they too are human. But there are ways to appeal a ticket and plead your case, and yelling, spitting, or tossing hot liquids aren't the

way to go. You can learn more about the proper channels for appealing a ticket by the information listed on the back of the citation, at [www.parksomerville.com](http://www.parksomerville.com), or by contacting 311.

Because of these incidents, I wanted to focus here on the work of our Parking Officers. They, however, are not the only City employees that aren't always treated with the respect and decency they deserve. The same can be said for plow drivers, inspectors, 311 operators, and even employees who hold community meetings, all of whom – much like the Parking Officers – play an important role in keeping the city safe and running efficiently. Likewise, I demand and expect that all City staff treat every member of our community respectfully as well.

I know we can do better, Somerville. The next time you encounter a Parking Officer, plow driver, inspector, or any other City employee (even if you don't like the information they're providing), I challenge you to remember two things: that these people are simply trying to do their jobs and that the golden rule you learned many years ago applies to everyone.

Somerville's RESPOND, Inc. earn \$7,000 grant

The Allstate Foundation grant to support nonprofit's work to help end domestic violence and financial abuse

Seven Allstate agency owners from the Greater Somerville area recently came together to secure a \$7,000 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands® grant to benefit RESPOND, Inc. in addition to providing the organization with much-needed supplies collected from the multi-agency donation drive. The grant will support the nonprofit organization's mission to help end domestic violence and financial abuse.

The agency owners each earned \$1,000 for RESPOND, Inc. by holding a public supply drive to collect household items, toiletries, clothing, gift cards and other items for people helped by the organization. RESPOND, Inc. will use the \$7,000 grant to further its work in the community.

The participating Allstate volunteers are among thousands of agency owners and financial specialists around the country working to strengthen communities by volunteering their time to support the causes they care about most.

"I've personally seen how providing needed items and teaching domestic violence survivors how to financially empower themselves helps them break free of their situation," said Allstate agency owner Adaias Souza. "Being able to help people in my community is important to me – and it's a big part of who my fellow Allstate agency owners and I are as local residents and business owners. We're proud to have been able to come together for RESPOND, Inc. and the people the organization serves across our community."

In recognition of his longstanding efforts to combat domestic violence and support those affected by abuse, Souza received the 2017 RESPOND, Inc. Marie Siraco Community Activism Award. Each year, the award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in activism or community service, in local communities and beyond, in the field of domestic violence.

"Adaias has been a key ally in our work to end domestic violence, dedicating his time and talent year after year, said Jessica Brayden, Executive Director, RESPOND, Inc. "From raising funds to building awareness and connecting clients to critical resources, Adaias, along with his fellow volunteers and The Allstate Foundation, have been exceptional supporters of our mission."

RESPOND, Inc. is one of thousands of organizations this year to receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands grants secured by agency owners and financial specialists on behalf of the nonprofits where they volunteer. The grants support organizations addressing domestic violence, youth empowerment, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.



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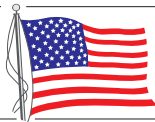
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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't get caught parking on the wrong side during snow emergencies.

Our View Of The Times



As we get into the snowy months of winter it's good for all of us to make sure we understand what the odd-even rules are and where we stand this season.  
Here is a reminder of what the city's snow parking rules and guidelines are:  
During snow emergencies this winter, residents must park on the ODD side of the road only, unless otherwise posted.

Once a snow emergency has been declared, residents have four hours to move vehicles to the correct side of the street, or into a designated City parking lot.  
Vehicles not moved during this window of time will be ticketed (\$100 fine) and towed (\$100 fine assessed by the tow company).  
Vehicles parked within 20 feet of any

intersection will be ticketed and towed.  
For a list of designated City and School parking lots available for snow emergency parking, visit [www.somervillema.gov/snow](http://www.somervillema.gov/snow).  
Residents are encouraged to sign up for phone, email, and text alerts by visiting [www.somervillema.gov/alerts](http://www.somervillema.gov/alerts).  
More information on the City's snow

removal and snow emergency policies can be found online at [www.somervillema.gov/snow](http://www.somervillema.gov/snow), or download the City's 311 app in iTunes or Google Play, by searching "311Somerville."  
Be safe and be legal. If we all cooperate and keep these simple rules and guidelines in mind we can get through the season unscathed and happy.

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guides will lead trolleys past some of the city's most spectacular displays of holiday lights, sharing stories about the families that decorate and providing local historic trivia en route. Tours depart from the **City Hall Concourse**, 93 Highland Ave., every 45 minutes beginning at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments, choral music and craft activities will be available inside City Hall. Trolley Tour tickets will be available at the **Blue Cloud Gallery**, 713 Broadway. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors. For more information, visit [www.somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour](http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/illuminationstour).

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The Somerville Times Best of Somerville winners will be announced in the December 20 edition. If you didn't get your vote in you can still let us know who and what you like best in Somerville. You can email your choices, mail them to the office or just call 617 666-4010 and leave a message. Show your pride in a person, business or place you like and want to vote for. We have been receiving a lot of ballots. If you haven't sent yours in do so today. Your vote counts.

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The Somerville Ceremonial Menorah Lighting is set for Tuesday, December

19, at 5:30 p.m. with the Rabbi Eliana from **Temple B'nai Brith**. All members of the community are invited to join Mayor Curtatone and city staff for a brief ceremony and photo on the **City Hall Concourse**, 93 Highland Ave. The Menorah will be lit each night of Hanukkah, and the ceremony will officially take place on the final night of Hanukkah. Light refreshments will be served.

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Order cookies and rolls baked by **Somerville High School Culinary Arts** students by **Friday, December 15** for your holiday event. Visit the website to find the form and more information: <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/bistro>.

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The City of Somerville Health and Human Services Department (HHS) is offering free flu shots for anyone age 4 and up, with or without health insurance. Free vaccines are still available. HHS is hosting a final clinic from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at **St. Benedict Parish**, 21 Hathorn St., on **Sunday, January 7**. You can also stop by the **HHS office at City Hall Annex**, 50 Evergreen Ave., during normal business hours to get your flu shot. The office is open MWF 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Th 8:30am-7:30pm, F 8:30am-12:30pm. If you do have health insurance, please

bring your Health Insurance Card (this includes Medicare).

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**Tough Plants for Tough Places at the Somerville Garden Club – Dan Jaffe**, propagator and stock bed grower for the **New England Wild Flower Society**, will give a presentation on practical tips for choosing plants that can grow in the toughest places and withstand severe drought, such as the one we had in 2016, tonight, **Wednesday, December 13**. Ask the nursery for plants to fill sunny areas with rich soils and the options are endless, but most gardeners have those spaces they'd rather the neighbors not notice. How about the roadsides with the endless barrage of sand and salt? Or the area out back that receives 12 hours of direct light and only has three inches of soil above the ledge? What about that spot under the pine trees where the conditions are dry, acidic and shady? Join Dan Jaffe to learn about those plants that can fill the toughest areas on the landscape. From maple leaf viburnum to lowbush blueberry. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the **Tufts Administration Building (TAB)**, 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and

the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information please visit [www.somervilllegardenclub.org](http://www.somervilllegardenclub.org).

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**John F Kennedy School Winter concerts** are coming up. **Grades K-3** on **Tuesday, December 19**, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and **Grades 4-8** on **Wednesday, December 20**, 9:00 a.m. at the **JFK Cafetorium**, 5 Cherry St., Somerville.

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Families can enjoy an evening of circus entertainment in Somerville on **December 15**. **Cirque Us!** is offering a night of high-flying fun, featuring aerialists, jugglers, acrobats and clowns. The show is comprised exclusively of youth and young adult performers. The artists, who discovered the love of circus as children, consist of alumni from **Circus Smirkus**, **The Midnight Circus**, **Circus Monti** and current students at the **New England Center for Circus Arts**, **École Nationale de Cirque** and **École de Cirque de Quebec**. The family-friendly show reflects the mission of Cirque Us! to bring high-level, affordable circus shows to local communities. Show times are 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. at the **Somerville Arts at the Armory**. For more information visit <http://www.thecirqueus.com>.

# City's annual tree lighting ceremony





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Photos by Claudia Ferro



# Mini Makerspace Event at ESCS



The Mini Makerspace Event at the East Somerville Community School took place on Tuesday, December 5. They celebrated the Hour of Code and had a great time. Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper and Assistant Superintendent Almi Abeyta attended the event. Everyone enjoyed creating, designing and building. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What are two official languages of Canada?

2. What was Kelley Clarkson's debut single that became the best-selling single of 2002 in the nation?

3. What does a Conchologists study?

4. Which character in a Shakespearean play is haunted by the ghost of his murdered father?

5. What singer has the nickname "The Godfather of Shock Rock"?

6. In 2017, when does Hanukkah start?

7. Who is America's first female rabbi ordained by a rabbinical seminary?

8. What country has *Kimigayo* as its national anthem?

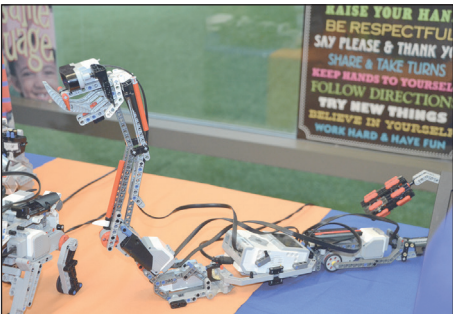
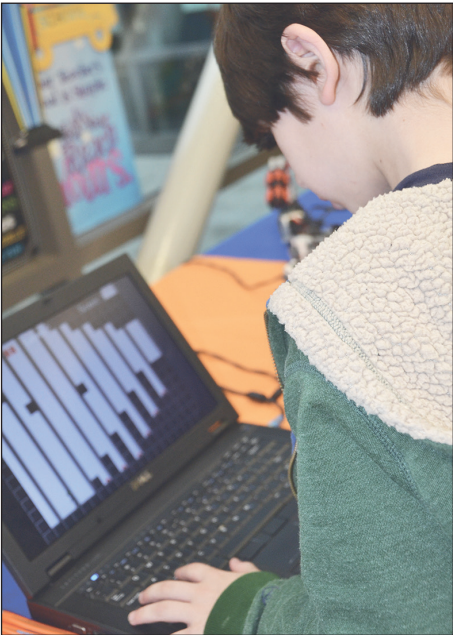
9. What countries have national anthems with no lyrics?

10. What is a wrinkle?

11. Who was the first human to fly faster than the speed of sound?

12. What dam was originally known as Boulder Dam?

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NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Friday the 5th day of January, 2018, at 10:00 o'clock, at the Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, PLACE OF TAKING Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid **before that date.**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **15 PAULINA ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): MARISA ANN MACRI  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): MARISA ANN MACRI  
DEMAND: **May 18, 2015** PARCEL ID: **012B00021000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **26727216**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4000 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60856, Page: 136.

Fiscal Year <b>2015</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$5,342.82</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2,019.72</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$7,657.54</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **15 PAULINA ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): MARISA ANN MACRI  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): MARISA ANN MACRI  
DEMAND: **5/5/2016** PARCEL ID: **012B00021000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **26727216**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4000 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60856, Page: 136.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2618.05</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$608.51</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$3521.56</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **15 PAULINA ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): MARISA ANN MACRI  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): MARISA ANN MACRI  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **012B00021000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **26727216**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4000 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60856, Page: 136.

Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$7015.26</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$691.57</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$8001.83</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **185 MORRISON AVE**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): AUSTIN V HUANG  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): AUSTIN V HUANG  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **019B00007000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02059200**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises re-corded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 45382, Page: 296.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$5,719.02</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1,622.96</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$7,636.98</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **9 GREENE ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): RACHAEL KLARMAN  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RACHAEL KLARMAN  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **052C00038000001**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20160820**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises re-corded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63599, Page: 578.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$4,861.45</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1,220.24</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$6,376.69</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **9 GREENE ST**  
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DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **052C00038000001**  
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TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises re-corded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63599, Page: 578.

Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2,349.92</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$220.67</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$2,865.59</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **39 AVON ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): DANIEL MADRI & KEIRA T HOROWITZ  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DANIEL MADRI & KEIRA T HOROWITZ  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **051E00044000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19617010**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4560 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 62470, Page: 172.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$7,555.50</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2,103.66</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$9,954.16</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **11 STERLING ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): HERMINIO M BERNARDO & MARGARIDA C BERNARDO  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): HERMINIO M BERNARDO & MARGARIDA C BERNARDO  
DEMAND: **May 18, 2015** PARCEL ID: **003E00024000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02049055**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3191 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 13665, Page: 12.

Fiscal Year <b>2015</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$269.02</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$101.12</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$665.14</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **11 STERLING ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): HERMINIO M BERNARDO & MARGARIDA C BERNARDO  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): HERMINIO M BERNARDO & MARGARIDA C BERNARDO  
DEMAND: **5/5/2015** PARCEL ID: **003E00024000000**  
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Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$9848.52</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2720.66</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$12864.18</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **11 STERLING ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): HERMINIO M BERNARDO & MARGARIDA C BERNARDO  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): HERMINIO M BERNARDO & MARGARIDA C BERNARDO  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **003E00024000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02049055**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3191 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 13665, Page: 12.

Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$10550.38</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1379.33</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$12224.71</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **99 PEARSON AVE**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): PAULA M LEBLANC  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PAULA M LEBLANC  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **027G00025000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19609160**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3300 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 31488, Page: 165 AND BOOK 64201, PAGE 508.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$8,805.54</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2,467.13</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$11,567.67</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **99 PEARSON AVE**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): PAULA M LEBLANC  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PAULA M LEBLANC  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **027G00025000000**  
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TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3300 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 31488, Page: 165 AND BOOK 64201, PAGE 508.

Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$8,538.12</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1,217.78</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$10,050.90</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **59 MURDOCK ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): PAUL T & PAULETTE C BECKFORD  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PAUL T & PAULETTE C BECKFORD  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **033H00012000059**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **89900020**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises re-corded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 32045, Page: 375.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2,048.06</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$458.56</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$2,801.621</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **38 BROMFIELD RD**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): THELMA A CARRIGER  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): THELMA A CARRIGER  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **018C00020000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **03107100**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3352 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 50683, Page: 538.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$9,066.29</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$2,530.57</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$11,891.86</b>

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TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3352 square feet and being part of the prem-ises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 50683, Page: 538.

Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$8426.29</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1196.38</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$9917.67</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **1 PEARSON RD**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): RONALD J BONNETT FOR LIFE  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RONALD J BONNETT FOR LIFE  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **019B00007000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02059200**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4966 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 9791, Page: 449 MIDDLESEX PROBATE NO. 09P2363.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$6,749.78</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1,719.83</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$8,764.61</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **1 PEARSON RD**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): RONALD J BONNETT FOR LIFE  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RONALD J BONNETT FOR LIFE  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **019B00007000000**  
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Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$11,148.84</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$1583.50</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$13,027.34</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **1 FITCHBURG ST 122A**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): STANA MIHAJLOVIC  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): STANA MIHAJLOVIC  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **115C0000100122A**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **89900178**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 56092, Page: 40.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$3,439.47</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$864.62</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$4,599.09</b>

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **1 FITCHBURG ST 122A**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): STANA MIHAJLOVIC  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): STANA MIHAJLOVIC  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **115C0000100122A**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **89900178**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 56092, Page: 40.

Fiscal Year <b>2017</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$4,400.15</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$341.952</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$5,037.10</b>

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **58 GLENWOOD RD**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): LUCIEN JOSEPH & JAZILLIA JOSEPH  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): LUCIEN JOSEPH & JAZILLIA JOSE  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **041C00007000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02079122**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2800 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 20355, Page: 434.

Fiscal Year <b>2016</b> Taxes Remaining Unpaid	<b>\$2,640.02</b>
Interest to Date of Taking	<b>\$554.983</b>
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Total for which Land will be Taken</b>	<b>\$3,490.00</b>

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
City of Somerville  
Office of the Acting Treasurer/Collector

NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Friday the 5th day of January, 2018, at 10:00 o'clock, at the Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, PLACE OF TAKING Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid **before that date.**

Michael Bertino, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **58 DANE ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): MARTIN J VIERRA  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): MARTIN J VIERRA  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **064C00026000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22692051**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1997 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 21486, Page: 405.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$6,488.09**  
**\$1,736.71**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$8,519.80**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **58 DANE ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): MARTIN J VIERRA  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): MARTIN J VIERRA  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **064C00026000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22692051**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1997 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 21486, Page: 405.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$10,338.84**  
**\$1,482.37**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$12,116.21**

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **47 MADISON ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): DAVID J LEBAHN  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DAVID J LEBAHN  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **050E00038000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04212130**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3000 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60654, Page: 529 and death certificate no. 384.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$3,853.40**  
**\$972.95**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$5,121.35**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **47 MADISON ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): DAVID J LEBAHN  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DAVID J LEBAHN  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **050E00038000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04212130**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3000 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60654, Page: 529 and death certificate no. 384.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$4,413.18**  
**\$612.68**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$5,320.86**

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **21 BRADLEY ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): LUIS R BENAVIDES & YESENIA M MENDOZA  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): LUIS R BENAVIDES & YESENIA M MENDOZA  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **061B00001000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22688090**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3889 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 49063, Page: 398.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$3,535.11**  
**\$827.14**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$4,657.25**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **21 BRADLEY ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): LUIS R BENAVIDES & YESENIA M MENDOZA  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): LUIS R BENAVIDES & YESENIA M MENDOZA  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **061B00001000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22688090**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3889 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 49063, Page: 398.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$5,526.36**  
**\$516.23**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$6,337.59**

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **23 DAY ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): PETER J KOURACLES & IRENE KOURACLES  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PETER J KOURACLES & IRENE KOURACLES  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **022B00012000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19630060**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3740 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 58197, Page: 561.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$13,470.37**  
**\$3,788.84**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$17,554.21**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **23 DAY ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): PETER J KOURACLES & IRENE KOURACLES  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): PETER J KOURACLES & IRENE KOURACLES  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **022B00012000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **19630060**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3740 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 58197, Page: 561.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$11,030.76**  
**\$1,623.10**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$12,948.86**

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **26 HAMILTON ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): WILMON D CHIPMAN  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): WILMON D CHIPMAN  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **003B00006000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **07276140**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2382 SQ FT in Somerville square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 33843, Page: 305 & BOOK 28867 PAGE 47.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$1,128.84**  
**\$258.37**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$1,682.21**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **26 HAMILTON ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): WILMON D CHIPMAN  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): WILMON D CHIPMAN  
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL ID: **003B00006000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **07276140**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2382 SQ FT in Somerville square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 33843, Page: 305 & BOOK 28867 PAGE 47.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$4,408.19**  
**\$645.18**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$5,348.37**

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **75 PEARL ST**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): JOSE S PEREZ & IGNACIA PEREZ  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): JOSE S PEREZ & IGNACIA PEREZ  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **091H00017000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **16544190**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2384 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 1217, Page: 106, Certificate no. 217456, and Document no. 1130301.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$1,273.0**  
**\$275.8**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$1,843.98**

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **10 STANFORD TERR**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): DAVID W SHEPHERD  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DAVID W SHEPHERD  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **037C00019000000**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02037190**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2878 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 59318, Page: 373.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$3,065.38**  
**\$714.33**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$4,074.71**


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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **50 BEACON ST 1**  
CURRENT OWNER(S): BRENDAN SHEA & RICHARD J SHEA  
ASSESSED OWNER(S): BRENDAN SHEA & RICHARD J SHEA  
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **076F0000600050-1**  
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20080230**  
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 56915, Page: 92.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid  
Interest to Date of Taking  
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking  
**Total for which Land will be Taken**

**\$1,183.458**  
**\$271.20**  
**\$295.00**  
**\$1,749.65**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFQ 18-30

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


Community Path Design Services

A request for qualifications may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **12/12/2017**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **1/4/2018 at 11:00am**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Michael Richards at [mrichards@somervillema.gov](mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov) for more information.

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

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB 18-24

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

Somerville Avenue Utilities and Streetscape Upgrade Project

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Friday December 15th, 2017**.

Sealed proposals will be received until **Wednesday January 31st, 2018 at 11:00am**. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

**Michael Richards**  
Assistant Purchasing Director

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

**5 Chandler Street (ZBA 2017-124):** Applicant / Owner, Mouhab Rizkallah as manager of LaCourt Enterprises, LLC, seeks an Administrative Appeal per SZO §3.1.9, §3.2, and §3.2.3 and MGL c. 40A §8 of enforcement actions by the Inspectional Services Department to issue a violation notice (File #: 17-017204) and fines (67498 and 67514) for violating SZO §9.8.d by parking within the front yard of the structure and Code of Ordinances §11-33b for failure to secure a driveway permit, at 5 Chandler Street aka 11 Park Avenue. RB Zone. Ward 6.

**197 College Avenue (ZBA 2017-112):** Applicant and Owner, Anthony Seretakis, as manager of 197 College Avenue Partners, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by reconstructing and extending a three-story rear deck within the nonconforming rear yard and left side yard. RA Zone. Ward 6.

**109 Porter Street (ZBA 2017-126):** Applicants and Owners, Chris Winkler and Susan Wu, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing second-story rear deck and stairs down to grade within the nonconforming left side yard. RA Zone. Ward 3.

**55 Sargent Avenue (ZBA 2017-117):** Applicant and Owner, Girma Beka, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing three-story rear stairway and roof deck within the nonconforming rear yard and right side yard. RB Zone. Ward 4.

5 Chandler Street: <http://eepurl.com/ddSKhH>  
197 College Avenue: <http://eepurl.com/ddSKKL>  
109 Porter Street: <http://eepurl.com/ddSLdL>  
55 Sargent Avenue: <http://eepurl.com/ddSLSH>

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
As published in The Somerville Times on 12/13/17 & 12/20/17.  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. M117D1918DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Wilner Augustin vs. Junaise Alexis Augustin aka Junaise Alexis  
To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:  
**Roseline Jeanne Bazelaïs, Esq**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**10 Holden St**  
**Suite 7**  
**Malden, MA 02148**

your answer, if any on or before **1/15/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: December 4, 2017.  
**Tara E. De Christofaro**  
**Register of Probate**

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, January 4, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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**845 McGrath Highway & 74 Middlesex Avenue (PB2017-27):** Owner/Applicant, 845 Riverview LLC, is seeking a Planned Unit Development – Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) under Article 16 and Section 6.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) for 0.85 acres in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development of two buildings. Applicant also seeks relief under Section 6.4.12.A for additional building height. One building will be 147’ to the top of roof containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other, 235’ high containing approximately 215 residential units. Both supported by 9,515 square feet of ground floor retail and restaurant space, with parking relief for 293 structured spaces. ASMD zone. PUD-A Overlay District.

Ward 1. 845 McGrath Highway: <http://eepurl.com/ddSNpf>  
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Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am- 7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning>.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville Times on 12/13/17 & 12/20/17.  
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4. Hamlet	10. A small edible sea snail
5. Alice Cooper	11. Chuck Yeager
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB 18-46

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

Winter Hill Community School – Windows & Doors Replacement

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on **Wednesday December 13th, 2017.**

Sealed proposals will be received until **Wednesday January 3rd, 2018 at 11:00am.** Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

**Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email [mrichards@somervillema.gov](mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov) for information and the bid package.**

**Michael Richards**  
Assistant Purchasing Director

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City of Somerville  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to review a Notice of Intent for DEP File No. 287-0062 submitted by AECOM on behalf of applicant Massachusetts Property, LLC., under authorization of the property owner, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The applicant proposes to perform exploratory geotechnical borings and sediment sampling associated with a proposed pedestrian bridge to be located across the Mystic River between the cities of Somerville and Everett. Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. Contact Vanessa Boukili, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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Menorah lighting  
ceremony on City  
Hall Concourse  
December 19

Join Mayor Curtatone and City staff for Somerville's annual ceremonial lighting of a Menorah on the City Hall Concourse on December 19 at 5:30 p.m., with Rabbi Eliana from Temple B'nai Brith.

All members of the community are invited to join Mayor Curtatone and city staff for a brief ceremony and photo on the City Hall Concourse. The Menorah will be lit each night of Hanukkah, though the ceremony will officially take place on the final night of Hannukah. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on the city's holiday events, please call 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the city).

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|December 13

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

**West Branch Library**  
Good CRAFTernoon  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Thursday|December 14**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave  
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting  
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Lego Club  
3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Friday|December 15**  
**Central Library**  
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds  
10:30 a.m.- 11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Saturday|December 16**  
**Central Library**  
9th Annual Paper Snowflake Workshop  
2 p.m.-4p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Monday|December 18**  
**Central Library**  
Sing Along  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave  
Middle School Writers' Den  
5:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|December 19**  
**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

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

**Wednesday|December 20**  
**East Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Favorite Things: A Holiday Movie Night  
5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS  
Wednesday|December 13

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Backroom Series:Tony McManus|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
The LC, Bitter Magnolia, Kirk Windsor, Erin Bonnie  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
13th Annual Boston Christmas Cavalcade for the Homeless  
Livingston Taylor, The Chandler Travis Philharmonic, Merrie Amsterburg, The Boston Typewriter Orchestra, The Boogaloo Swamis  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Russell Turnquist  
7:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic  
6 p.m.|Café  
New Play Reading Series  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Thursday|December 14**  
**Sally O'Brien's**  
The High End, The Peasants, Trusty Sidekick  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm  
Backroom Series: The Book of J|7 p.m.  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Machakos Kyalo\*DroBrown\*P Double\*Foreign Titles  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
The Moth: True Stories Told Live – Esperanza  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
John Williams Jam Band  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Celebrate all things Local with SBN!  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Pub Sing at The Armory  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Friday|December 15**  
**Sally O'Brien's**  
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.  
Boston Emissions holiday party / DCF Gift Drive \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room: Ruth Rappaport, Ben Wetherbee|7:30 p.m.  
Young Love and the Thrills|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Exit Academy, Reaver, Wave Break, Christopher Jackson  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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DJ McRiddleton  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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**Thunder Road**  
Swimmer (Progressive Rock)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Boycott  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.  
B.U.M.P|9 p.m.

Dirty Disney|10:15 p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Arts at the Armory**  
Cirque Us! Extravaganza 2017  
6 p.m.and 8:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Richard Cambridge Poets Theatre  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|December 16**  
**Sally O'Brien's**  
One Thin Dime |6 p.m.  
Muddy Lussy, NYC's The Habits \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room:  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room: Real School Of Music Student Showcase|12 p.m.  
Verdegree w/ Special Guest Ava Sophia|7 p.m.  
Red Square|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
ThebandVú, TheDeepState, Shotgun-Waltz, TheNewAmericanGoodTime-Boy  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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Karaoke  
65 Holland St

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**Thunder Road**  
Tory Silver|6 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Boston Rock Opera's Happening Holiday Special.  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
DJ J-Wall  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.  
Sean Patton w/ Ryan Donahue|8 p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Sunday|December 17**  
**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.  
Sam Reid & The Riot Act|8:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.  
Los Goutos|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Kristin Jorgenson CD Release Show with The Grownup Noise|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
The Late Risers|3 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Ball in the House  
3 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**

Bostonality "Forward" EP Release and Showcase  
7 p.m.| Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
2 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Monday|December 18**  
**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.  
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Steve Harding|Clark Innersky|Dan Barracuda|Graham Peck  
345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m.  
Rum Bar Records Happy Hanukkah Mess-Around|7:30 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

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

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Tuesday|December 19**  
**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
SYM Tuesdays  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.  
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The Ghetto People Band  
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**Highland Kitchen**  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
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**PJ Ryan's**  
Pub Quiz  
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Fundraiser for Ladies Rock! Metal Yoga with Boston Roller Derby & Black Widow Yoga|6:30 p.m.  
Heavy Metal Tuesday|7 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

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

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

**Wednesday|December 20**  
**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
See you next week for poker  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Backroom Series: Miss Tess & The Talkbacks|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.  
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**P.A.'s Lounge**  
The Woodchix|Ten Dollar Mistake|Scotch Holiday|Tom Beyer  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
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The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
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**Thunder Road**  
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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom**  
Dive the Tower  
Bloom, Sister  
8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Verdegree  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq|617-625-5700

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|December 13

**Central Library**  
A Bout to Benefit 2018 Planning Meeting  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|December 14**  
**Central Library**  
Community Conversations for Working Parents  
6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave  
Yoga at the Library  
6 p.m.-7 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|December 16**  
**Illumination of Lights Tour**  
4:15 p.m.| Starts at City Hall

**Somerville Winter Farmers Market**  
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave

**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|December 17**  
**Somerville Flea Market**  
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Central Library**  
A Christmas Carol performed by Hampstead Stage  
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**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|December 18**  
**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Tuesday|December 19**  
**Aeronaut Brewing Company**  
Books & Brews Book Club  
6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

**Wednesday|December 20**  
**Central Library**  
Favorite Things: A Holiday Movie Night  
5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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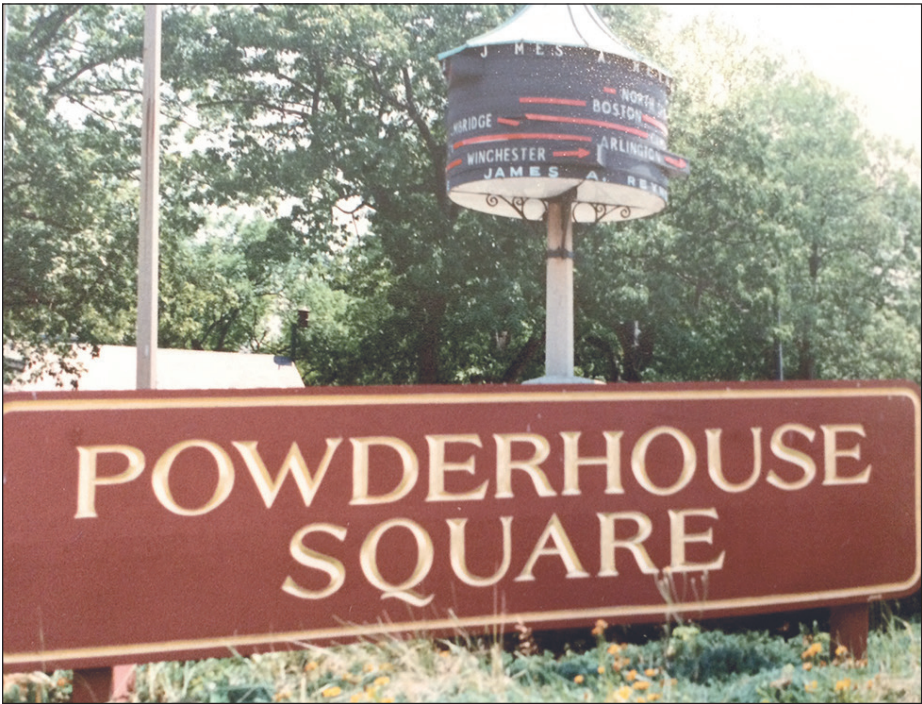
to the Sacramento Valley area and the newly named and fast-expanding town of San Francisco.

With so many people arriving to the undeveloped Pacific coast, Langmaid saw his opportunity. He hired and sent fully laden ships that quickly sold his products off their decks to the newly found rich. Thus, he made his fortune not from gold, but from the gold diggers. This enabled him and his family to acquire property in Boston, Charlestown, and Somerville where success followed. He held positions as Director of the Middlesex Railroad, President of the East Boston Gas Company and Alderman in Charlestown.

The family holdings in Somerville included the Highland and Langmaid buildings on Central Hill and his home on Langmaid Terrace at the intersection of Broadway and Langmaid Avenue on Winter Hill. This was once the residence of President Barack Obama while he attended Harvard University. Mr. Langmaid’s company was located on Clyde Street, which is the present site of Maxwell’s Green.

This wasn’t the only discovery of gold

to affect Somerville residents. Through the years, minute traces of gold were found in some veins across the city. In 1896 gold was discovered in the blue-stone slate outcroppings near the shadow of the old Powder House. The site was alongside the corner of Willow Avenue and Foscett Street. It caused a lot of excitement that year, but the deposit was so small that the Gold Rush was almost over before it began. The establishment of the Somerville Gold and Silver Company was short lived. Today, the Argonauts are rushing to Somerville, not in search of gold, but for her historic real estate.



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

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

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

**Free Groceries Every Month?** – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center. Pick up for December 21st will be at 167 Holland Street, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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

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

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway, December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-

625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov).

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

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

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month: December 14th. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

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

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

**Illumination of Light Tour** - Saturday, December 16 – Check in is at 4:15 p.m. at the High School Concourse - \$5 – Hop on the trolley and be amazed at the Holiday Lights in Somerville. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Holiday Party & Bingo** – Thursday, December 19. Call Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening at the Holland Street Center.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Scheduled for December 21. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov).

**Atlantic City** – Wednesday, January 31 to Friday, February 2 - \$189 per person double or \$259 per person single – Includes: motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging, \$25 slot dollars, 2-\$30 meal credit and 2 casino show tickets. For additional information please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Powers Music School Neighborhood Concert Series** – Thursday, February 1st starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

**LGBTQ EVENTS:**

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

**HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

**Mens Group** – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men’s group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! 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.

**CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMAITON**

**English Conversation** – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 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. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Arts & Crafts** – On hiatus until after the 1st of the year. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

**Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)**

**Mondays:**

9:00 Walking Club (H)

11:00 Tai Chi (H)

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

**Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

**Wednesdays:**

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise

9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition

11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H)

12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise

5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

**Thursdays:**

9:00 Yoga (H)

9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

**Fridays:**

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

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

**Every Monday**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

**Every Tuesday**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Every Wednesday**

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

**Every Thursday**

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

**Every Friday**

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)

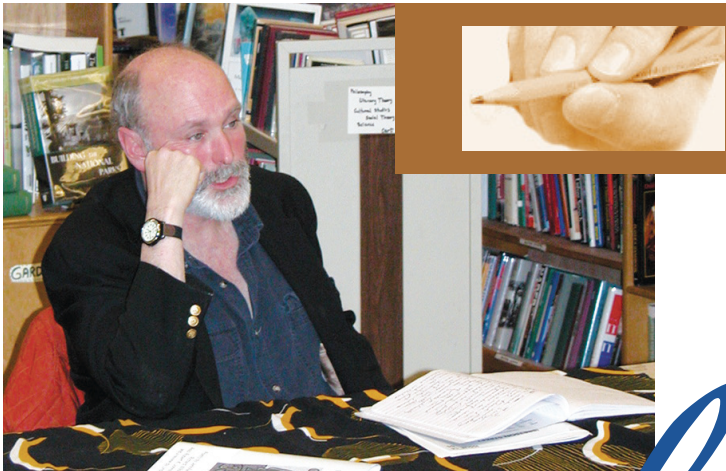
11:30 Lunch (H)

11:45 Bingo (H)

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**You can receive our monthly newsletter** that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.



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SKURTU, ROMANIA

Dad hears there's a town in Romania  
where almost everyone is a Skurtu,  
and I think about Jo-Ann Fabric.  
The aisles of zippers, mismatched bolts  
of cloth that frenzied my eyes electric—  
and on all of these, a zebra-striped sticker  
with the letters SKU. Skurtu supplies.

If this town exists, I imagine it's full  
of dads teaching their children to draw  
shapes: circle, square, slibeedoo.  
A town with balls—like Dad, when a cop  
pulled him over for no apparent reason,  
looked at his license and said,  
*Step out of the car, Mr. Skrewtoo.*  
Looking that cop in the eye, Dad said,  
*That's not how you pronounce it.*  
*My name is Mr. SkrewYou.*

In that one-family town, no one loses  
a name. Unlike Mr. Freid, whose grandfather,  
at Ellis Island, spoke the only English words  
he knew but couldn't spell. *I am afreid.*  
And fear, with a foreign accent, renamed him.

— Tara Skurtu

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OFF THE SHELF

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'The Aeneid' by Virgil

Translated by David Ferry

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Review by Dennis Daly  
(correspondent to *Off the Shelf* and noted critic)

Whether carrying his father and leading his son out of a burning city, navigating his fleet through a tsunami, escaping a Carthaginian seductress, visiting the forbidden realm of Hades, or engaging in mortal combat with a Latin prince, Aeneas, in David Ferry's new and superbly rendered translation of Virgil's *Aeneid*, conveys the destiny of civilization forward into its ordained future. This epic journey with episodic tragedies, and mythological wonders still captures the imagination of modern readers perplexed by their own earthly impediments and those nasty, ill-deserved thunderbolt strikes from above.

Publius Vergilius Maro (Virgil) wrote *The Aeneid* for Octavian Caesar Augustus during the last ten years of his life (29-19 BC). He at first ordered his executors to burn the unedited manuscript. Octavian apparently intervened and countermanded that directive. Some critics argue that the book's purpose was to justify Augustan succession and ultimately Pax Romana. Others believe that Virgil turned his work into something much larger, an allegory of man's destiny and independence in the face of intruding forces emanating from a panoply of misanthropic and whimsical divinities. In any case, the narrative seems to take on a life of its own, at times brutally realistic, at other times strangely comforting.

Whereas John Dryden in 1697 provided the coming eighteenth century with a glorious translation of *The Aeneid* to match that historical era and temperament, Ferry contributes a comparable achievement during this onset of the twenty-first century. Dryden's heroic couplets both expanded and compacted the original text based on his understanding of Virgil's intent. Ferry does much the same thing going with, not fighting the natural flow and intricacies of modern English. Additionally, the method Dryden employed bestowed a smoothness and a halting beauty, his couplets neatly completing images and thoughts. Ferry, using loose blank verse with anapests and other feet substituting here and there for iambs, accomplishes much of the same beauty with added speed and elongated elegance. The elongation reminds one of and occasionally flirts with the original hexameter instrument, and the strategic irregularity accommodates itself very well indeed to the modern ear. In *Book One* Ferry's word choices describing the fierce storm, instigated by Juno, the queen of gods, to obstruct Aeneas' fleet, leaves the reader both breathless and awestruck,

... a sudden violent  
Burst of wind comes crashing against the sails,  
The prow of the ship turns round, the oars are broken,  
The ship is broadside to the waves and then  
A mountain of water descends upon them all;  
Some of the men hang clinging high upon  
The high-most of the wave and others see  
The very ground beneath the sea revealed  
As hissing with sand the giant wave recoils;  
Three of the ships are spun by the South Wind onto

A huge rock ridge that hulks up out of the sea  
(The name the Italians call it is The Altars);  
Three other ships the East Wind runs aground  
And carries them into the shallows, a wretched sight,  
The sand heaped up around them. Aeneas himself  
Saw how a monstrous devouring wave rose up  
And struck the stern of the ship the Lycians and  
Faithful Orontes rode in...

Emotions well up and manifest themselves in Book Six when a perplexed and remorseful Aeneas in Hades meets Dido, his temptress and lover, who caused their forbidden dalliance in defiance of fate. Distraught, he questions the circumstances of her suicide. Departures like this from *The Aeneid's* epic tone and majesty create the emotional depth that captures the reader and makes Virgil all the more compelling. Here's Ferry's splendid rendering of the scene,

Is it true, what I was told, that you were dead,  
And with a sword had brought about your death?  
And was it I, alas, who caused it? I  
Swear by the stars, and by the upper world,  
And by whatever here below is holy,  
I left your shores unwillingly. It was  
The gods' commands which have brought me now  
down through  
The shadows to these desolate wasted places,  
In the profound abysmal dark; it was  
The gods who drove me, and I could not know  
That when I left I left behind a grief  
So devastated. Stay. Who is it you  
Are fleeing from? Do not withdraw from sight.  
This is the last I am allowed by fate  
To say to you." Weeping he tried with these,  
His words, to appease the rage in her fiery eyes.

Notice the meeting of pathos and white-hot ire at the end of the selection. As a suicide Dido was condemned to live in the past, forever enshrining her tragedy. Seems a bit unjust! And, paradoxically, quite suitable for our age.

During his quest Aeneas loses quite a lot: his wife left in Troy's flames, Dido, his lover, succumbing to suicide, and Pallas, the Arcadian boy he was guardian to, felled by the prince of his enemies. All sacrificed to destiny. Along the way circumstances seem to alter "pious" Aeneas' psychological makeup. In his climactic battle with Turnus, his Latin antagonist, Aeneas shuns the mercy asked for by his remorseful rival and lets vengefulness rule the day, perhaps even prospectively setting the precedent that influenced the history of Rome with strife and civil war down to Octavian's time. After some hesitation the deal is sealed when Aeneas glimpses Pallas' sword belt on Turnus. Ferry feels the building wrath and translates part of Virgil's last scene this way,

When Aeneas saw it on Turnus' shoulder, shining  
Memorial of the dolorous story, and  
Of his own grief, the terrible savage rage  
Rose up in him, and he said to Turnus, "Did you  
Think that you could get away with this,  
Wearing this trophy of what you did to him?  
It is Pallas who makes you his sacrifice. It is Pallas  
Who drives this home!" And saying this he ripped  
Open the breast of Turnus and Turnus' bones  
Went chilled and slack...

No hyperbole needed in praise of David Ferry's translation of *The Aeneid*. Truly astonishing.



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