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 $Cleanup\ crews\ are\ still\ hard\ at\ work,\ clearing\ the\ snowfall\ from\ last\ week's\ extreme\ winter\ storm.$ – Photo by Mike Moccia of Ball Square Café

By Jim Clark

The ominous warnings about the impending so-called "bomb cyclone" became a reality last week, as a record-breaking winter storm of massive proportions lashed the East Coast with freezing winds and a thick lathering of snow all along the eastern seaboard.

Over the past two weeks, more than a few records have been broken, with the coldest stretch of cold weather recorded in over 100 years, the temperatures this weekend measuring the coldest since 1896. At one point, wind chills of -28 were registered in Boston. Tides were pushed higher as well as a result of the tremendously high winds that pushed along the shoreline.

About a foot of snow accumulated across the Greater Boston area, including Somerville. Cleanup crews were kept busy throughout the storm, struggling to keep roadways and footpaths clear for residents. Continued on page 4

Words of farewell from our outgoing Somerville aldermen

By The Times Staff

Outgoing Board of Aldermen members Jack Connolly, Maryann Heuston, Robert McWatters, and Dennis M. Sullivan offer their thoughts and feelings on their tenure on the Board. They are presented in alphabetical order based on last names. Also, former Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente chose not to run for re-election this term; his statement to follow. We thank them all for their service and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Former Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly:

Since Election Day, it has been déjà vu all over again for me, having been in the same position some 12 years ago, having lost the Ward Six Alderman election.

No matter where I go, two to three times a day, somebody is saying "I'm so sorry for your loss..." Nobody likes to lose, but the good news is

nobody died: You can lose an election, but you don't lose your reputation.

I feel OK, having been

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The Human Rights Commission invites you to the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event, entitled, "Growing Our Community," to be held on Monday, January 15. The annual event will be held at the East Somerville Community School, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The celebration will be emceed by Marcus Santos, and features musical performances by El Sistema and the World Percussion Ensemble as well as readings by winners of the student essay contest. This year, the Somerville Human Rights Commission will be recognizing the work of the late Ralph Hergert. For eleven years, Hergert served as the Director of Human Services for the City of Somerville. In this role, he helped create the Human Rights Commission, as well as the city's Martin Luther King Jr., Celebration. Please note that they will be holding a food drive at this location. Feel free to bring canned goods and nonperishable items.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to former School Committee member and great person, Julie Tarpey DiPasquale. We wish her the very best and hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to Matt Hoey, who grew up here and is one of the many historical authorities in Somerville. We hope he has a great day on his birthday. Happy birthday to Matt McGlashing, who is celebrating this week as well. To local guy and business man who also grew up here in East Somerville, Dominick Silvestri Jr., of the sign company in Magoun Square. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Theresa Rodriques of Winter Hill. We hope she has a great day. Big time happy birthday to one of Somerville's finest first responders, firefighter Kevin O'Donovan. We hope he has a great day. To the many other Somervillens who are celebrating this week, we wish them a very happy birthday.

Our condolences to the family of Karen Piro, who passed away this week in Flordia. Karen, who grew up and lived for many years here, was married to former State Representative Vincent Piro. She was a beautiful person Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Wrong for Assembly Square and wrong for Somerville

Matt C says:

I appreciate what you are saying, however, if we are going to build tall Assembly is the place where it should happen. If these properties will be revenue positive for the city I am okay with this. I agree I would prefer a commercial tower, or at least mixed.

Anthony miller says:

If it's built we need to make sure the developer hires a responsible contractor. One the will hire local residents, uses apprenticeship programs, believes in paying a fair wage, and provides health insurance to its employees. All sub contractors on the job need to also be held to these standards.

Elio LoRusso says:

Talk about a postage stamp? How about a 69' tall building with underground parking being proposed on the corner of George St and Broadway. 4 parking spots being taken away on George St. The development makes no sense at all. One community meeting held by the Alderman that did not go well and now the attorney and developer are trying to sneak it in. But not over my watch... If anyone reads this, please attend the ZBA meeting on January 17 at City Hall 6 PM.

Wig Zamore says:

Assembly Square is 145 acres, as large as downtown Boston from North to South Stations inclusive, and has a zoning ordinance which places the tallest buildings within 1000 feet of the new Orange Line station and a safe distance from the highways. Federal Realty alone has a legal settlement with Mystic View Task Force members and supporters that allows development of 2100 housing units on just their land, and they have recently committed to any new not yet approved approved blocks containing 20% affordable units. We could re-zone Assembly Square to put the tall and residential buildings a longer distance from the T-stop but that would result in greater reliance on highway vehicular traffic rather than the MBTA. Certainly the closer you put residents to the highways the greater the health effects on those families. If, instead, you put mostly sealed commercial lab or office space in those locations, as is currently planned, they buffer the highway pollution from residential and open space at Assembly. We could also allow much greater density across all of Assembly but that would certainly require a huge amount of new transportation and water and sewer expenditures in an area of Route 28, Route 38 and I93 that is already fully congested at afternoon rush hour.

Response to: Clean-up underway in Somerville

MarketMan says:

This is great. Now I just wish the city would plow sidewalks. Homeowners/residents are just not doing their job well. It's hard to do our commute by T, because walking in some areas is tough... Homeowners/residents aren't doing their part. Some sidewalks are well done, but others aren't shoveled at all. Some have only a very narrow passage cleared, so anyone pushing a stroller/etc (which we are) has a serious challenge.

FedUp says:

I have no problem with the people who were out on the streets doing the work, but this city is a mess right now. I've seen 3 plow trucks come up the street in a convoy for a few inches. I think we saw one plow all day Thursday, and I'm not sure there were any on Friday. On Sunday afternoon they disrupted Davis Square for 'snow removal', yet Monday night you practically needed a dog sled to get through the lot at Rite Aid. Yet there was the PCO ready and willing to give tickets to parking meter scofflaws. Let's get real, it's time to eliminate the snow emergency parking ban. It's pretty clear that it is only for the revenue and nothing else. Also, letting people park in public lots, then telling them the next day they need to get out does nothing but unleash hundreds of cars onto streets filled with snow. It turns into survival of the fittest. If you take your car out for 5 minutes someone has parked in your spot. Do it like Boston does. Leave the cars on the street, plow the middle, then everyone has to shovel out their car, but they'll have a spot.

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Words of farewell from our outgoing Somerville aldermen CONT. FROM PG 1

Jack Connolly.

successful some seventeen out of nineteen elections, having served as the Ward Six Alderman for eleven straight terms starting back in 1984, and serving as an Alderman at Large from 2007-2017.

It has been a good run, and I am fortunate to have been part of many successes large and small, working with so many good people, organizations and officials.

Looking back, some significant milestones come to mind, all accomplished with the efforts of hundreds of citizens, neighborhood groups, elected colleagues, appointed officials, along with four elected mayors' and their Administrations, often accompanied by agonizingly long and difficult negotiations, neighborhood meetings, and fiery debates.

Here are a few that come to mind. Planning and building the Red Line T stops in Davis Sq. along with Mayor Brune his administration, and with the vision and foresight of, the Davis Sq. Task Force, to my mind, one of most influential neighborhood groups ever to have existed in the City;

Rebuilding Davis Sq after the Davis Sq. T stop opened, what with constructing of the Harvard Vanguard building on Holland St., and the 212 Elm St. office building at the south end of the Square;.

Creating the Somerville Historic and Traffic Commissions;

Saving the nationally-designated historic Somerville Theater in Davis Square;

Bringing in businesses such as Redbones, the Burren, the Diesel Cafe, the Joshua Tree, and CVS to Davis Square;

Planning and constructing the Somerville Housing Authority owned building Ciampa Manor (home to dozens of Somerville elders on limited incomes) on College Ave. in Davis Sq.;

Bringing streetlamps and new pathways to Powder House Park;

Adding the University District to Somerville's Zoning Code, thereby limiting Tufts University to common-sense compatible campus development and preservation of green space in West Somerville;

Planning and constructing the Community Path from Lowell St. to Cambridge

Reforming the liquor License Commission, getting rid of bad barrooms, and bringing new restaurants throughout the

Planning and building Assembly Sq., and bringing the Orange line T stop to that development;

Planning and updating the Union Sq. Zoning Code in order to make way for the Green Line Extension into Union Sq. and on through the City;

All of these milestones were done with the cooperation and interaction with City Administrations, involved citizens, neighborhoods, and Board of Aldermen colleagues (I served with almost four dozen) working together.

It wouldn't be fair not to be grateful to each one of the Mayors and their respective Administrations with who I've had the pleasure to work with, (and yes, sometimes battle with!) and sharing many successes with, over all these years.

A heartfelt 'Thank you' goes out to Mayor BRUNE, Mayor Capuano, Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, and current Mayor Curtatone, since so much has been accomplished during our collective tenure.

Much has been accomplished working with so many committed Aldermen over the years. I am leaving the Board of Aldermen with several Ward Aldermen Maryann Houston, Bob McWatters, Tony Lafuente, and my At-Large Alderman colleague Dennis Sullivan. Several of us were born and raised here in Somerville, and the only agenda that all of us espoused was that of no agenda, other than to improve the quality of lives' for citizens and residents one and all, whether you are a Somerville 'lifer', or new here to the 'Ville.

It is certainly has been an honor to have served the City of Somerville with those fellow departing BOA members.

My best wishes to the Mayor and his Administration in his next term, and also the same for the Board of Aldermen for 2018 and 2019.

Farewell until we meet again; Look forward to seeing you around the City!

Former Ward 2 Alderman Maryann

My thanks to The Somerville Times for the opportunity to say a few words about my time in office and to express my grat-



Maryann Heuston.

itude for the privilege of representing Ward 2 for the last 16 years. Since the election I have received many expressions of thanks and that has been very gratifying. Yes, I am proud of the reconstruction of Beacon street and Somerville Ave, passing ordinances for open space and protection of the environment, a new ordinance to better regulate trash and address rodent issues, the passing of Union Square zoning including 20% affordability for new construction, and support of the Vision 0 Coalition to make our streets more livable. But my thanks go to the many residents, activists, business owners and City workers who inspired, challenged, and motivated me to take on issues both large and small.

I thank the residents of Brickbottom where their continual engagement has resulted in the removal of the Waste Transfer Station, the establishment of Art Farm, an active involvement in the GLX, pedestrian improvements along McGrath, and proposals regarding new zoning which will transform that area.

I thank the residents of the Lincoln Park Neighborhood for calling attention to a rampant rodent problem resulting in a focused approach to the address it, the creation of the Rodent Task force of the BOA, and a new trash ordinance. Lincoln Park neighbors also made an enormous commitment of time to participate in the design of the new Lincoln Park and their continued concern for cut through traffic and safe streets Continued on page 9

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The Somerville Community Preservation Committee invites all interested community members to hear about the FY 2018 Community Preservation Act (CPA) historic resources and open space/recreational land project proposals before the Community Preservation Committee, and offer feedback on which deserve to receive funding, at two community meetings in January.



The first will be held on Tuesday, January 16 and the second will be held on Wednesday, January 24. Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the community room at the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) at 259 Lowell St. Parking is extremely limited at the VNA, so please make arrangements to walk, bike, or carpool if possible, or use street parking. Written comments on the applications will also be accepted through Thursday, February 22, 2018.

The applications are available online at www.somervillema.gov/CPA2018. Email comments to kstelljes@somevillema.gov. For more information, contact Emily Monea at 617-625-6600 x2118 or emonea@somervillema.gov.

By Jim Clark

The convenience of a bat

Police officers were dispatched to a Willow Ave. convenience store last week on reports of a robbery having taken place.

Police dispatch operators provided a license plate number for the suspect's getaway vehicle

While en route to the store, the officers spotted the vehicle driving past them at Cedar St., heading eastbound at Broadway.

The officers activated their blue lights and made a U-turn towards the vehicle and pulled it over at the corner where Broadway Auto Sales and the Sunoco Gas Station meet.

According to reports, the driver was very hesitant. With their lights and sirens activated, the responding officers and a backup unit boxed the vehicle in a V shape manner, denying the vehicle an escape route.

The responding officers exited their cruiser and took out their service weapons as it had been broadcast that the suspect was in possession of a knife.

Police ordered the driver to open his car door, at which point one officer took the suspect out of the vehicle and put him in the prone position on the ground while placing him in handcuffs.

The suspect, later identified as a Brian Barry, of Medford, was pat frisked, at which time police reportedly found a silver knife inside of his hoodie. The knife was immediately seized for evidence.

The officers then went through Barry's vehicle to look for instruments used during the alleged armed robbery. Police reportedly found a pair of white gloves, a white facemask and Boston baseball hat that placed Barry at the scene of the crime. These items were verified as being described by numerous witnesses and were in plain view in the vehicle.

The officers received a text containing pictures of Barry wearing the same clothing that he had on at the time and possessing the same items (white face mask, white gloves, Boston red sox B logo hat and the silver knife) while he was attempting to rob the store clerk with a knife.

The store clerk reportedly told police that Barry entered the and said, "Give me money. Give me all the money from the lottery." The clerk said he replied, "Come over here and get the money."

As the suspect made his way behind the counter, the clerk said he pulled out a bat to defend himself. The clerk reportedly told police that Barry then swung the knife at him and ran out of the store towards Morrison Ave., to a waiting vehicle.

Two witnesses positively identified Barry as the suspect on the scene, and he was subsequently placed under arrest on a charge of armed assault to rob.

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Arrests:

Brian Barry, of 12 Wedgemere Rd., Medford, January 3, 8:41 p.m., arrested at Willow Ave. on a charge of armed

assault to rob.

Ivan Ramirez, of 51 Flint St., January 5, 10:08 p.m., arrested at Cedar St. on a warrant charge of assault to murder.

Alan Marshall, of 11 Dubois St., Roxbury, January 7, 5:38 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by as-

Dominique Finch, of 480 Mystic Ave., January 8, 6:05 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of possession of cocaine to distribute and conspiracy to violate drug law.

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Highly anticipated 'bomb cyclone' hammers east coast, hits close to home CONT. FROM PG 1

Wednesday, with much colder than average temperatures recorded as far south as Florida, which experienced such surreal events as frozen iguanas dropping out of trees.

Rapid drops in pressure occurred as the storm made its way up the coastline, and grew so large it began to take on the characteristics of a hurricane. Hence the term "bomb cyclone."

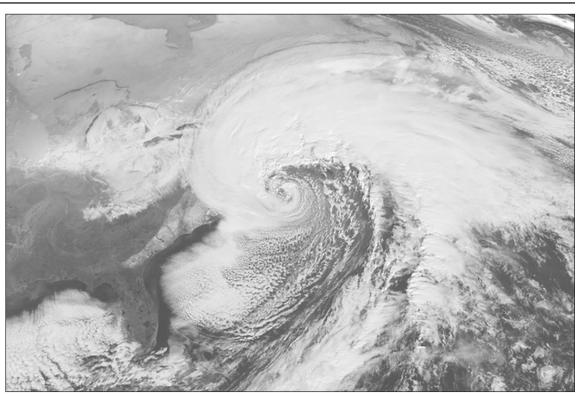
Snowfall varied along the coast. New York recorded about a half of a foot of snow, while other cities in the southern regions only took a few inches.

According to meteorologists, the term "bomb cyclone" specifically refers to a rapidly deepening extratropical cy-

It began in earnest last clonic low-pressure area. To enter this category, the central pressure of a depression at 60° latitude is required to decrease by 24 mbar (hPa) or more in 24 hours. This is a predominantly maritime, winter event, but also occurs in continental settings. This process is the extratropical equivalent of the tropical rapid deepening.

Locally, a good amount of snow needed to be cleared from roads and walkways. Not an easy task in such a cold and unforgiving environment.

While the worst has passed, there is still some digging out to be done, and city officials are warning residents to follow safety procedures and avoid long exposure to the elements.



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A lifetime of providing care for others

By Nathan Lamb

Charlene Inch was a family caregiver for many years out of necessity. But these days she's finding fulfillment by opening her home for others who need care.

Inch provides live-in care for three women at her Groveland home, through the Adult Family Care (AFC) program. She started 11 years ago, after her husband died, both for companionship and to help others.

"I've been a caregiver my whole life and I love it," said Inch. "It makes me feel good to know these ladies are taken care of and happy."

AFC helps MassHealth-eligible people who can't live alone receive care in a home setting, by providing compensation, training and paid respite for caregivers. The program usually assists family caregivers, but in some cases- like Inch's- it matches qualified caregivers with people who need daily assistance.

A retired hospital clerk and school department employee, Inch learned the art of caregiving while helping her sister, who was a juvenile diabetic, and later her parents and husband.

"My whole thing is to keep family at home and take care of them for as long as possible," she said. "Family means a lot to me, and I don't like being alone."

It was a family connection that led Inch

"My sister was caring for two women through the program, and I asked her social worker if she knew anybody looking for a home," said Inch. "She said, 'I think I've got just the person, and that was Patty."

Patty, now 79, moved in with Inch 11 years ago and Celeste, now 64, joined them shortly after. And Patty's sister Anna, 69, moved in this summer. Inch assists them with a variety of daily living tasks, but they also make time for a daily ride together, even if it's just to

Inch said it's been a very good experience, much like having a new extended

"I think of myself as a caregiver, but it's different in our home, because it's their



Charlene Inch (third from left) met Anna, Celeste and Patty as a live-in caregiver through the Adult Family Care program, and said they've become very much like an extended family.

home too," said Inch. "I like it when they call it their home. That means a lot to me."

Adult Family Care is a non-profit program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that supports in-home caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

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Somerville Police 'Beyond The Call Of Duty' Award

This month's "Beyond The Call Of Duty" Award, presented to Officer Matt Khoury, is based on a recommendation from Officer Anthony Manzelli, and from an in-depth conversation with George Mihos, the owner of Tech Auto Body in Union Square.

On Thursday, December 28, 2017, a man and his young son drove down from Marston Mills intending to buy a car from Tech Auto Body in Union Square.



The car was for the man's son, who had worked long hours to save up the \$3,000 he was going to use to buy this car. Of course, the money was all cash and in a white envelope. You can guess where this one is going.

According to Mihos, he allowed the two to take the car for a test drive, and when they returned, they couldn't find the money. They frantically looked in the car, in Tech's parking lot, and along the route, they traveled on the test drive. At one point during the drive, they got out of the car somewhere on Highland Avenue to inspect the sunroof. Unfortunately, when they returned to that spot, they were not able to locate the envelope there, either. Dejected, they returned to Tech where they told Mihos that they were just going to drive home. Mihos suggested that they go to the Somerville Police Station to report the lost envelope, "just in case somebody found it and turned it in." After doing this, they started the long drive back to the Cape.

Matt Khoury happened to be in the Station and learned of what happened. The weather was extremely cold, but he took it upon himself to go out there to try to find the money. Sure enough, Matt was able to find that white envelope at the corner of Highland and Hamlet. One happy father and son returned to the Station, collected their money, and purchased the car. Mihos told me that he couldn't believe it. "That officer did a great job. He saved the day."

Beacon Hill Roll Call



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With today's edition, *The Somerville Times* begins coverage of the 2018 Massachusetts legislative session with our weekly *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report. This feature is a clear and concise compilation of the voting records of local state representatives and senators.

Beacon Hill Roll Call provides an unbiased summary of bills and amendments, arguments from floor debate on both sides of the issue and each legislator's vote or lack of vote on the matter. This information gives readers an opportunity to monitor their elected officials' actions on Beacon Hill. Many bills are reported on in their early stages, giving readers the opportunity to contact their legislators and express an opinion prior to the measure being brought up for final action.

The feature Also *Up on Beacon Hill* informs readers of other important matters at the Statehouse.

Quotable Quotes shares the week's most interesting quotes from Beacon Hill.

Beacon Hill Roll Call is written and provided by Bob Katzen, a former Boston radio talk show host at WRKO, WITS and WMEX. Katzen has been providing this feature to hundreds of newspapers across the Bay State for 43 years since 1975.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: The House and Senate kicked off the 2018 legislative session last week on Beacon Hill. Most of the activity was ceremonial and there were no roll calls in either branch.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on the number of times each senator sided with Republican Gov. Charlie Baker on his 179 vetoes of items in the 2017 session.

A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto in the 40-member Senate that includes 33 Democrats and seven Republicans. The governor needed the support of 15 senators to sustain a veto if all 40 senators voted – and fewer votes if some members were absent. Baker fell short of that goal as nine votes were the most support he received on any veto. The Senate easily overrode all 179 vetoes, including 17 that were overridden unanimously.

The vetoes had little support among Democrats in the Senate. Only two of the chamber's 33 Democrats voted with Baker to sustain any vetoes while the other 31 did not support the governor even once. The Democratic senator who supported Baker the most times was Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston), who supported him 79 times (44.1 percent). The only other Democrat to support the governor was Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford), who supported Baker three times (1.6 percent.)

The GOP senator who voted with Baker the most times was Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster), who supported the governor 149 times (83.2 percent). Fattman even surpassed GOP Minority Leader Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) who only voted with the Baker 109 times (60.8 percent).

The Republican senator who voted the least amount of times with Baker was Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth), 79 times (44.1 percent).

Other Republican senators and how many times they supported Baker include Sens. Vinny deMacedo (R-Plymouth), 133 times (74.3 percent); Donald Hu-

mason (R-Westfield), 119 times (66.4 percent); and Richard Ross 92 times (51.3 percent).

PERCENTAGE OF TIMES LOCAL SENATORS SUPPORTED GOV, BAKER'S VETOES

Here are how local senators fared in their support of Gov. Baker on his vetoes.

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times that the senator supported Baker's vetoes.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times that the senator supported Baker's vetoes.

Some senators voted on all 179 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the 179 votes. Each record is based on the number of roll calls on which a senator voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 0 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REQUIRE DECAL FOR DRIVERS ON LEARN-ER'S PERMIT (H 2761) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would require two copies of a highly-reflective decal or other symbol to be clearly visible to law enforcement officers on the window of any vehicle being operated by a driver with a learner's permit or a junior operator's license. The size, fee and other details would be determined by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. A violation of the requirement would result in a fine up to \$50.

Supporters said this would warn other motorists that the driver is inexperienced and encourage them to take extra caution. They say the requirement would likely reduce the frustration of other motorists, reduce unnecessary honking, prevent injuries and maybe even save lives.

Opponents noted that that if a permanent decal is used, experienced drivers would often be driving the car with the decal and be mistaken for a novice behind the wheel. They argue that some motorists might pass student drivers illegally on a double yellow line to avoid being stuck behind someone learning to drive.

"NON-EMERGENCY" VS. "NON-ESSENTIAL" STATE WORKERS - "Due to the current winter situation, the governor has directed that non-emergency state employees working in Executive Branch agencies should not report to their workplaces on Thursday, January 4, 2018," said the notice on Gov. Baker's website.

Up until a few years ago, governors often used the term "non-essential" employees instead of "non-emergency." Those governors were often criticized and asked why "non-essential" employees were hired in the first place. Somewhere along the line, someone figured it out and ever since that time governors have used "non-emergency."

SEPTEMBER 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION DATE CONFLICTS WITH JEWISH HOLIDAYS - Under existing law, the 2018 state primary election would

der existing law, the 2018 state primary election would be held on Tuesday, September 18, which coincides with the important Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. If there is a conflict with a religious holiday, state law requires Secretary of State Bill Galvin to move the primary to a date within seven days of the original September 18 - giving Galvin a choice of the 15 days from Sept. 4 until Sept. 18 to hold the election. A logical choice would be to hold the election the week before on Tuesday, September 11, but that would create another problem because that date coincides with the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

Galvin's office held a hearing last week to allow public input on the problem. Only one person showed up to testify - Benjamin Bloomenthal, who is considering a primary challenge to Rep. Cory Atkins (D-Concord). He suggested that Galvin set the election date for either Tuesday, Sept. 4 or Thursday, Sept. 6.

EVERSOURCE LOWERS ITS RATE INCREASES

- Eversource announced that because of the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, the power company will voluntarily reduce its rate increases for its 1.4 million Bay State customers. These hikes were approved by the Department of Public Utilities in November.

The increase in Eastern Massachusetts was going to be \$12.2 million but the company now says it will use the tax savings to lower the rate by \$35.4 million. In Western Massachusetts, the approved increase of \$24.8 million will instead be a \$16.5 million increase -- a savings of \$8.3 million.

"We believe it's important that our customers reap the benefit of a lower tax rate," said Eversource Massachusetts Electric Operations President Craig Hallstrom. "As a regulated power company our rates are based on our costs, including federal taxes, so if taxes are reduced ultimately costs are reduced and that benefits our customers."

The reductions were announced two weeks after Attorney General Maura Healey called on Eversource and other state utility companies to pass their tax savings along to its customers.

"This tax bill is being paid for by the people of Massachusetts, so the money should go back in their pockets," said Healey. "Our office filed this action to ensure that these savings go to customers. We are glad that Eversource has done the right thing by agreeing to lower its rates and we call on all our state-regulated utilities to do the same."

Eversource spokeswoman Priscilla Ress dismissed Healey's claim that the rate cuts were a reaction to Healey's action and said the filing was strictly voluntary.

BAY STATE'S LEGALIZATION OF POT COULD BE IN JEOPARDY - U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a reversal of the Cole Memorandum, written in 2013 by the Obama Administration's Deputy Attorney General James Cole. The memo provided non-interference guidance to federal prosecutors instructing them to take a laissez-faire stance and not interfere with the laws in states that have legalized the medical or recreational use of marijuana.

"It is the mission of the Department of Justice to enforce the laws of the United States, and the previous issuance of guidance undermines the rule of law and the ability of our local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement partners to carry out this mission," said Sessions. "Therefore, today's memo on federal marijuana enforcement simply directs all U.S. Attorneys to use previously established prosecutorial principles that provide them all the necessary tools to disrupt criminal organizations, tackle the

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growing drug crisis, and thwart violent crime across our country."

Gov. Baker opposed the legalization of pot but disagrees with Sessions. "The Baker-Polito Administration fully supports the will of the voters and the Cannabis Control Commission's mission," said Baker spokesman Brendan Moss. "The administration believes this is the wrong decision and will review any potential impacts from any policy changes by the local U.S. Attorney's Office."

U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Andrew Lelling is the federal official who will make the decisions in Massachusetts on whether to enforce the federal law prohibiting the use of marijuana. In a written statement, last week, Lelling said his office will pursue federal marijuana crimes but will focus on bulk drug traffickers and criminal gangs rather than on retail pot stores and individual buyers.

"This office will pursue federal marijuana crimes as part of its overall approach to reducing violent crime, stemming the tide of the drug crisis, and dismantling criminal gangs, and in particular the threat posed by bulk trafficking of marijuana, which has had a devastating impact on local communities," Lelling said in his statement. "As with all of our decisions, we will continue to use our prosecutorial discretion and work with our law enforcement partners to determine resource availability, weigh the seriousness of the crime and determine the impact on the community."

On Monday, Jim Borghesani, Director of Communications for 'Yes on 4,' the successful campaign to legalize marijuana said that Lelling's statement was vague and does not adequately clarify the prosecutor's intentions. "Massachusetts voters deserve clear, unambiguous answers from U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling to the following questions," said Borghesani. "Will your office prosecute businesses granted a license by the Cannabis Control Commission in the areas of cultivation, testing, manufacturing or sales and lawfully operating within all parameters of that license? And will your office pursue charges against licensed cannabis businesses lawfully utilizing banking services or the banks lawfully providing those services?"

Lelling responded that he will not rule out prosecuting state-sanctioned marijuana businesses and said his office will proceed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether a case is worthy of expending limited federal resources to pursue.

"Congress has unambiguously made it a federal crime to cultivate, distribute and/or possess marijuana," said Lelling. "As a law enforcement officer in the Executive Branch, it is my sworn responsibility to enforce that law, guided by the Principles of Federal Prosecution. Deciding, in advance, to immunize a certain category of actors from federal prosecution would be to effectively amend the laws Congress has already passed, and that I will not do."

"By scuttling the Cole Memo Jeff Sessions has created a procedural vacuum and has done his state U.S. Attorneys no favors," responded Borghesani. "We understand the reluctance to provide categorical answers but moving forward under a vast cloud of uncertainty is difficult for all stakeholders, including the residents of Massachusetts."

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 January 1-5, the House met for a total of one hour and 15 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 43 minutes.

Mon. January 1	No House session No Senate session
Tues. January 2	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:18 a.m
Wed. January 3	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:46 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 12:38 p.m.
Thurs. January 4	No House session No Senate session
Fri. January 5	House 11:06 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Senate 1:04 p.m. to 1:08 p.m

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
21 Wellington Ave	9 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	25	\$649,900	\$565,000
19 Newbury St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	25	\$699,900	\$750,000
13 Fremont Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	76	\$715,000	\$715,000
34 Jay Street	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	8	\$799,000	\$900,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
12-R Lake St U:12R	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	50	\$775,000	\$760,000	
28 Elmwood St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	37	\$849,000	\$780,000	
46 Murdock Street U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$899,000	\$885,000	
195 Summer Street U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	72	\$899,000	\$899,000	
46 Murdock Street U:3	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	63	\$939,000	\$918,000	
46 Murdock Street U:1	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	60	\$979,000	\$969,500	
266 Beacon Street U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	188	\$1,079,000	\$1,035,000	
1 Summer Street U:4	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	114	\$1,195,000	\$1,100,000	

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
33 Merriam St	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	27	\$997,000	\$897,000		
43 Conwell Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	20	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000		
21 Cameron Ave.	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$1,125,000	\$1,165,000		
24 Pearson Rd	3 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	30	\$1,189,000	\$1,189,000		
22 Grand View Ave.	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	26	\$1,200,000	\$1,210,000		
48 Cameron Ave	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	66	\$1,248,900	\$1,130,000		
10-12 Cutter Avenue	2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	18	\$1,400,000	\$1,340,000		
355 Broadway	16 unit, 47 total room, 24 total bedroom 5+ Family	11	\$5,000,000	\$5,400,000		

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City expected to be reimbursed for costs of early voting

By Bob Katzen

State Auditor Suzanne Bump has recommended that a total of \$1,063,978 be reimbursed to the state's 351 cities and towns to cover the costs incurred for complying with a 2014 state law requiring that all voters be provided the option of early voting in the 2016 General Election. The early voting law requires that municipalities set up a system that will allow voters to vote during a 12-day early voting period instead of just on Election Day.

This follows Bump's ruling that the 2014 mandate to set up a system for early voting is an unfunded, state mandated cost that under law must be reimbursed to cities and towns.

Under the recommendation,



The City of Somerville would receive \$8509.48.

The funding still must be approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor prior to the funds actually going to cities

and towns.

Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office says that 22 percent or more than 1 million voters took advantage of early voting in 2016.

City Hall Annex temporarily closed due to pipe burst

Somerville City Hall Annex will be temporarily closed for the rest of this week (through Friday, January 12) for emergency repairs related to a pipe burst. Some departments have been moved to temporary locations, which are listed below, while others will work remotely. If needed, residents are encouraged to contact 311 or individual departments directly via email for further information.



Library home delivery service available for Somerville residents

If you are a Somerville resident but cannot come to the Library because of a physical disability, they will come to you. They will bring books, videos, magazines, or printouts, or whatever materials they normally loan out. Materials are loaned on a special-services card for six weeks and can be renewed.

This service is available for free to Somerville residents. Call the Central Library at 617-623-5000, ask for the Reference Department,



tell them you need Community Services assistance, and let the librarian know what you're interested in reading, watching, or listening to.

You can also contact Phil Peck at ppeck@minlib.net or call 617-623-5000 ext. 2944 to inquire about this service.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #144

The Minutemen

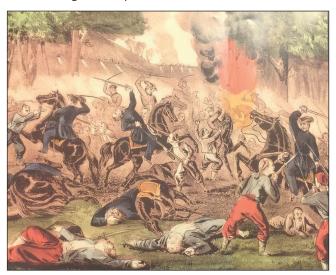
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Over the years, Union Square has been referred to as Sand Pit Square, Liberty Pole Square, Milk Row and the road to Newtown or Cambridge. When Somerville was still Charlestown's oldest daughter, the Square was witness to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and its heroic Minutemen of April 19, 1775.



The battle began in Lexington and Concord and finished in what is now East Somerville. Sixty-five-year-old Charles Miller died fighting the British from his Union Square post. His last words were, "I'm too old to run." He was the last Minuteman to die that day.

One month later, after the loss at Bunker Hill, Americans withdrew to Winter and Prospect Hills and began strengthening the area. An added stronghold, called Fort #3, took shape in the southwestern part of Union Square. From 1775 to 1776, its soldiers participated in the siege of Boston. Under the shadow of the Grand Union Flag of Prospect Hill, the position was fortified to protect the road to Cambridge and beyond.



On March 3, 1842, Somerville secured its freedom from Charlestown. The first suggested name was Walford, after Thomas Walford, the first local settler. The next considered name was Warren, after General Warren, the martyr of Bunker Hill. Finally, the name

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Words of farewell from our outgoing Somerville aldermen CONT. FROM PG 3

motivated advocacy for the reduction in speed limits and the creation of the first Neighborways in Ward 2.

Thanks goes to the many residents who advocated for open and green space resulting in 3 new Community gardens and Perry, Palmacci and Quincy parks and the first parklet in the City on Somerville Ave.

Groups such as Union Square Neighbors provided valuable advice on Union Sq. zoning and the Somerville Bike Committee provided perspectives which proved invaluable to me when thinking about safe streets and mobility.

Thanks to those residents who, with their phone calls or emails, alerted me to neighborhood issues and asked for assistance in solving quality of life issues.

To the many businesses that choose to do business in Ward 2 such as Greenetown Labs, Aeronaut Brewery, Brooklyn Boulders and Ricky's Flowers and many more, I thank you for that commitment.

Deep appreciation to Mayor Curtatone for his leadership and vision and his hard working staff who were always there for me and my Aldermanic colleagues without whose support I could not have accomplished so much for Ward 2.

Finally, to those who work for the City, I could not have done my job without your advice, understanding and commitment to doing your job in the most extraordinary way. Whether it's DPW workers showing pride in every aspect of their jobs, to Traffic and Parking, Legal, Finance, OSPCD, ISD and of course, our extraordinary Fire and Police departments, I have learned a little bit from all of you and have come to appreciate how you contribute to this City each and every day.

The hardest part about leaving office will be not being able to problem solve for omeone in need. Just yesterday I received a call from a resident of Concord Ave who was not aware that I was no longer the W2 Alderman. It will be hard not to contact a department head to ask for help and advice and possible convert a request to a Board order or to craft a new ordinance. I will however, remain involved and participate as a "citizen" of Ward 2.

Former Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters:

It's been a Privilege to Serve. After two terms-and four years-in office serving as the Ward 3 Alderman, I lost my bid for re-election to political newcomer Ben Ewen-Campen. With the first Mayor's race in 14 years, voter turnout was understandably very high all across the city, but especially in Ward 3. Over 2,800 people, or 41%, came out to vote

in Ward 3, almost double the projection of most political observers. New voters, and millennials, who usually vote around 10%, came out in droves, inspired by the populist message of change that the Bernie Sanders 2016 presidential campaign honed as its primary message. While the results were surprising to many, I saw the signs well before and tried as best I could to appeal to that demographic. So many of the issues they raised, vital concerns like affordable housing, sustainability, responsible development, and green space, to name just a few, were my issues as well. In fact, they've always been my issues!

So what happened? Well, it didn't help that the Chair of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee, in spite of praising me numerous times as an effective alderman, worked against me. I thought municipal office was non-partisan? In hindsight, while I campaigned on what I thought (and still believe today) are the core responsibilities of a ward alderman; constituent service, commitment to helping people in need, and responsible government, those important job tenants were lost in the shuffle. The change mantra was on, and it appears no matter how effective I was in my job, it was out with the old and in with the new. While the results were tough to take, (I gave it my all every day and truly loved my job!) I've been in this game long enough to know that you pick up, move on, and work to make the best for the future for everyone, in every way you can. For the next two years, it just won't be as the Ward 3 Alderman, but believe me, I will continue to be active in my community and stay involved.

Indeed, it has been a privilege to serve, and I am very proud of my record fighting for my constituents, and for all of Somerville, in the past four years. Here's just a few of the issues that I've worked on with

- + Traffic Calming and Safe Streets-This is what the basics are of a ward alderman's role as I see it, implementing measures that affect people's lives on a daily basis. I served as the Board's designee to the Traffic Commission and one of my first actions was to propose lowering the speed limit to 20 MPH near school zones, parks, hospitals and senior facilities. I know how frustrating it can be with city regulations, so I initiated a successful move to allow residents to can now request traffic calming measures with a simple 9-signature petition.
- + Affordable Housing-Certainly the most pressing issue facing Somerville today, I strongly advocated for increasing the inclusionary zoning requirement



Robert McWatters.

for affordable units from 12.5% to 20% for large developments, and to 17.5% for smaller developments. I also voted against the recent exclusionary waiver sought by FRIT in the Assembly Square development.

- + Seniors-I can say the most rewarding responsibilities of my time as Ward 3 Alderman was helping and supporting our senior citizens so that they can thrive as independent, healthy, and productive elders. I've always had a special place in my heart for the senior population, my grandmother was my lasting inspiration, and I've fought to keep senior housing affordable, accessible, and well-maintained. I strongly supported, and have consistently voted, for the budget and programs of the Council on Aging.
- Green Space and Sustainability-I've always believed that we all share the responsibility to make our city and our world a better place than we found it I strongly supported the City's efforts to become a carbon neutral city by 2050, and to create 125 acres of new open space by 2030. I'm proud to have led the push for the City to hire a full-time arborist to care for Somerville's tree canopy, and to have called for more robust recycling programs including curbside compost collection.

For the last four years I had the best job in the world, a ward alderman in my native Somerville, fighting to help people in need, and working to make the city I love the best it could be. I wouldn't give up the past four years for anything in the world! I've been fortunate to work with some great city employees who made my job that much easier. I first would like to thank my family; my mother, sister, brother, son, and all family members who have stood by me from the first day I decided to get into public service. At the DPW I want to acknowledge the department heads, Tommy Barry and the union employees who were invaluable to me in my four

years as alderman. I would also like to thank the entire Traffic & Parking Department. Police Chief Dave Fallon, and the entire Fire Department, especially Deputy District Chief Mike Avery, are truly the Commonwealth's finest in public safety. At Elections, Nick Salerno was always there to help and answer any question I might have. Though relatively new, Tim Snyder has been an incredible asset in the Mayor's Office and I'll miss working with him-and hounding him, on a daily basis! To John Long, the best clerk a city or board of alderman could ask for, thank you for everything you have done to ease my transition from an assistant clerk to board member. Of course, my goodbye would not be complete if I didn't recognize and thank my colleagues on the Board of Alderman for their help and close partnership over the best four years, but especially Katjana Ballantyne, Maryann Heuston, Jack Connolly, Bill White, Tony Lafuente, and Dennis Sullivan!

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville.

At last week's inaugural ceremony, Governor Charlie Baker, new Board of Aldermen President Katjana Ballantyne, new School Committee Chair Andre Green, and I all spoke about what's to come this year. We discussed the priorities we have for the communities we serve, initiatives we're working on or that we expect to work on soon, and even some of the challenges we anticipate. During her speech, Alderman Ballantyne said that our strongest asset is our diverse, engaged community. And she's exactly right.

With the ever growing to-do list and our city on the cusp of unprecedented infrastructure

investment and growth, we need in the 2nd Floor Aldermanic you - our strongest asset - to remain as actively engaged as ever. The goals we are striving toward were inspired and driven in large part by you. All of us in City government are going to be working to deliver on the vision we collectively created and planned for. We're counting on you to continue showing up ready to engage and work alongside us. You can start by taking part in the meetings and events below, and always keep an eye out on www.somervillema.gov for additional opportunities.

Board of Aldermen Meetings, 1/11 and more

All members of the new Board of Aldermen have been sworn in and are ready to get to work, and we're ready to work with them. With the promise of submitting a new comprehensive zoning proposal on Jan. 11, there's much exciting and important work to be done. All Board meetings are open to the public, and as a reminder, the Board's meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes can be found at www.somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/ calendar.aspx.

When/where: Thursday, January 11, at 7 p.m. at City Hall Chambers, 93 Highland Ave.

Community Preservation Act FY18 Application Presentations, 1/16 and 1/24

To date, more than \$12 million in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds has been awarded to 42 projects throughout the city. This will soon increase once funding is awarded to FY18 projects. But first, the projects need to be selected, and we need your help on that front. Join us at one of the application presentation meetings to learn more about the project proposals and provide feedback. Can't make it to a meeting? Information about the projects, as well as instructions on how to submit online feedback, will soon be available at www.somervillema.gov/cpa under the 'CPA Projects' tab.

When/where: Tuesday, January 16, and Wednesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association in the Community Room, 259 Lowell St.

Clean and Open Elections Task Force Meeting, 1/23, 2/13, and more

Last summer we put out a call to residents to apply for a spot on the Clean and Open Elections Task Force. The group is tasked with exploring ways to expand democratic opportunities for Somerville residents. Are you interested in learning more about their efforts to increase participatory democracy in our city through public financing, early voting expansion, and more? If so, consider attending their public meetings. Do your interests lie elsewhere? Check out the event calendar at www. somervillema.gov for the full schedule of other public meetings ranging from the Human Rights Commission to Bicycle Committee and many more.

When/where: Tuesday, January 23, and Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building Atrium, 167 Holland St.

Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results Discus-

Join Somerville Cares About Prevention and Somerville Positive Forces (SPF100) Youth Leaders as they share results from the 2017 Somerville Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey data. The meeting will feature an opportunity for an open community discussion with parents, grandparents, children, teachers, counselors, mentors, leaders, and more on health topics that include: substance use, mental health, physical and sexual Health, violence and safety, gender related issues and student protective factors. Attendees will also have the chance to share their ideas on how to improve student health.

When/where: Thursday, January 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Somerville High School Highlander Café (now Culinary Arts Bistro), 81 Highland Ave.

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City Newsletter

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City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

Statement from Mayor Joseph Curtatone regarding Salvadoran TPS

Ending Salvadoran TPS with plans to deport nearly 200,000 upstanding immigrants who work hard, pay taxes, and contribute to the fiber of our communities is more than unjustified, unnecessary, and inhumane; it's also reckless and irresponsible. On the heels of the decisions to also end TPS for Nicaraguans and Haitians, this is part of the administration's continuum of cruelty.

This nation invited TPS holders here. We offered them safe refuge. Despite the traumas some have left behind and the challenge of starting over in a new country, they have done what Americans do. They roll up their sleeves, work hard, care for their families, contribute to their communities, and put in the effort to pursue the American dream. This decision punishes them for simply accepting our extended hand. Now that they've put down roots, purchased homes, become valuable employees, and opened businesses, this administration for no good reason has decided to rip their lives apart.

In short, these are scary, chaotic times, and I, unfortunately, cannot promise that everything will be ok. But I can promise our residents or anyone that finds themselves or a loved one fighting against these cold-hearted and craven immigration



policies, that they will not have to fight alone. Somerville stands with you, and as the Mayor, I will continue to stand with you for as long as it takes.

We will do everything we can to fight this decision. At the same time, we are working to assist members of our community who are or who will be affected. We will continue to offer free legal clinics to help people explore pathways to a different immigration status while also working with a variety of community groups to determine how else we can best support our friends, neighbors and colleagues.

Immigrants are invaluable members of our community. We must continue to make it clear that the lies and policies coming out of Washington intended to demonize them and harm our nation will not be tolerated. We will continue to fight for true American values and common human decency. We will continue to rally behind our neighbors and treat everyone with compassion and dignity. For as long as it takes, we will continue to stand up for TPS recipients, DACA recipients, and all members of our immigrant communities, regardless of status.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



Enough is enough. But have we seen the end of it yet? Only time will tell, but we surely must be near the end of our tethers when it comes to putting up with the tiresome digging out and warming back up.

As if clearing our sidewalks and driveways isn't hard enough, we have had to contend with ridiculously cold, record breaking low temperatures.

Remember, when cold snaps like this happen, the temperatures outside can ac-

tually be much colder than you think. Always play it safe and follow some simple guidelines, such as those that have been offered by the city. Here are some important highlights:

Make sure your heating system is working and you have enough heating fuel.

Know where your electricity, gas, and water switches and valves are located and how to shut them off. You may need to turn off water pipes if your pipes freeze

or burst

Make sure your vehicle's gas tank is at least half full and pack an emergency kit that includes blankets and/or warm clothing.

Try to minimize time outside, even for pets.

Check on neighbors and family, especially the elderly and infirmed.

Watch for signs of cold-related health concerns like frostbite and hypothermia

and call 911 immediately for any emergencies.

A whole lot more information on how to deal with these extreme temperatures can be found on the city website: http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/emergencies/cold/.

Let's all be careful out there - and in there as well. We don't want to see any of our fellow Villens falling victim to the savagery of old Jack Frost!

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who was always positive. A great person who will be missed by many family and friends. Our condolences and prayers for Mrs. Piro, who was in her own right very well known here in the city. We don't know yet if she's going to be waked here in Somerville, but we will post online details and her full obituary as soon as possible.

This past blast of snow and cold took a toll on everyone, but did it seem like the plowing of the streets was different than before? Remembering back to a couple of years ago, snow almost every few days – so much of it – but the streets were cleared each time. Maybe

streets were cleared each time. Maybe the city union which hasn't had a contract in a few years was sending a message to Mayor Joe?

Congratulations to Pat Sullivan, who has retired this week from the Somerville Fire Department after 32 years of service to the city. We thank him for his service. He recently served as acting Fire Chief. A nice guy from a great family here in Somerville. We wish him well and a great retirement, and again, thanks from a grateful city.

scape, but days are already getting longer and it is a great time to start to dream about your garden for this coming season. Whether in a few pots on a porch or balcony, or in a large raised bed or community garden plot – you can easily grow great tasting and nutritious food for you and your family. Can't you taste that first bite of fresh tomato with basil or that crunchy carrot just pulled from the earth? Participation in the Growing Center Seed Sale Fundraiser helps the Friends of the Community Growing Center to support the site and the programming at the Vinal Avenue garden space - AKA The Somerville Community Growing Center. To order go to: http://farmraiser.com/campaigns/ growing-center-seed-sale-fundraiser-2018. Plan to pick up seeds on March 3, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Winter Farmers Market or on March 10 at the Center during the Maple Syrup Boil event, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

A blood drive will take place on January 17, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Somerville Armory, 191 Highland Avenue.

This January, National Blood Donor Month, the American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types to make an appointment to give now and help address a winter blood donation shortage. Severe winter weather has had a tremendous impact on blood donations already this year, with more than 150 blood drives forced to cancel causing over 5,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. This is in addition to seasonal illnesses, such as the flu, and hectic holiday schedules collectively contributing to more than 28,000 fewer donations than what was needed in November and December. In Massachusetts, 25 blood drives were forced to cancel due to last week's winter storm, causing 681 donations to go uncollected. Eligible donors can find a blood or platelet donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The WSNS Winter Concert will be held on Friday, January 12, from 8:45

to 10:45 a.m. You are invited to see what the students have been learning so far this year. Listen to performances about land, sea, space, and more by: K-6th Grade Classrooms; 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Strings and Band Ensembles; 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, World Percussion, and Orchestra. Contact Mr. Darrell with any questions at: adarrell@k12.somerville.ma.us.

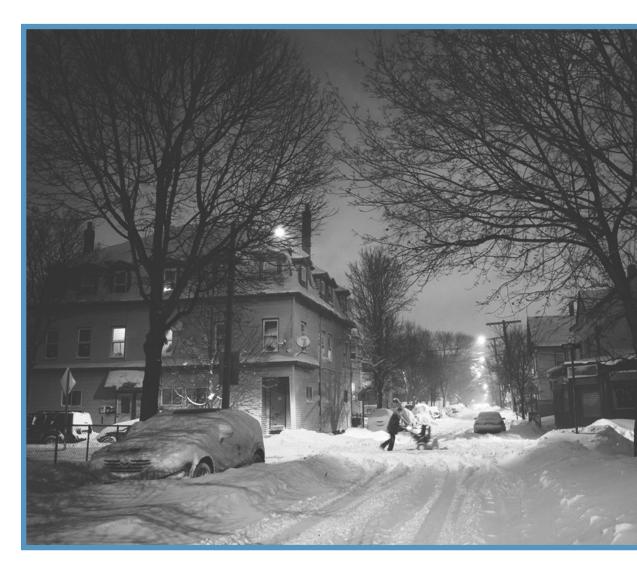
Somerville STEAM Social (S^3) Night (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, & Math) is a night out for parents and community members interested in supporting STEAM activities in Somerville schools. Come share your ideas at Greentown Labs' new location. Thursday, January 18, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Greentown Labs, 444 Somerville Ave. in Somerville. Sponsored by the Somerville Education Foundation. Questions? Contact: Marian Berkowitz at marmb2@gmail.com or Greg Nadeau at gnadeau7@gmail.com.

If you have announcement or something you'd like us to mention, send an email with your request to donaldfnorton@gmail.com.

A Dark and Stormy night in the Ville

East Somerville during last week's storm.





















Photos by Greg Krill





SPORTS

SHS Girls Varsity Basketball update





The Somerville High School Girls Varsity Basketball played against Lynn Classical last week on Wednesday, January 3, losing by a score of 47-27. The Junior Varsity team won over Lynn Classical 38-24, while the Freshman team lost to Lynn 29-19. The Varsity team played against Danvers on Tuesday, January 9. Varsity Girls Basketball is also playing Medford on Sunday at Tufts University, 2:00 p.m. Girls Varsity and JV will play Winthrop High in Winthrop on Monday Jan 15.to make up the game that was cancelled on Thursday due to the storm. – Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ms. Cam's lio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. What airlines used the Fifth Dimensions' song Up Up and Away as part of their branding?

1. In what year was John

Lennon shot and killed?

- 3. When was the original Star Wars movie released?
- 4. What is the name of the place where Cabbage Patch Dolls are "born"?
- 5. Where would you find The Sea of Tranquility?
- 6. What is another name for the American mountain-ash tree?
- 7. Who was the director

- of the Lord of the Rings film series?
- 8. For what film did Meryl Streep earn her first Academy Award nomination for best supporting actress?
- 9. Which one of Shakespeare's plays was Shylock a character in?
- 10. What instrument does Woody Allen play?
- 11. Where would you find a Malar bone?
- 12. What type of material is not typically used to serve caviar?

Answers on page 17

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SHS Basketball vs. Medford this Sunday

On Sunday January 14, Somerville High School and Medford High School Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams will be squaring off at Tufts University's Cousens Gym. The girls game will be at 2:30 p.m. and the boys will play at 4:00 p.m.

This year, these friendly rivals will be joining forces to collect coats, scarves, gloves/mittens, and blankets for the Somerville Homeless Coalition. The teams are asking fans attending the games to help in their charitable efforts. Admission to the games is free.



Register now for Somerville Little League

Somerville Little League has opened registration for the 2018 spring season. Programs are available for kids aged 4 to 12, and run from April to June.

To get started, go to http://somervillelittleleague.org/ and click on REGISTER in the upper-right corner. Scholarships are available for eligible applicants. Early-bird discounts will be available through February 7, so don't wait!



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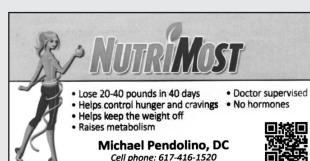
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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION**

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

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42 Flint Street (ZBA 2017-124): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, Courtney Pham, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by increasing the gross floor area (GFA) by more than 25%, and a linear extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback. Relief is sought under \$7.11 of the \$ZO to increase the number of units from two to three and parking relief under Article 9 of the \$ZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

65 Newton Street (ZBA 2017-123): Applicants and Owners, Brian Aylward, and Yongmei Sun, Trustees of 65 Newton Realty Trust, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO for exterior alterations to a 3-family dwelling (change in window size). RB zone. Ward 2.

8-10 Appleton Street (ZBA 2017-120): Applicant and Owner, Trio Enterprises, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4 to alter a nonconforming structure that had previously been damaged by a fire by modifying porches, windows, landings, and finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone.

90 Bartlett Street (ZBA 2017-131): Applicants and Owners, Gordon Murray and Hyeryun Kim, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a roof deck on top of the 2nd story rear porch. RA Zone. Ward 5.

314 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2017-111): Applicant, Pet Stop Plus, and Owner, CT & M, LLC, seek approval from the ZBA pursuant to a prior Decision (Case # ZBA 2013-23) and a Variance under SZO §5.5 and §12.3 to install a signage awning for the veterinarian. RC Zone. Ward 6.

370 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2017-127): Applicant and Owner, Brenden Campbell and Katherine Fiorello, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a nonconforming structure by increasing the gross floor area (GFA) by constructing a two story addition on the east side of the property and a one story addition above a portion of the garage. NB zone. Ward 6.

10 Linden Place (Case #ZBA 2016-152-R1-12/17): Applicant/Owner, Jamuna Kote & Simha Kadaqathur, seek a Revision to a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a rear addition for a first floor living room, mud room, and bathroom, a second floor bedroom, and relocating a bulkhead door for basement access. RB zone. Ward 5.

140 & 150 Line Street (Case #: ZBA 2017-83): Applicant & Owner, Inman Square Properties, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 to remove the existing non-conforming asphalt surface parking lot and replace with 8 residential dwelling units in two structures under SZO §7.2, §7.3, §7.5, and §7.10. Parking relief is also required under §9.13. Zone RB. Ward 2.

42 Flint Street: http://eepurl.com/dgcdgD 65 Newton Street: http://eepurl.com/dgcds1 8-10 Appleton Street: http://eepurl.com/dgcdJ1 90 Bartlett Street: http://eepurl.com/dgcdYT 314 Highland Avenue: http://eepurl.com/dgcefb 370 Highland Avenue: http://eepurl.com/dgcesX 10 Linden Place: http://eepurl.com/dgceHr 140 & 150 Line Street: http://eepurl.com/dgcC3D

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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 1/3/18 & 1/10/18.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA. 02141

INFORMAL PRO	BATE PUBLIC	ATION NOTICE	
MIDDLESEX Division		Docket No. MI 17 P6	546EA
Estate of : Kenneth		Starr	
First Name	Viiddle Name	Last Name	
Also Known As:			
Date of Death: Nove	mber 7, 2017		
To all persons interested in	the above cap	tioned estate, by Peti	tion of

Petitioner Katherine M. Smith of Dahlonega GA First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State) Katherine M. Smith Dahlonega of GA First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH JOSEPH A. CURTATONE

DUILGI VZ KBEGG **HEALTH & HUMAN** SERVICES DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Board of Health on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Cambridge Health Alliance Medical Building, First (1st) Floor Conference Room, 236 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA to review and hear comments relative to the proposed Regulations on Prohibiting the Sale of Drug

A copy of the proposed regulation will be available at the City Clerk, Health & Human Services, and ISD offices and online at www.somervillema.gov. Interested persons may provide comments to the Board of Health at the hearing or by contacting the Health & Human Services Dept. at (617-625-6600 ext. 4300 or email dkress@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kathy Teixeira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 1/3/18 & 1/10/18

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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 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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Line Park Building B (PB2016-14-R1-11/17): Applicant & Owner, Street Retail, Inc., seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval (Decision dated September 22, 2016) of the food service or retail buildings located within Assembly Line Park to add decorative screening to cover mechanical louvers on the east elevation of Building B.

ASMD zone. PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

Line Park Building B: http://eepurl.com/dgcgvb

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 1/3/18 & 1/10/18.

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Dumpling Kitchen, Inc. for an Extended Operating Hours License at 217 Highland Avenue, to remain open until 2 AM Sunday through Thursday for take-out service and delivery service only (no dine-in service), and until 2:30 AM Friday through Saturday for take-out service and delivery service only (no dine-in service).

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG

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

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 6:00 PM. in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Mike's Bar Corp., dba Parise's Café, for a Billiards and Bowling License at 97 Washington Street, for the operation of 1 pool table.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following

An amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article 16, to establish that <u>future Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plans will be</u> restricted in seeking waivers of affordable housing requirements

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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

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INVITATION TO BID **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH PRESERVATION**

Somerville Hispanic Association for Community Development, the Awarding Authority, requests bids for slate roofing and flashing repairs and curved gutter replacement at the Grace Baptist Church, Somerville, Massachusetts, which is listed in the State Register of Historic Places. The project is being partially funded with a grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund through the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

All work must be performed in accordance with the documents prepared by and available from Spencer & Vogt Group Inc., 1 Thompson Square, Suite 504, Charlestown, Massachusetts 02129 (617-227-2675) and meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. State law prohibits discrimination. Awarding of this contract is subject to Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity guidelines.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Church at 59 Cross Street, Somerville on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Bids shall be evaluated on the basis of price, previous experience with similar types of construction projects, ability to perform the work in a timely manner, and references. All bids must be delivered to the architect's office at the above address no later than 12:00 noon. Thursday, February 1, 2018 to be eligible for consideration.

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Words of farewell from our outgoing Somerville aldermen

Former Alderman At-Large Dennis M. Sullivan:

As I look back on my 20 years serving the residents of Somerville, I am not sure I could have imagined that serving on the School Committee and Board of Alderman could have given me some of my best friends, a family and the chance to effect so much change.

During my tenure on the School Committee, I was proud to oversee the building of several schools with 90% reimbursement funds from the Commonwealth, establishing a full-time nurse at the East Somerville Community School, closing the achievement gap for all students and serving as Chairman. Now, as my wife and I start to look at schools for our daughter, I'm able to see firsthand the great meccas of learning our schools are and how they shape the community.

As an Alderman-at-Large, I saw the opportunity to work on a broader scope of issues, and a chance to continue to give back to the city I grew up in. Some of the highlights as an Alderman are the Assembly Square MBTA orange line stop, expanding the community bike path, being one of the first cities in the state to offer zero-sort recycling and banning polystyrene/plastic bags at businesses, and watching the renaissance of lower Broadway. I'm proud of the progress we made in Assembly Square and Union Square with transit oriented development, increased affordable housing and economic development.

It's no secret that I'm a dog lover, and I was proud to work hard to make Somerville a dog-friendly city, by opening off-leash dog parks and proposing outdoor seating for dog-friendly businesses.

Investing in our seniors was a major priority for me. Many established roots here long before it was 'hip,' so it was important for me to support a full-time mental health coordinator, an "R-U-Ok" program, and increased emergency preparedness training for the Council on Aging.

Some organizations may have sought to label me one way or another at times, but my record reflects my independence. I always led with my heart, and was never afraid to stand up for what I believed was best for the neighborhood or city as a whole.

The mobile office I initiated in my first term was one of my favorite parts of the job. Over the course of 200 hours - or 84 weekends - we set up my table on street corners, in the library and grocery stores. I met hundreds of residents, most not active in city government. We talked about the city, its history and the role we all play in its future. These chats truly shaped me as a public servant because they gave me a constant snapshot into the lives of the people that live here.

While in Boston recently Vice President Joe Biden gave a shout out to the families of local leaders, saying they share the title because, "when the phone rings at home you can't hang up." I owe a debt of gratitude to my family during this journey. My late mother never missed an election, standing with



Dennis M. Sullivan

her sign at the polls whether sunny, cold or rainy weather. I met my wife, Melissa, when we were both delegates at a Democratic State Convention, and I am lucky to have a life partner that understands and believes in the process. She's always been my biggest cheerleader and made me a better Alderman, but more importantly, she makes me a better person.

Lately, the big question has been what will I do with my extra time now that I am not out three to four nights a week? Well, I've been bringing Jaclyn to dance class, perfecting my skills in the kitchen, reading toddler nighttime stories and taking Nilla for longer walks!

I'll end with this. Life is funny; you never know what the next day will bring. I'm looking forward to staying involved and seeing where the road leads me.

Thank you, Somerville! Together, we did great things! I can't wait to see where the next 20 years takes us!

Affordable health screenings coming to Somerville

Residents living in and around the Somerville can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.



Somerville City Club will host this community event on 1/18/2018. The site is located at 20 Innerbelt Road in Somerville.

Screenings can check for:

- · The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular
- + HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
- · Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable, convenient and accessible for wheelchairs and those with trouble walking. Free parking is also available.

Packages start at \$149, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday January 10

Central Library

Reading Tutor 9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday January 11

Central Library

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Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 High-

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting

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

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday | January 12

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

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

Saturday|January 13

Central Library

Paper crafts, scrapbooking, card-9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland

Sunday January 14

Central Library

Girl Scout Troop Meeting 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday January 15

Library closed

Tuesday January 16

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Somerville High School Anime

2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday January 17

Central Library

Reading Tutor 9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 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|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 11

Sally O'Brien's

Rockspring grassy Thursdays 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Scattershots 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Celebutant, Fat Shuggy, Little Musket, Noplay Glancy 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's

Krush Faktory(Dub Down) 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

WEMF Presents: Exhale, The Deep State, Andrew Scandal, John Tyson 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Mike Mele Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

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

Friday | January 12

Sally O'Brien's

Jim Coyle & King Blue 6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Water with Haley Trapella & Jimmy T|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: An Intimate Evening with Bill Janovitz|7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Pony In the Pancake, The Royal Me, Red Red Rockit, Sam Gelston 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's

Greg Luttrell 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Casev's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Soule Monde Featuring Ray Paczkowski & Russ Lawton Of Trey Anastasio Band. 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Upheaval Record Release Upheaval, Black Mass, Ritual Blade, Untombed 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Friday Brass with Boycott and Be Nice Or Leave 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7p.m. B.U.M.P.|9 p.m. Dirty Diseny|10:15 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday January 13

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Tom Petty & Heartbreakers cover night! \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! 4 p.m. The Last Revel, The Slocan Ramblers 7 p.m.

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Spitting Vinnies | 10 p.m.

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

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65 Holland St **Bull McCabe's**

Paddy Saul Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Thunder Road

LYRES / Paul Collins, Boston Cream (Garage Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Claire Kelly 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Sh!t-faced Shakespeare

7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Sunday|January 14

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4:30 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.

3rd Annual Jeff Berlin Fundraiser|3:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

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**

Americana Sundays with Greg Klyma with Members of Honey

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

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Mike Morrissey 2 p.m. The Sky Comedy Show|7:30 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Monday January 15

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-

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

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 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|January 16

Sally O'Brien's Bar 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. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Books and Brews: Hosted by the Somerville Public Library 6:15

p.m. Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Hunn Huur Tu 6:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday January 17

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Rockwell

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: The Solars, The Brazen Youth, LittleBoy Big-HeadOnBike|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Apel Beats & Phil Reese, Friend-

ship, GlovePilot, Mike Cantor 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-

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 Boston Free Radio Sister, BABY!, DJ Lunamariposa

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Mary McAvoy 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Po0hjguj Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind

CLASSES AND GROUPS Thursday|January 11

Central Library Yoga at the Library

7 p.m.|256 Elm St

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library

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

Central Library Working Parent Community Conversations

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with prob-

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

lems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday January 13 **Central Library**

Society of Women Engineer 10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Somerville Winter Farmers**

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave

Market

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 January 14

Central Library

Denovo Duo 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

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

Monday January 15

Library Closed Tuesday January 16

Central Library

basement

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Social Security Seminar (not-library sponsored) 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Books & Brews Book Club 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St Wednesday January 17

Aeronaut Brewing Company

Central Library

Stand-Up Comedy Writers Group

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. 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 January 25 will be at 9 New Washington 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.

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

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.

Arts & Crafts – Starting Thursday, January 11 and meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. Join as in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn, share and teach each other various crafts. Because we want to make sure we have enough material for everyone please call a week in advance if you are planning on attending. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Amateur Classical Guitarist, Dan Shugrue – Tuesday, January 16 at Holland Street Center from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Bring a Friend Monday – Monday, January 29 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us and make new friends, have some great conversations and learn what the SCOA has to offer. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

Blood Pressure Screening – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov. Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 1 New Washington Street. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month: January 18th, February 15th, March 15, April 19th, May 17th and June 21st. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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.

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

Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

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 Flatbro

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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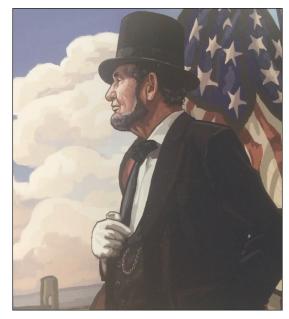
Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



Somerville was agreed upon. Some maintain it was merely a fanciful name, while many authorities assert the town was named after Captain Richard Somers. He was a national naval hero who was killed in the War with Tripoli.

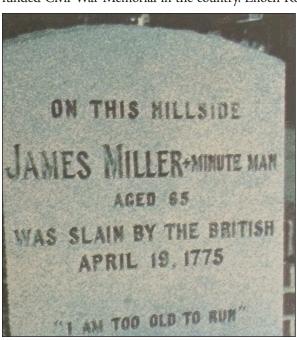
At the outbreak of the Civil War, Somerville citizens again witnessed her sons becoming soldiers. From Prospect Hill to Camp Cameron at Clarendon Hill, our troops once again trained to defend liberty. One of these soldiers was Joseph J. Giles. He was born in Union Square on March 24, 1842, and was the first-born citizen in the newly formed Town of Somerville.

As a young man, he became one of the first volunteers to defend his country and did so through the duration of the Civil War. He enlisted in Somerville's Light Infantry Company that was part of the Minutemen of April 19, 1861. They were the first soldiers to defend Washington, D.C. in response to President Lincoln's call for help. Joseph fought in the Battle of Bull Run, was the First Lieutenant of the Somerville Guard, and later was the Aidede-Camp under General John Martindale, the military governor of Washington, D.C. After



the war, he represented Somerville in the state legislature serving on numerous committees, boards, and commissions.

Following the Civil War, the Square's name was changed in honor of its role as a notable recruiting point for Union volunteers. A stone at the corner of Webster Avenue and Washington Street notes the location. From this marker, a short walk west on Somerville Avenue brings you to the old Milk Row Cemetery. Here you will find the first publicly funded Civil War Memorial in the country. Enoch Robinson donated his own burial



lot for the memorial location. Robinson was the builder and owner of the famous Somerville Round House on Atherton Street and Director of the Somerville Horse Railroad Company.

The Milk Row Cemetery Memorial and the Civil War Statue on Central Hill honor the 1,135 soldiers who set off from Somerville to save the Union. Ninety-eight of them were killed and 250 were wounded. These were the "Minutemen" of April 19, 1861.

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The next Digital Literacy training is Tuesday, January 16, from 12:00 to 2:00p.m. During this time, the team will focus on Geek Out Rodeo: An Apps Show & Tell. In this next workshop, the team will show and tell some of the latest and trendiest apps to download for your smartphone and/or iPad devices that will help make your life that much better. The Apps Rodeo will go over different apps will help your personal and professional productivity and we will also encourage students to share their favorites too.

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:00am	Wide Angle	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	5:00pm	Library Book Talks - Winter Reads	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Science 360
9:30am	Off the Shelf	Friday, Jan	uarv 12	6:00pm	Beyond Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	12:00am	Esoteric Science	6:30pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:30am	Signs of Life	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston		Legacies
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:30pm	
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	TUTV	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
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1:30pm	Green Card Voices	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
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2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday,	January 14	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	12:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
4:00pm	NASA TV News Feed	10:00am	This Week at NASA/ ISS In-Flight Event	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:00pm	Physicians Focus	11:00am	Aging Well	2:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show
5:30pm	Going Postal	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	6:00am	Abugida TV	11:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
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7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	8:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	2:30pm	The Artist Spotlight	10:00am	Aging Well		
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	3:00pm	Democracy Now	10:30am	DW Conflict zone	7:30am	Esoteric Science
10:30pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	4:00pm	Gay USA	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	5:00pm	NE pride TV	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
Thursday	, January 11	5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	10:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Reeling Review	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
1:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	1:30pm	Henry's Baseball Club	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:30am	What's left
7:00am	Road to Recovery	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	3:00pm	African Television Network	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Box house productions presents	5:00pm	Arlington International Film Festival	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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9:30am	Hello Neighbor	Saturday,	January 13	8:00pm	Kwanzaa at SCATV	4:00pm	Aging Well
10:00am	The Kamla Show	12:00am	Esoteric Science	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	4:30pm	Henry's Baseball Club
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	12:30am	Signs of life	9:00pm	SMC presents "A Christmas Carol"	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Wide Angle	1:00am	SCATV secret stash hour	10:00pm	Dancing on Air Christmas Special (1986)	5:30pm	What's new Massachusetts?
11:30am	Community Lens	2:00am	Free speech tv	11:00pm		6:00pm	MA State of the Senate
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4:00pm	DW Focus on Europe	9:00am	Community Lens	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
4:30pm	The Struggle	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	2:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
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7:30pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	1:00pm	SCOUTV		The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents
8:00pm	Greater Somerville	1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Off the Shelf	11:30pm	New Kids on the Rock

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Wednesday, January 10	2:30am	SomerViva en Español	11:01pm	Talking Business	8:00pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17
9:00am Fit-4-Life #2 2017	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #2 2017	Sunday,	January 14	10:00pm	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture
9:30am 2018 Organizational Meeting	9:00am	175th Birthday Celebration	12:00am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	11:00pm	Rally Point
10:10am 2018 Inaugural Ceremonies	9:30am	Rally Point	12:30am	Public Hearing on Union Square	Tuesday,	January 16
12:30pm School Committee Meeting - 1.8.18	11:30am	Talking Business	2:00am	Rally Point	12:00am	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards
6:30pm SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 12.14.17	2:30am	SomerViva en Español	1:38am	Talking Business
7:01pm BOA Finance Committee	6:30pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	9:00am	Fit-4-Life #2 2017	2:00am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
8:45pm Talking Business	8:08pm	Talking Business	9:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	2:30am	Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony
9:00pm SomerViva en Español	8:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout
9:30pm Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	9:01pm	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture	12:31pm	Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	9:00am	Fit-4-Life #3 2017
11:00pm Rally Point		Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	2:09pm	Talking Business	9:30am	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17
Thursday, January 11	10:30pm	Prospect Hill Park Rehab Mtg 11.8.17	2:30pm	Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:00am 2018 Organizational Meeting	-	, January 13	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:31pm	2018 Inaugural Ceremonies
12:40am 2018 Inaugural Ceremonies	12:30am	2018 Inaugural Ceremonies	7:31pm	Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	2:30pm	SomerViva em Português
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9:00am Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	9:30am	Rally Point	Monday	January 15	7:32pm	Talking Business
11:30am SomerViva em Português	11:30am	Talking Business	12:00am	Senior Circuit	8:00pm	Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"
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1:30pm Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards	2:30pm	Inclusion Drives Innovation	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #3 2017	10:30pm	SomerViva em Português
4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda	6:00pm	Rally Point	9:00am	2018 Inaugural Ceremonies	Wednes	day, January 17
7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	6:30pm	2018 Organizational Meeting	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 1.11.18	12:00am	Senior Circuit
Friday, January 12	7:10pm	2018 Inaugural Ceremonies	6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:31am	Rally Point
12:00am Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	9:00pm	The 26th Yankee Division in WWI Lecture Rally Point		Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	1:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
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10:00am	El Sistema Winter Concert
12:00pm	SHS Winter Concert
2:00pm	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert
3:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
4:00pm	ESCS Winter Concert
5:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers
7:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Music of SPS
8:00pm	El Sistema Winter Concert
10:00pm	SHS Winter Concert
Thursday,	January 11
12:00am	Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert
1:00am	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
2:00am	ESCS Winter Concert
3:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers
9:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers
11:00am	All-City Middle School Winter Concert
12:00pm	Kindergarten Registration Special
12:30pm	WHCS Winter Concert
2:00pm	Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert
4:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club Showcase
6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers
8:00pm	All-City Middle School Winter Concert

Our Schools, Our City - Music of SPS

Wednesday, January 10

9:00pm Kindergarten Registration Special WHCS Winter Concert 11:00pm Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert Friday, January 12 12:00am Kennedy School Drama Club Showcase 2:00am SHS Hockey v St. Joe's Prep [1.10.17] SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 9:00am 11:00am Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18 12:00pm SHS Hockey v St. Joe's Prep [1.10.17] Kennedy School Drama Club Showcase 2:00pm 4:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 6:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington 8:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 9:30pm Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18 10:00pm SHS Hockey v St. Joe's Prep [1.10.17] 11:00pm Saturday, January 13 12:30am 2:00am

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SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington Public Domain Theater Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18 SHS Hockey v St. Joe's Prep [1.10.17] SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere

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SHS Girls Basketball vs Charlestown 12:30am **Public Domain Theater** 2:00am SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 9:00am 10:30am Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18 11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Hampshire 1:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn E. 5:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 6:30pm Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18 SHS Girls Basketball vs Hampshire 7:00pm 9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers 11:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn E.

Monday, January 15 SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere 1:00am 2:30am **Public Domain Theater**

Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18

SHS Hockey v St. Joe's Prep [1.10.17]

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Tuesday, January 16 SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn E. SHS Winter Concert **ESCS Winter Concert** 12:00pm Our Schools, Our City 1.11.18 Kennedy School K-3 Winter Concert All-City Middle School Winter Concert SHS Hockey v St. Joe's Prep [1.10.17] Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert

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yruca **SOMERVILLE** edited by Doug Holder

"I wrote this poem after visiting Joe Cohen, a poet and photographer who suffered a stroke and died at the age of 100 in December. Joe had just attended a performance of Handel's Messiah and was explaining to a young friend the inner workings of a Beethoven piece the night the stroke hit him. He lingered for quite



a long time, clinging to the life he so loved and enjoyed. I knew Joe through the Bagel Bards and worked with Joe briefly in my capacity as poetry writing coach. He attended a one-man performance of my play Every Broom and Bridget—Emily Dickinson and Her Irish Servants and took some fabulous photographs. I will miss him."

For Joe Cohen, On His Way Out

You seem to shudder when I hold your hand,

seem to rustle up a cough of recognition,

seem to say, with the half moons of your eyes,

I am almost with the animals now,

placing my trust in that dark lair

where breath doesn't count itself in or out,

where ripeness is slower than a century,

where all the surprises are shedding their fur.

— Tom Daley

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FF THE SHE

by Doug Holder

Obituary: Poet Joseph A. Cohen, Age 100



By William Falcetano

It is with regret that we learned of the death of Joseph A. Cohen, a beloved member of the Bagel Bards weekly meet-up. We last heard about Joe when he turned 100 in July; Ibbetson Street Press had just published his second book of poetry by the title A New Path. Let the irony sink in. Yet, despite his advanced age, Joe Cohen managed, somehow, to live up to the title of his book – seeking out new paths – up to the day he was stricken by a fatal stroke on Sunday morning December 10.

We were lucky enough to see him at the Bagel Bards gathering the day before. It was snowing and we were all pleasantly surprised that he came at all, given his advanced age. Yet there he was, thanks to the kind assistance of his dear friend Victor, sitting among the bards, eating his customary cheese danish with black coffee, and kibitzing with the poets and the ladies; he especially liked the ladies and they returned his affections with warm embraces and kisses on the cheek. Joe was irresistible that way - you just wanted to kiss him.

He sat there looking out through the large window onto the courtyard watching busy people scurry by as the snow fell on them. He looked at them with the eye of a portrait photographer he never tired of seeing people's faces; he enjoyed studying them. His keen observations came across in his surprisingly revealing portraits.

Joe bid us farewell as Victor escorted him home for lunch and a little rest before heading out to Jordan Hall for a performance of Handel's Messiah. It was/is the season for Handel, and all that wonderful music which Joe loved so ardently. He came from a family of musicians: his wife Sonia was a piano teacher and a composer; his daughter, Beth Bahia Cohen, is a violinist and faculty member at Berklee College of Music and Tufts University – her expertise is in Balkan and Middle Eastern bowed string instruments. When Joe read his poetry around town, it was often to the accompaniment of his daughter Beth and sometimes her friends as well.

Beth recently asked me to escort her father to The Museum of Fine Arts, where she was performing in the ancient Greek gallery. It was a great privilege to be out on the town with my centenarian friend along with another friend of mine who was visiting from Brooklyn. All three of us were able to talk about Brooklyn having lived there at different times in our lives. Joe grew up there in the 1920s and 30s; I lived there during the start of the recent tidal wave of gentrification in the late 1980s; and my friend is a bona fide 40-something hipster from Bensonhurst. We managed improbably somehow to bond that enchanted evening.

The MFA was hosting a 100th year anniversary of their musical instrument collection that night: soloists and ensembles were playing in different galleries using period instruments owned by the museum. Beth was playing a 100-year-old Cretan lyra, and her accompanist, a handsome Greek lad, was playing the Greek laouto. They performed Cretan music amidst ancient Greek pottery with themes labeled Dionysus, Comedy, Tragedy, etc. The music was enchanting, the setting incomparable, and Joe Cohen was as near to heaven as I have ever seen another human being. He was swelling with pride as he shouted out "that's my daughter", "play fiddler, play!" Like I said, you just want to kiss him.

I have already written about Joe's long life and his many accomplishments. Here I wanted only to point out that since his birthday this summer, Joe blazed new paths in his life and showed us all that life is worth living - and enjoying - to

Joseph A. Cohen will be mourned and missed by his large and lovely family, but also by his many friends here in Cambridge, especially a little band of poets whose weekly meetings he graced for a few happy years.







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