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Urges importance of response and reporting



Among those joining the hate crimes panel were (L to R) David Fallon Somerville Chief of Police, Mary Skipper, Superintendent of Somerville Schools and Irma Flores, Community Engagement Specialist with the Somerville Department of Immigrant Affairs.

— Photo by Anna Schaeffer

By Anna Schaeffer

Members of the Somerville community gathered last Thursday evening to discuss the rising occurrence of hate crimes in the city and state. Representatives from religious groups, city departments, legal nonprofits, the educational system, and law enforcement answered questions from the public and provided information about the city's various methods for responding to and mitigating the impact of hate crimes.

In 2018-19, the Somerville Police department responded to two hate crimes and nine hate incidences. The distinction made by law enforcement between hate crimes and incidences is largely determined by the severity of the occurrences. Acts of prejudice that do not include violence, threats or property damage are deemed hate incidences.

In September of 2018 a clerk at Verizon Wireless was harassed by a

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'Giving@First' theater festival produces plays in one day

By Shira Laucharoen

Mack Carroll would be writing the play in one night. He said he would most likely be considering several different outlines and test out genres such as science fiction and fantasy. The play would probably use a prop, a silver hand mirror, as a focal point to build a story around. "I'm ready to stay up all night," said Carroll. "I'm looking forward to it."

These were Carroll's ideas at the onset of the opening planning meeting for community theater organization Theatre@First's festival in one day, *Giving@First*. During the festival, writers, directors, and actors would produce and rehearse seven original ten-minute plays in the span of 24 hours, culminating in a performance on January 11.

Carroll was one of nine playwrights participating in the show, which was led by festival director Mike Haddad. Proceeds from the production went to ALS One,

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The play *Interview with a Gorgon* by Greg Lam, was performed at the *Giving@First* theater festival on January 11.

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The annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** event will take place **Monday, January 20**, at the **East Somerville Community School**. Festivities for this free family event will begin at 10:00 a.m. The celebration will be emceed by Marcus Santos and will feature musical performances by **El Sistema Somerville** and the **Somerville High School World Percussion Ensemble**, as well as readings by student essayists. A keynote address will be given by **Aba Taylor**, a social justice educator, facilitator and organizer. Following the speaking program, the **Beautiful Stuff Project** will facilitate the creation of a community mosaic. This year the **Somerville Human Rights Commission** will hold a drive during the event, to benefit **Project SOUP**. Attendees are invited to bring toiletries such as shampoo, toilet paper and soap. The event is organized in cooperation with the **City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department**, **Somerville Public Schools**, and the **Somerville Human Rights Commission**.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to **Katie McDaid**, a great person. When you see her out there working stop and say "Hi" and wish her a happy birthday. Happy birthday Katie. Happy birthday to a wonderful lady, retired high school teacher **Marion Joyce**. She was a great teacher. Happy birthday to **Bill Rogers** of Winter Hill, a nice guy and we wish him the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to one of the hardest workers down at the **City Club**, **Don Johnson**. To our good friend, **James Ribeiro**, we wish him a great birthday. Big time happy birthday to **Julie Tarpey DiPasquale**, who has given many years of service to our community and did it with pride, just like anyone from Somerville would. Happy birthday Julie! Happy birthday to one who grew up here, joined the service and now lives in Texas, **Phil Forsyth**, a nice guy. He has high standards and his service is well received back here at home. Happy birthday to **Donna Desrescente**. We wish her her the very best. Big time birthday greetings to our good friend **Ken Kotch**, a great

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Climate change and artificial turf not a good mix

Lumina Gershfield Cordova says:

110% Renee! This letter will be referred to years from now as a clarion call and we will regret it if it is not heeded.
Thank you for your courage and voice.

Brendan Shea says:

Well said. Heat and flooding are issue we need to deal with proactively!

Villinous says:

Anyone who's raised kids in this city knows we are drastically short of playing fields. Adults (like me) use them too. We simply don't have enough field space to make them grass like we were some sprawling suburb. They'll turn into mud pits. Conway has to have turf fields or it won't have usable fields. There is no serious argument to the contrary.

Jim says:

I've got a deal for you Renee, go play a sport on the hardpack of Foss Park and tell me thats better than Turf.
The reality of our field situation is that our fields are so overused that grass turns to a muddy hard-pack mess very quickly. The field at Argenziano is already going to hell b/c its used so much. Turf fields mean we can play after a rainstorm. I've never had a kid get injured on turf, but have had twisted ankles and worse at the Nunziato field. Our kids deserve the opportunity to play sports and turf is the best way to maximize access to playing fields.
In addition to the kids, there are adult leagues and informal pick up games happening on our fields. They are always in use.
We've played on the turf on 90 degree days and its fine. Its not like 80s turf that radiates heat. Modern turf, is much, much better.
If you are worried about heat, advocate for green roofs

Alex says:

Somerville youth sports organizations and high school teams are in desperate need of a sports complex similar to what neighboring towns provide for their communities. The health impact of modern turf fields dramatically exaggerated here. Let's focus on solar panels, green roofs, planting trees and improving public transportation and let the kids play!

Chris Dwan says:

Great work, Renee, couldn't agree more. A few additional thoughts:
Whether grass or turf, these fields will mostly not be available for informal use. They're fenced, locked, and available only for paid/subscription use.
Whether grass or turf, the fields will still be unusable when it's raining, snowing, or when temperatures are extreme. Covered, climate controlled facilities are the sensible way to make efficient use of our limited real estate.
Whether grass or turf, we will still need to pay maintenance costs. It's pretty well documented (<https://www.fieldfundinc.org/annual-costs>) that the total cost of ownership for a turf field is higher than that for a well maintained, high durability grass field.
Whether grass or turf, we should check the numbers on playable hours. The city's presentation about Conway park included some numbers that, at a glance, are questionable at best.
At the very least, we should all agree that replacing a publicly accessible grass space with a fenced and locked plastic / rubber one amounts to -removing- green space from the city. Given our challenges making progress on the green and open space goals, this seems questionable at best.

LW says:

Please see how Burlington has adopted more stringent standards for protecting players on artificial during high heat and humidity. So clearly concern for heat stroke is an issue, especially with ambient temperatures going up over time:
<https://www.burlingtonpublicschools.org/district/district-policies/utilizing-artificial-turf>
I'm concerned about my kids playing on hot turf. Even more concerned about climate change and replacing relatively cool, living grass (with a whole ecosystem beneath it) for hot plastic with all kinds of chemicals in it (and turf kills the entire ecosystem beneath it, takes years to renew).
And then in a few years that giant swath of plastic needs costly disposal – into our filling landfills – and then replacement with another one!
I'd rather see the City upkeep their grass.

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

'Who says I'm dumb?'



I was extremely fortunate to land a primo job at Kiss 108 FM in 1987. My friends were all very impressed and thrilled that I was actually on the number one morning radio show every day.

My dad, who was born in Somerville in 1920, was happy I landed the job because I was always bringing him free hats, jackets and food!

Besides the bump in pay I got from playing in bands in nightclubs and bars and

painting houses, the perks were many. For me, meeting famous actors, singers and sports figures was the thrill of a lifetime. That was the best part for me.

I met people like Bobby Orr, Hank Aaron, Yogi Berra, Johnny Mathis, Alice Cooper, Michael J. Fox, Rod Stewart, Olivia Newton John, Cam Neely, my pal Lyndon Byers, Gene Simmons, Barry Manilow, Buffalo Bob Smith, Richard Simmons, Captain Kangaroo and Chuck Norris, to name a few.

One of my favorite photos is me with Jack Klugman and Tony Randall of *The Odd Couple*. Another favorite is me and Al Lewis (aka Grandpa Munster), who I did several live shows with. I was always star struck!

Yesterday I got a notice on my Facebook page that it was Larry Storch's birthday. On February 8 Larry turned 97 years old. He was best known for playing the lovable Cpl. Randolph Agarn in the 60's sitcom *F Troop*. He starred on that show with the late Forest Tucker, Ken Berry and, of course, Melody Patterson as the feisty Wrangler Jane.

My dad loved that show and we would watch it together. Cpl. Agarn was his favorite character. When Larry Storch appeared on *The Matty Show* around 1988 I was psyched. He was friendly and funny and willing to pose for many photos with staff members of Kiss 108.



Back then we relied on actual cameras to capture special moments. Cell phones were still not an item that everyone had like they are today. When someone snapped a photo, we had to wait a few days to see if that picture actually came out. I posed for a photo with Larry and, thankfully, a week later I received that

special shot. I now had a great photo of me and one of my favorite childhood TV stars, but the following memory is even more special.

As I said, my dad loved the character of Cpl. Agarn that Larry Storch made so lovable and unforgettable. One of Cpl. Agarns' most popular

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Impatient motorist moves the obstacle himself

Police officers were dispatched to the corner of Dimick St. and Waldo Ave. last Saturday morning on reports of a dispute. Upon arrival, officers met with delivery workers for a furniture store who said that they had a furniture delivery on Dimick St., a two-way street which has cars parked on both sides of the street. Due to the vehicles parked on both sides of the street, the driver was forced to park in the middle of the street. The driver stated that it was a small delivery order and that they would have been finished quickly.

During the delivery, a man identified by police as Eddy Rivera, of Cambridge, was blowing his car horn in an aggressive manner towards the delivery workers, according to reports. Rivera reportedly shouted foul language at the workers, demanded that they move out of his way. The driver said he told Rivera that he had one last thing inside the truck to deliver and that he would move the truck right away. Rivera reportedly continued shouting at the workers and insisting that they move. Rivera apparently had the option to drive around the block to get to his destination, but chose instead to wait behind the truck. Words were exchanged between all parties as the delivery workers continued to move the item inside the apartment. While they were moving the delivery item inside the apartment, Rivera reportedly got out of his vehicle and opened the driver's side door of the furniture truck without the employees' permission. According to reports, Rivera then entered the driver's seat of the delivery truck and aggressively drove the truck on to Marion St. with no regard for innocent bystanders. One of the delivery workers was able to capture the entire event on video. After he moved the delivery truck, Rivera reportedly fled the scene in his own motor vehicle. As police officers took the delivery workers' statements, Rivera reportedly drove back to the location, jumped out of his motor vehicle and started making threats towards the workers. An officer asked Rivera to get back into his vehicle. and informed him that he would speak with him after he finished interviewing the delivery workers. Rivera reportedly ignored my orders and continued yelling. Residents in the area heard the commotion and came outside to see what was going on. With all efforts to defuse the situation exhausted, Rivera was placed under arrest and transported to the Police Station for booking on charges of threat to commit a crime, misdemeanor breaking and entering, disorderly conduct, and use of a motor vehicle without authority.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Lakeitha Haygood, of 224 Georgetown Dr., Hyde Park, January 5, 9:25 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on a charge of receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Terina Smith, of 330 Bowdoin St., Dorchester, January 7, 6:22 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of possession of a class B drug and removal of theft prevention device, and on warrant charges of removal of theft prevention device, shop-

lifting by asportation, larceny from a person, utter false prescription, utter false check, and larceny over \$1200 by single scheme.

Colbert Clarke, January 8, 3:44 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault and

battery on ambulance personnel and disorderly conduct.

Vilson Vidoto, of 33 Glen Ct., Lynn, January 10, 12:47 a.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Eddy Rivera, of 316 Prospect St., Cambridge, January 11, 11:27 a.m., arrested at Dimick St. on charges of threat to commit a crime, misdemeanor breaking and entering, disorderly conduct, and use of a motor vehicle without authority.

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Somerville holds forum on hate crimes CONT. FROM PG 1

Somerville man who shouted threats and slurs at him. In 2019, two men were attacked with bottles outside of an establishment in Somerville and told to speak English in this country. The true number of hate crimes occurring city and statewide is likely much higher, however, due to the fact that most incidences go unreported. "We task our officers with investigating every hate crime to the fullest extent and are committed to a holistic approach that cares for victims as well," Chief of Police David Fallon stated.

Mary Skipper, Superintendent of Somerville Public schools, remarked on the alarming uptick in hate incidents, crimes, and speech in schools. In 2019, there were ten hate incidents that occurred within Somerville school limits. Such incidences were primarily anti-Semitic in their nature, including vandalism, usage of epithets, and threats. Incidents targeting racial and sexual orientation groups are also common in Somerville public schools. Skipper urged the importance of community response and reporting all hate incidents and the important role that schools have in "building a healthy and safe community for everyone." She posits that students are largely reacting to messages they are receiving from the media, online and what they are seeing and hearing at home. Fostering a community that is prepared to respond to hate incidents was a noted message from all of the panelists gathered at the hate crime forum. Irma Flores, community engagement specialist at Somerville's Office of Immigrant Affairs, said that her more personal dealings with immigrant individuals in the city gave her a closer perspective on the true number of hate crimes that occur in Somerville. Flores, an immigrant from El Salvador herself, states that documentation status, fear of police, fear of retaliation and the lengthy legal process were primary deterrents to Somerville residents reporting hate crimes. Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz of the Temple B'nai Brith discussed the rise in anti-Semitic crimes city and statewide, noting the psychological effect that such events have on the entire community. "The reality of being Jewish in the United States has been shifting in the past year or so. We're definitely dealing with a rise in anti-Semitic messages from crimes to propaganda on the internet and in certain media. I don't have any answers. We're learning how to deal with this on the go." For victims of hate crimes, however, there are paths in the community that can be taken to mitigate and respond to them.

Janelle Dempsey Esq. with Lawyers for Civil Rights says that they provide community members with legal assistance and as well as education, voting rights and "know your rights trainings." A special hotline at 800-994-3228 offers a more accessible route to reporting for those deterred by immediate police involvement. Barbara Dougan with Council on American-Islamic Relations, Massachusetts suggested Active Bystander training by Quabbin Mediation as an important resource for any person looking to be more prepared to respond to hate crimes in their community.



Also on the hate crimes panel were (L to R) Barbara Dougan Esq. from the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Massachusetts (CAIR-MA), Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz of Temple B'nai Brith and Janelle Dempsey Esq. from Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston. — Photo by Anna Schaeffer

Somerville Heroes by Stephanie Hirsch

Residents' holiday traditions tell stories and brighten city

Thank you this month to residents who helped make the holiday season magical. Some invented or carried on traditions, and some shared stories through different types of holiday displays. Thanks are also due to those people who had to work extra hard this season while many of us took breaks.

Here are a few signs of the season from around town...



Home decorations ranged from the simple bow on a fence or string of lights on a bicycle on Berkeley, to homes like this one on Church Street, which was lit up on every corner.

On Willow Ave, residents Teresa Mc-

Gowan and Rob Auffrey incorporated a chicken coop to display a nativity theme. The scene, which they call the "Three Wise Hens Nestivity" got its start like this...



"We try to do something different for Christmas decorations," Rob said. "One year, our lighted bike became a stop on the Illuminations Tour." This year, Teresa wanted the theme to be chickens, because she keeps hens in their backyard. Nothing came to mind until Teresa started decorating their house, and Rob suddenly thought of using an old chicken coop and decorating it likewise.

During the decorating they realized that the inspiration was actually to create a Nativity scene in the coop, and the chickens Rob had envisioned in the yard should represent the three

wise men. With the addition of plush stuffed toy chickens, and findings from Michael's in Porter Square, the Nestivity was complete!



Neighbors and passersby have been enjoying the display since its arrival. The photo above is from neighbor (and local photographer extraordinaire) **Jeanine Farley**.



On Kidder Ave., the home of **Todd Kaplan** and **Rivkah Lapidus** has a display that Todd explains “retells the story of the Maccabees’ resistance to Greek rule and the Greeks’ attempts to wipe out any religious observance, which is the heart of the story of Hanukkah.”



And finally, in the Spring Hill neighborhood, each year at the holidays, the **Houghton family** continues a meaningful family tradition. They decorate the dedication at **Colonel Charles Houghton Square** with a Christmas Tree and lights. Colonel Houghton, and his wife **Agnes** who had immigrated from Belfast, were the patriarch and matriarch of a large group of Somerville residents and their families. The Houghton kids and their own families have been important contributors to our community in different ways. The children of Charles and Agnes include **Maureen Foster, Sheila Tracy, and Kathleen, Charles, Brenda, Mary,** and the late **Rita Houghton**, who was a long-time Somerville Schools teacher.

Kathleen Houghton, who just retired after 40 years of working on disability recreation with the District and City, shared the story. She and her siblings grew up with her parents near Houghton Square on Spring Street, and Kathleen still lives there today with two sisters. Their large family decorates the memorial for important family events, like weddings and baptisms. "After a family wedding," Kathleen

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on some of the bills that were approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker in the 2019 sessions.

Of the more than 6,000 bills that have been filed for consideration, only 148 have been approved and signed by the governor. And only 25 of those were bills that affect the entire state while the vast majority were either sick leave banks, local landtaking measures or other local-related measures applying to just one city or town.

Sick leave banks allow public employees to voluntarily donate sick, personal or vacation days to a sick leave bank for use by a fellow worker so he or she can get paid while on medical leave. Landtakings are local land measures that usually only affect one city or town.

Here are five of the 25 important, statewide-related bills signed into law:

BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 (H 140)

House 148-8, Senate 34-0, approved and on April 8 Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would prohibit psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort. The therapy is primarily used to try to convert gays and lesbians to be straight.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALLOW UNIONS TO CHARGE NON-UNION MEMBERS FOR SOME COSTS (H 3854)

House 154-1, Senate 39-1, on September 19th, overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of a bill that would allow unions to charge non-members for the cost of some services and representation. The measure would also give unions several new rights including access to state workers’ personal contact information with their home addresses, home and cell phone numbers and personal e-mail addresses.

The bill was filed as a response to a 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees case that public employees cannot be forced to pay fees or dues to a union to which he or she does not belong. Freedom of speech advocates hailed the decision while labor advocates said it was an unjust attack on unions.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REPEAL CAP ON WELFARE BENEFITS FOR KIDS (S 2186)

House 155-1, Senate 37-3, on April 25 overrode Gov. Baker’s veto of a bill that repeals the current law that denies an additional \$100 in welfare benefits to chil-

dren conceived while—or soon after—the family began receiving welfare benefits, or if they had received family welfare benefits in the past. The law was adopted in 1995 as part of a welfare reform package that was aimed at discouraging families already receiving public support from having more children.

(A “Yes” vote is for repealing the cap. A “No” vote is against repealing it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

COLLEGE CLOSURE (H 4099)

House 158-0, Senate 37-0. approved and on November 14 the governor signed into law legislation that would require colleges and universities to post financial information online in a publicly accessible fashion, undergo regular budgetary screening and alert state officials if they face imminent closure. The possible closure information would remain private to allow struggling institutions to recoup without alarming the public. The measure also requires board members at every college and university to undergo regular fiduciary and accreditation training.

If the board determines that a school does in fact face closure, the school would be required to create a contingency plan with details outlining how students can complete their programs, how their records would be maintained and how deposits would be refunded.

The board would impose a fine of up to \$1,000 per day if it determines that an institution has failed to comply with this new law. The board would also have the power to suspend state funding to the institution or revoke degree-granting authority.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

BAN FLAVORED VAPING AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS (H 4196)

House 119-33, Senate 32-6, and on November 22 Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would ban the sale of flavored vaping and tobacco products—including mint and menthol cigarettes—and impose a 75 percent excise tax on e-cigarettes. Businesses that don’t comply with the bill’s provisions could have their Lottery licenses temporarily suspended.

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

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL - FIVE BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN STUCK IN COMMITTEE FOR MONTHS:

DEBT-FREE PUBLIC COLLEGES (H 1221) – The Higher Education Committee has not acted on a bill that would give free college tuition including mandatory fees to Massachusetts residents who have a high school diploma or equivalent; have been admitted or are already enrolled in a public college or university or at certificate, vocational or training programs at a public institution; and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. A hearing on the proposal was held on April 30.

DEFAULT ON STUDENT LOANS (S 737) – No action has been taken by the Judiciary Committee on a bill that would repeal a current law passed in 1990, which created professional licensure consequences for anyone who defaults on their student loan. Under existing law, the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority and the American Student Assistance can request that a borrower’s state-issued professional or occupational certificate, registration or license be suspended, revoked or canceled for default on educational loans made or administered by either group. A hearing on the bill was held on May 13.

PROHIBIT PUBLISHING OF NAMES OF VETERANS WHO OWE TAXES (H 3224) – On May 16, the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit cities and towns from publishing the name of a veteran who owes the municipality taxes. Instead, the veterans’ service officer (VSO) of the city or town would contact the veteran privately and provide him or her with information regarding their overdue tax situation. Many cities and towns publish the names of their taxpayers who owe the municipality back taxes. The committee has not acted on the bill.

PAY FINE FOR NOT VOTING (H 653) – The Elections Laws Committee held a June 20 hearing on a measure that would require eligible voters to cast a ballot in any November General Election or face a fine of \$15 that would be added to the non-voter’s state tax liability for each election missed. The proposal also clarifies that the voter does not have to actually vote for anyone and is allowed to leave the ballot blank.

KOSHERFOOD (H 196) – The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee recommended passage of legislation requiring any food establishments that have had their kosher certification revoked to post a sign on the front door or window stating, “Kosher Certification Revoked.” The bill has been stuck in the House Ways and Means Committee since May 15.

Sponsor Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton) said she filed the bill because it was brought to her attention that a kosher grocery store in her district had lost its kosher certification but did not remove the kosher sign from its storefront.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Massachusetts casinos in 2018. By the numbers.

9,000. — *The number of Massachusetts residents employed in casinos.*

\$385 million. — *Wages paid to Bay Staters employed in casinos.*

\$2.6 billion. — *The cost to build the Encore Boston Harbor Casino in Everett.*

\$1.2 billion. – *Total spent on Massachusetts businesses by*

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the casino industry.

\$109.45 million — *The total in state taxes and assessments the state earned from casinos.*

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

During the week of January 6-10, the House met for a total of one hour and ten minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 16 minutes.

Mon. January 6	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Tues. January 7	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 8	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 9	House 11:02 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 2:25 p.m.
Fri. January 10	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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'Who says I'm dumb?'

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phrases was, "Who says I'm dumb?" So after Larry was done with the interview and posing for photos I got an idea. Remembering how much my dad liked *F Troop* I asked Larry if he could do me a quick favor. He said, "Sure!" I called up my dad, (on a land line!) and put Larry on the phone. Larry said, "Fred? Who says I'm dumb?" My dad was absolutely blown away! He chatted with Larry for about 5

minutes like they were old friends. It was a memory my dad talked about for years and it remains one of my fondest memories.

Relying on Kodak Instamatic cameras and even Polaroids back in the day had its faults. An intern at Kiss 108 snapped a photo of me and Bobby Orr. He was holding a cassette of a song I wrote for him that had been played on the radio earlier in the morning. It deeply affected

Bobby and he even gave me some rare autographed photos. Unfortunately, there was no film in the camera. I wanted to give that intern a good slap shot!

But, thankfully, I have many photos of celebrities that DID come out. Of all the 20 plus years I was on the radio my biggest thrill was meeting famous people. Some were aloof and stand offish, like Barry Manilow and Rod Stewart, but most were

friendly and very accommodating.

Larry Storch turned 97 years old last week and my dad would have been 100 in October. For me, it's a memory I'll always cherish.

Someday I'll do a story about a couple of my friends from Somerville who have been very successful in show biz and still are. I know that one of them is reading this story now ... hopefully!

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72583929	11 Ellsworth Street	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	17	\$550,000	\$530,000
72589469	74 Derby Street	8 room 5 bed, 1f 1h bath	11	\$699,000	\$690,000
72574391	19 Putnam Street	7 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	26	\$850,000	\$825,000
72578855	42 Berkeley	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	14	\$870,000	\$905,000
72563072	24 Campbell Park	8 room, 4 bed, 1f bath	47	\$999,900	\$900,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72583828	25 Perry StU:25	6 room, 3 bed, 2f bath	6	\$839,000	\$903,000
72580828	24 Newbury StU:24	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	38	\$849,900	\$800,000
72561816	20 Lincoln Street U:1	6 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	93	\$859,000	\$832,000
72514729	229 Cedar Street U:B	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	111	\$895,000	\$890,000
72578158	75 Rush St U:3	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	18	\$899,995	\$900,000
72570161	105 Willow Ave U:2 Square	7 room, 4 bed, 2f bath	24	\$925,000	\$910,000
72514727	15 Murdock Street U:A	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	20	\$930,000	\$930,000
72586332	593 Somerville Ave U:2	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	17	\$940,000	\$905,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:					
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72561965	56 Fairfax St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	56	\$749,900	\$694,000
72601824	3 Hamilton Rd	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	17	\$750,000	\$750,000
72573243	40 Otis St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	30	\$759,900	\$760,000
72567039	193 Boston Ave	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	39	\$879,000	\$853,800
72561890	75 Walnut St	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	214	\$999,900	\$970,000
72562453	34 Line St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	44	\$1,195,000	\$1,150,000
72477061	14 Carlton Street	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	92	\$1,250,000	\$1,130,000

'Stand OUT for Paras' at School Committee Meeting

Somerville Teachers Association (STA) and community members turned up, wearing red, at the latest Somerville School Committee Meeting at City Hall on Monday, January 13, speaking on behalf of paraprofessionals in advance of the next negotiation session. The STA and supporters met at the corner of Highland Ave. and School St. for a pre-meeting gathering. According to the participating activists, paraprofessionals currently make between \$20,000 – \$25,000 a year, which they feel is not enough to live on. Many of those who are advocate for better wages for the city's many paraprofessionals addressed the Committee and expressed their concerns on the issue. The contract negotiations are ongoing.



Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



The Burren

Serving the Davis Square area since 1996, The Burren is a wonderful venue to meet up with family and friends and enjoy the authentic Irish pub experience. They feature live entertainment seven nights a week, and offer up great food and the most proper pint of Guinness you can find in the square.

The menu consists of the more traditional fares like Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie, and fish and chips. But they also have a great selection of vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options to choose from like the black bean burger, Portobello mushroom burger, salads and a good number of other items that can be found here: <https://www.burren.com/index.html>.

Let's not forget the weekend brunch, where you can experience the traditional full Irish breakfast consisting of an Irish rasher, aka bacon, 2 sausages, black and white pudding, two eggs, grilled tomato, baked beans, and brown bread. You can also choose

from a list of multiple Benedict's, omelets, French toast, and a variety of vegetarian choices to suit your needs.

On a recent trip to lunch, we ordered the shepherd's pie. It was full of vegetables and ground meat in an herbaceous gravy covered with decorative and lightly browned mashed potatoes. The spicy black bean burger topped with a mango salsa, lettuce, tomato, and onion was full of flavor and texture. A perfect alternative for even a true carnivore!

I almost forgot, don't skip the fries. Crispy on the outside, soft and creamy on the inside. The clam chowder was flavorful, full of clams and potatoes in a creamy, light thickened broth.

A wonderful place to enjoy great food, Irish music, fantastic service, traditional Irish pub ambiance, and the perfect pint, all without having to purchase a plane ticket to Ireland.

You can also follow them on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. You can reserve a table on Open Table through their website or from the



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State Representative Denise Provost announces she will not seek re-election in 2020

State Representative Denise Provost announced on January 12, that she will not seek re-election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in November 2020. “This week sees the start of what will be my 15th state budget cycle. I have given my utmost to representing the people of Somerville for many years now, and it has been an honor to do so. Now, it’s time for me to step aside.”

Provost ran for the position of Ward 5 Alderman in 1993 and 1995, coming close to beating two different incumbents. She was elected to an At-Large seat on the Somerville Board of Aldermen in 1999. She was re-elected to three more terms on the Board.

During her years in local government, Provost concentrated on adopting appropriate redevelopment plans and zoning for the then almost-vacant Assembly Square. She was a leading voice for human rights and civil liberties in Somerville; fighting, for instance, an

“anti-gang” ordinance she condemned as “ill-conceived and unconstitutional.” She was a strong voice for providing more and better parks and playgrounds in Somerville, and led successful opposition to the plan to build a new school in the middle of Lincoln Park, securing its future as a city park.

Provost took out nomination papers to run for the newly vacant seat for state representative for the 27th Middlesex District on the day of the city elections in November, 2005. She campaigned against a strong opponent, and handily won the election. She was sworn into the Massachusetts House in February, 2006.

Her work in the legislature has included environmental protection in the broadest sense; she was one of the first voices in Massachusetts government to raise the alarm over climate change. She has promoted the principle of environmental justice, advocating for legislation to curtail the negative health effects of polluted

earth, air, and water. Besides the right to health and a stable climate, Provost has championed other human rights and civil liberties, advocating for women, children, persons with disabilities, immigrants, the poor and homeless, and LGBTQ people.

Provost fought for marriage equality from her first days in the legislature, was the lead sponsor of the successful 2016 legislation assuring full legal equality for transgender persons. She authored important provisions of the 2009 transportation reform bill, the “Healthy Transportation Compact.” Provost also filed legislation which stopped a proposal to transport highly-flammable ethanol, in tanker cars, on two of the commuter rail lines which run through Somerville.

Representative Provost emphasizes that she is not resigning her seat, and will continue to work zealously for her Somerville constituents until her successor is sworn in, in January, 2021. She will continue to respond promptly to all requests for help, and to discuss pending legislation and other policy matters. Her office can be reached at 617-722-2263, or denise.provost@mahouse.gov.



State Representative Denise Provost.

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Writer's Den is a free weekly evening creative writing workshop open to all Somerville students in grades 4-8.

Creative weekly activities and fun writing prompts, storytelling, script writing and more keep students eager to write and share their writing. Publishing opportunities and snacks.

Co-Directors Alan Ball, Cara Feinberg, and Allyson Sherlock invite all students in grades 4-8 to join the fun. Parent/guardian permission required.

Writer's Den takes place Wednesdays and some Mondays (except vacation weeks or if schools close due to inclement weather).

Visit the district website (www.somerville.k12.ma.us/events/calendar) for Writer's Den meeting dates for the rest of the school year. The workshops take place at the Healey School Library, 5 Meacham St.

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers. We recently released a draft of the City’s Vision Zero plan. Below are some of interesting numbers from it, and you can see the full plan and learn more about getting involved at <https://www.somerville-ma.gov/visionzero>.

0 traffic fatalities or serious injuries: Somerville is one of around 40 communities in the U.S. to join the international Vision Zero movement. The idea behind Vision Zero is that there should be no traffic fatalities and no serious traffic injuries and that communities

have the power to reduce and even eliminate crashes with severe consequences. Vision Zero also emphasizes that drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians are people who will make mistakes on the road, so communities need to adopt policies and design their roads and other infrastructure to account for human error.

125 miles: Somerville has 125 miles of streets, with almost all having sidewalks. We also have about 20 miles of designated bicycle facilities and just over 28 miles of streets that are marked for shared vehicle/bicycle use. Part of Vision Zero is working to make sure all of this infrastructure is designed and maintained in a way that makes it safe for all users.

90%: Slowing down vehicle traffic through traffic calming is one way to make the streets safer for everyone. Data shows that crashes that happen at low-

er speeds are less likely to result in fatalities or severe injuries. For example, if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle at 20 mph they have a 90% chance of survival. That drops to 50% if the vehicle is traveling at 30 mph and 10% at 40 mph. In December 2016, we lowered our citywide speed limit to 25 mph and implemented 20 mph safety zones around high-traffic areas like parks, houses of worship, schools, and senior housing. At the end of 2018, we had about 22 miles of streets in safety zones.

7 mph: There are many strategies for traffic calming including speed bumps and tables, narrowing the road, and lane shifts. But traffic calming techniques don’t always involve major changes to the roadway; sometimes a little paint gets the job done. We found that average speeds dropped 7 mph – from 30 to 23 mph – near the intersection of Broadway and Glenwood Road when we used red paint on a

mid-block crosswalk.

92 goals: The draft Vision Zero plan proposes 92 goals to be implemented over the next five years. They’re focused on four main areas – gathering data, safe street design, operating safe streets, and cultivating a culture of safety. Some goals focus on City work, like repairing at least two miles of sidewalk per year and making sure City staff and contractors get appropriate truck safety training. Other goals extend to the community, like working with rideshare companies on an anti-dooring campaign and educating students about pedestrian safety.

Everyone: For Vision Zero to be successful, we need everyone to be involved. On www.somervillema.gov/visionzero you can find the full draft plan. We’re looking for feedback on the plan, which you can submit online (we have a tool that allows you

to comment directly on the draft document). Or come talk with us at one of three upcoming evening open house meetings on Jan. 21, Jan. 30, and Feb. 5 (details are at www.somerville-ma.gov/visionzero or call 311). And, most importantly, you can help us reach our Vision Zero goal by following the rules of the road and making sure you’re driving, biking, or walking in a way that ensures safety for everyone on the road.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we’ve been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at www.somervillema.gov/datafarm.

City issues update on lead in water

In response to inquiries about the educational material which was mailed to residences regarding lead in the drinking water, the city of Somerville has issued this high level recap:

Pipes from water main in the street to the water meter in one's home

In the City of Somerville there are 449 known homes which have old lead service pipes, which deliver water from the water main in the street to the water meter in your home. This 449 homes are about 2% of the homes in Somerville. The city knows which homes these are. And as a home owner you would know this too, because the city would inform you.

Pipes within your home

Some old homes have lead within the home. It could be in pipes, in the solder used to solder the pipe joints, or both. The assumption is that property owner would test their own homes and know if this is the case.

City infrastructure

There is “no” lead in any of the city infrastructure.

Test results this year

The city is required annually to test the water for lead. A sample number of the 449 homes known to have lead service pipes are tested every year. This year the test results went up a little, which pushed it over the “action level.” If a community is over the “action level” then the city is required to send out education material to all households. This is why you received the pamphlet in the mail.

For the 449 homes which have lead service pipes it is recommended that they do not let their water stand for more than 6 hours. This means typically turning your water on, so it flows, e.g. washing hands in water.

It was assumed the reason the water went over the “action level” this year was due to one of the residents (who participates in the sample test) water sat for a week in their pipes while they were on vacation. They did not let the water flow before they filled the water sample jar.

More information can be found at www.somervillema.gov/leadservice, call 617-625-6600, x5850, email Water@SomervilleMA.gov



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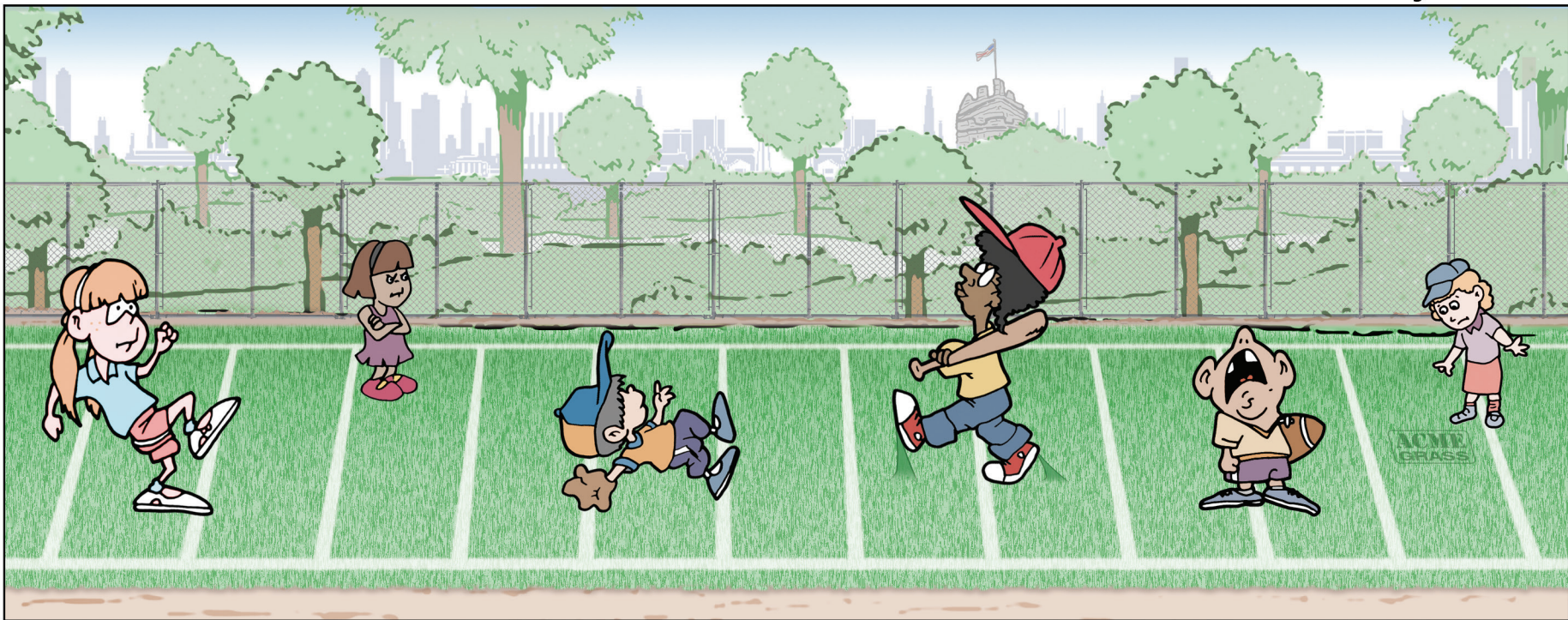
It’s not too early to start planning for February vacation. Check out the Somerville Parks and Recreation Department website (www.somervillerec.com) for information about their February Vacation Floor Hockey program, and other programs and events available this winter.

How about a field trip to a fun location in and around the Boston area? A full list of classes, clinics, events, youth and adult league sports, and activities, as well as pricing for each is available at <http://www.somervillerec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities>.

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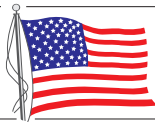
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The natural grass vs. artificial turf controversy rages on.

Our View Of The Times



A hot topic of discussion in the city through the years is how best to deal with development and upkeep of our public recreational playing fields. Specifically, a debate is still underway concerning the use of artificial grass versus natural turf. Those opposed to the artificial option point to safety concerns based on the chemical composition of the materials used, as well as the perceived unnatural way the turf responds to the activities of those who play on the fields. So called “heat islands” - i.e., excessive heat given off due to the nature of the turf’s materials - creates further cause for concern, in consideration of possible health risks to those who use the turf, along with larger scale environmental concerns. Proponents of artificial turf cite durability, cost effectiveness, and long-term sustainability as important reasons for given this option serious consideration. They also claim that playing on this surface is close enough to the natural option and offers only negligible differences. Of course, the city has to make informed and well-considered choices as it moves forward in its efforts to improve the state of our playing fields. Many feel that overuse of the current existing natural grass fields is forcing the city to consider an unattractive choice in adopting the artificial option. Cost considerations are surely significant, but it goes without saying that the health and safety of our kids and the city as a whole is of paramount importance. Let’s encourage our civic leaders to investigate the issue thoroughly before proceeding with any specific plan.

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photographer! We wish him and his lovely wife – and now getting older daughter – the very best. Happy birthday Kenny! Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

The **Somerville High School boys and girls basketball teams** will go head-to-head against the **Medford Mustangs** on **Sunday, January 19**, at the **4th Annual Tufts Classic**. The double-header takes place at the **Cousens Gymnasium** on the **Tufts University campus**. The girls’ game tips off at 12:00 p.m., followed by the boys’ game at 1:30 p.m. Game winners will receive a “Tufts Classic” trophy which will stay in their possession until the next Tufts Classic, and players from all four teams will receive Tufts Classic t-shirts to commemorate their participation in the double-header. Admission to the Tufts Classic is free. Donations for **Project SOUP** in Somerville and **Community Cupboard** in Medford will be accepted. Fans are asked to bring nonperishable food items and personal household and hygiene products to support those in need in both cities. A detailed list of preferred donation items can be found on the Tufts Classic’s Facebook event page.

Are you interested in learning more about **climate change** while taking meaningful action with members of your community? Become a **Somerville Climate Forward Ambassador**. Learn more at bit.ly/climateforward and apply by January 17.

Don’t forget, the **Somerville Winter Farmers Market** takes place **every Saturday** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the **Arts at the Armory**, 191 Highland Ave., presenting the very best variety of products from New England farms and specialty vendors including vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, fish, baked goods, and lots more. Live music, delicious treats in two cafe areas and a chance to meet friends. SNAP/ EBT and HIP accepted.

On **Saturday, January 25**, the **Somerville High School Boys Basketball team** will participate in the **Andrew Lawton Foundation Basketball Invitational** at **TD Garden**. Somerville will take on **Algonquin** in the Garden at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person and includes admission to seven other marquee high school games. **Head Coach Mark Antonelli** and the **Highlanders** invite all Somerville students, faculty, alumni, and community members to come out, wear their red and blue, and rock the Garden in support of the Highlanders. Tickets are available through the **Friends of Somerville Basketball Booster** organization and can be purchased with cash, checks (made out to Friends of Somerville Basketball) or via Venmo @FriendsofSomervilleBasketball. Contact Head Coach Mark Antonelli at mantonelli@k12.somerville.ma.us or 617-584-7321 for ticket information.

The **Somerville Community Choice Electricity (CCE)** program is doubling the amount of extra renewable energy provided to our residents and businesses. To learn more about this and other changes to Somerville CCE, visit cce.somervillema.gov.

Congratulations the winners of our **Best of Somerville 2019** survey, as voted for by you, our readers (find the list of winners on our website at <http://www.the-somervilletimes.com/archives/62978>). They do indeed represent the best that the city has to offer. Be sure to partake of their products or services, and let them know you heard about their being honored here in *The Somerville Times*.

The **City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Department (HHS)** and **Somerville Media Center (SMC)** are excited to announce the **2020 Screening Series of From My Heart to Yours**. This short educational film provides an intimate look at how the availability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally and around the state. It also addresses various pathways to recovery and resources that exist to help the transition back into society. HHS and SMC partnered with local organizations to host free screenings of the short documentary (about 25 minutes) throughout the city with a Q&A with representatives from individuals who were part of production. Screening events are scheduled as follows: **January 16**, 6:30 p.m., at **MOAR- Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery**, 9 New Washington St.; **February 6**, 5:00 p.m., at **Council on Aging**, 167 Holland St.; **March 6**, 6:30 p.m., at **Connexion**, 149 Broadway; and **April 15**, 6:00 p.m., the **Somerville Library**, 79 Highland Ave.

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A warm weather winter day in Somerville

People went out to enjoy the record breaking tempertures in the Assembly Row–Mystic River area last weekend.



Photos by Claudia Ferro



The winners of The Somerville Times Reader’s Choice results for THE BEST OF SOMERVILLE 2019

Congratulations to the winners! Please support their businesses and let them know you saw them in The Somerville Times

Readers choices for 2019

Best Idea in 2019: Somerville municipal buildings being equipped with Narcan

Worst Idea in 2019: Bus lanes on Broadway

Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:

- Best Breakfast: Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St.
 - Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Ball Sq. Cafe, 708 Broadway
 - Best Italian Food: Vinny’s Ristorante, 76 Broadway
 - Best Italian Specialty Store: Capone Foods, 14 Bow St.
 - Best Portuguese Restaurant: J and J Restaurant & Takeout, 157 Washington St.
 - Best Brazilian Restaurant: Oliveira’s Steak House, 120 Washington St.
 - Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave.
 - Best Mexican Food: Rincón Mexicano, 99 Broadway
 - Best Caribbean Restaurant: Sunrise Cuisine, 76 Middlesex Ave.
 - Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway
 - Best Seafood Restaurant: Out of the Blue, 215 Elm St.
 - Best Local Deli: Victor’s Deli, 710 Broadway
 - Best Irish Pub: The Burren, 247 Elm St.
 - Best Hamburger: RF O’Sullivan & Son, 282 Beacon St.
 - Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Hot Box, 1 Bow Market Way
 - Best Bar Food: Highland Kitchen, 150 Highland Ave.
 - Best Pizza: Mama Lisa’s, 312 Broadway
 - Best Detroit style Pizza: Avenue Kitchen and Bar, 158 Boston Ave.
 - Best Sub Shop: Leone’s Sub and Pizza, 292 Broadway
 - Best Sandwiches: Thurston Spa, 393 Medford St.
 - Best Chocolate: Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St.
 - Best Donuts: Davis Square Hand Crafted Donuts & Bagels, 377 Summer St.
 - Best Muffins: Magnificent Muffin & Bagel Shoppe, 1118 Broadway
 - Best Scones and Biscuits: 3 Little Figs, 278 Broadway
 - Best Bakery: Lyndell’s, 720 Broadway
 - Best Pies: Petsi Pies, 285 Beacon St.
 - Best Cheesecake: 7ATE9 Bakery, 199C Highland Ave.
 - Best Local Coffee Shop: True Grounds, 717 Broadway
 - Best Bar for Bands: Once, 156 Highland Ave.
 - Best Bar/Entertainment: Urban Axes Boston, 2 Union Square
 - Best Brewery: Remnant Brewing, 2 Bow Market Way
 - Best Bar/Creative Drinks: backbar, 7 Sanborn Ct.
 - Best local Bar: Sally O’Brien’s, 335 Somerville Ave.
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 - Best Somerville Charity: Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave.

'Giving@First' theater festival produces plays in one day

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an organization aiming to find a breakthrough treatment for Lou Gehrig's disease.

Fifty participants met the evening of January 10 for the festival's kick off meeting, during which they were assigned to one of the seven teams. Names were drawn from a lottery, determining which artists would be working together. The timer was set at 9:22 p.m., as cheers erupted and a drumroll filled the room.

The plays did involve a set of rules: each one would have to find a way to use the silver hand mirror and a stool as props, and each would have to incorporate a specific line of dialog, "But where are we going to find an ice bucket?"

After being delegated to a team, the artists broke into their individual groups for quick meetings, where they tossed around ideas. Writers went home to develop their plays in the course of

a night, turning them in to their directors and actors by 7:00 in the morning.

Directors and actors were welcome to use the rehearsal space at the Unity Somerville church for an hour per play, though many continued to workshop their pieces at their homes. Finally, the seven new plays were performed Saturday night, finishing the festival with 16 minutes to spare.

This year marks the fourth time Theatre@First has put together a festival in one day. Haddad had brought up the idea in 2017, as a way of providing relief to hurricane survivors, wanting to use theater to make an impact and activating the power of art. Haddad said that he was drawn to the concept that "constraint breeds creativity," that artists could develop some of their most original work when facing the pressure of the clock.



Three and a Mirror by Mack Carroll.

— Photos by Shira Laucharoen

"From an acting and directing standpoint, live theater always has that wonderful little bit of danger, because anything can happen," said Haddad. "There's a way that gets amplified when you have twelve hours to write a new script. I feed off of that energy."

The festival opened with a comical play, *Raising the Stakes*, by Naomi Hitchen, which centered on a group of vampires holding a meeting, only to find that their victim actually intends to slay them. In *Interview with a Gorgon*, by Greg Lam, the poet Ovid converses with Medusa, a character who turns men to stone if looked upon directly. *Episode 47: The Haunted Mirror*,

by Amanda Owens and Steven Owens, humorlessly featured a man narrating a ghostly experience from his life to a man adapting his story for the screen. The evening ended with *Who Killed Mike Haddad?*, by Hatem Adell and artistic director of Theatre@First Elizabeth Hunter, during which an investigator accused all on stage of being suspects for a murder.

Hunter said that the framework of the festival and the frenetic pace often produce unique results. The format also gives playwrights the opportunity to generate work for a specific cast, as they craft their roles around the actors assigned to their teams, respond-

ing to the qualities they bring. Theater typically has its own constraints, said Hunter, as artists "work in local spaces that aren't built as theaters, have day jobs, and have a limited budget." *Giving@First* is an extreme example of the conditions they frequently face, she said.

"Putting us under tight pressure can really inspire us to do some of our best work," Hunter said. "You can't second guess yourself or say, 'I'll sleep on it overnight and see if the dialog sounds good in the morning.' Whatever it is, we have to go with it. Whatever seems funny now, we're going to make it happen, and the result is really good theater because of that."



When Stars Align by Tofer Carlson (left) and Auld Lang Syne by Michael Saenz (right).



SHS CTE students medal at SkillsUSA Fall State Leadership Conference

Somerville High School was very well-represented at the SkillsUSA Fall State Leadership Conference in late November. Eleven SHS students earned several medals at the competition held in Marlborough, MA, bringing home four gold, a silver, and a bronze. Conference participants receive intensive training focused on the SkillsUSA Frameworks elements of personal, workplace, and technical skills, and have opportunities to earn the SkillsUSA Massachusetts Leader Award. Congratulations to the following SHS students for their outstanding performance!

- Alex Albano, Suki Huang, and Jack Donovan – Gold Medal in Community Construction
- Carl Benjamin – Gold Medal in Workplace Safety
- Kyissa Almeida – Gold Medal in Workplace Skills
- Manal Khouti and Jarad Gorman – Silver Medal in Personal Skills
- Harrison Zorrilla-Romero – Gold Medal in Framework Video Challenge
- Alyssa Camara, Hiba Khouti, and Rajan Raut – Bronze Medal in Technical Skills

Ms. Cam's Olio #713

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What award is given to recognize outstanding achievement in the Christian music industry? | England Patriot? |
| 2. Who was the lead singer of the band The Raspberries? | 7. The Kentucky Derby is always held on what date? |
| 3. Which Hollywood couple named one of their children Dakota Mayi? | 8. Who was the only player to be awarded the Super Bowl MVP on a losing team? |
| 4. Who played rocker Elle Dallas on the TV series <i>Empire</i> ? | 9. What is the world's largest herb? |
| 5. Who is the first Hispanic woman and the first Latino American to receive a Kennedy Center Honors award? | 10. Who is the only starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl with two different teams? |
| 6. How many Super Bowls did Jimmy Garoppolo win as a New | 11. What gives the gemstone turquoise its blue color? |
| | 12. Who was the original singer of Stone Temple Pilots? |

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Council Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

Clarendon Hill (North Street) Comprehensive Permit – Applicants, POAH, Redgate, and SCC, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Comprehensive Permit under M.G.L. Chapter 40B for an Inclusionary Housing Development. The proposal would create a total of 591 residential units spread throughout 4 new residential buildings and a cluster of townhouses. The project is a redevelopment of the existing 216-unit Somerville Housing Authority project. The Applicant is requesting waivers from various sections of the City's ordinances and requirements, including but not limited to waivers relating to the following sections of the SZO: maximum density; maximum height; minimum front, side, and rear setbacks; parking requirements. The Applicant is also seeking a waiver to have the review required by various sections of the Code of Ordinances to be conducted by the Zoning Board. Urban Residence District. Ward 7.

327 Highland Avenue – Applicant, Alex Genovese, and Owner Nora LLC seek four (4) Hardship Variances under Article 15.2.3 to construct an awning with a nonconforming valance and with an awning sign with nonconforming valance lettering and signage on both closed ends. Neighborhood Residence District and Small Business Overlay District. Ward 6.

175 Beacon Street – Applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T"), and Owner, Beacon Associates, Inc., seek a Special Permit under Article 10.12 to modify and establish wireless communication antennas and structures. Urban Residence District and Small business Overlay District. Ward 2.

0 & 20 Inner Belt Rd and 56 Roland Street - Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owners, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall and the Somerville City Club c/o Frank Dardeno, Jr. Esq., seeks a time extension to variances granted on February 20, 2019 for minimum lot area per dwelling unit, maximum ground coverage, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a seven-story mixed use building that will include 205 residential units, a private, non-profit club or lodge for members only, and an attached shared parking garage. (Formerly BB / IA) CI Zone. Ward 1.


56 Roland Street - Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owner, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall, seeks a time extension to variances granted on February 20, 2019 for landscaped area, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a six-story 120-room extended stay hotel. (Formerly BB) CI Zone. Ward 1.

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

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

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
As published in The Somerville Times on 1/8/20 & 1/15/20

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

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA.** to consider the removal of the following public shade tree(s):

1. 10 Inner Belt Road – Removal of two (2) Callery Pear trees (8", 14" diameter), and one (1) London Plane (8" diameter) for Residential Development.
2. 20 Inner Belt Road – Removal of five (5) Callery Pear trees (8", 12", 10", 8", 4" diameter), two (2) Green Ash (12", 12" diameter), one (1) Norway Maple (10" diameter, and one (1) Hawthorn for Hotel Development. Inner Belt locations will be replanted.
3. 19 Highland Road – Removal of one (1) Colorado Blue Spruce (diameter) due to Eversource Utility conflict.
4. 14 Dresden Circle – Removal of one (1) Siberian Elm due to resident concern and suspected Elm borer pest.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87, any objections to the removal of any of these trees must be submitted in writing to the City Urban Forester prior to or at the public hearing. The mailing address for the Urban Forester is City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143; email: trees@somervillema.gov; phone 617-625-6600.

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Somerville Prevention to present results of student health survey in game show

Somerville Prevention, a division of the Somerville Office of Health and Human Services, invites all community members to the presentation of the 2019 Student Health Survey, which was completed last year by Somerville students in middle school grades. The presentation, given in a game show-style with interactive trivia and facilitated by Somerville Positive Forces (SPF) youth, will be held on Thursday, January 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Connexion located at 149 Broadway. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Student Health Survey covers topics such as substance use, mental health, physical health, and violence and safety, and the anonymous results help to inform initiatives and programming by the Health and Human Services department. These topics will also be discussed in more depth following the trivia portion in breakout groups led by expert facilitators.

For more information, contact: Matthew Mitchell 617- 625-600, ext. 2570 or mmitchell@somerville.gov, or Lovelee Heller-Botarri 617-625 6600, ext. 4322 or lheller@somerville.gov.



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Music Meeting: Reigniting the Boston Music Conversation will be held on **January 23** at **The Jungle Community Music Club, 6 Sanborn Ct., Somerville**, which is relaunching a series of meeting/meet-ups. In this first round, talk about the **Do-It-Yourself (DIY)** concept and working on a sustainable foundation; old favorites like promoting in the digital age, booking (uh-oh), and looking outside one's own genres. Guests will be with guests

Edrie Edrie of Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys, Jenny Bergman of The Secret Bureau of Art & Design, Bridget Duggan of ONCE Somerville, Carissa Johnson of Fuel Heart Productions and Steve Theo of Pirate Promotions. Music at 8:00 p.m. with **The Shirts And Shoes, War On Alexandria, and Lay Low Moon.** The meeting is free to all from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Live music is at 8:00 p.m. \$6 in advance, \$10 day of the show. For

more info, visit www.thejunglemusic-club.com.

Urban Gardening Talk with Lindsay Allen takes place **February 5**, at **Remnant Brewing, 2 Bow Market Way, Somerville**, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., hosted by the **Somerville Public Library.** This talk will focus on the history of urban agriculture and how that has shaped our cities' current food systems. Attendees will

learn about the history of urban gardening, food justice, rooftop farming and innovative ways to grow food at your home, including tips for your home garden.

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Somerville releases draft 5-year Vision Zero plan to create safer streets

Last week, Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced the release of an ambitious 5-year draft plan to work toward the city’s Vision Zero goal, which aims to eliminate traffic crashes in Somerville that result in severe injuries and fatalities. Curtatone is calling on the community to review the draft plan, which was prepared by a community task force working with city staff and regional advocacy organizations. The plan is posted online for comment and will be discussed at upcoming public meetings (see below).

Somerville is one of roughly 40 U.S. cities to join the international Vision Zero movement. The core principle of Vision Zero is that the loss of life on our streets is unacceptable and that communities have the power to reduce and ultimately eliminate crashes that have severe consequences.

“Since the late 1940s, American streets have generally been designed to move motor vehicles as fast as possible, with little regard for public health and safety,” said Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. “Our society became convinced that crashes with terrible consequences were inevitable, and today roughly 40,000 Americans are killed on our roads every year. The Vision Zero approach turns that logic upside-down. Communities like Somerville commit themselves to systematically reducing the operating speeds of motor vehicles because we believe that

a human life is more important than a few moments of delay for people driving.”

Extensive scientific research shows a direct relationship between vehicle speed and the prevalence of severe injuries and fatalities when crashes occur. Formally adopted in Somerville by Mayor Curtatone in 2017, the Vision Zero strategy has since guided numerous safety initiatives in Somerville ranging from lower citywide speed limits, crosswalk and lighting improvements, and intersection redesign to the introduction of separated bike lanes. The Draft Vision Zero Action Plan details further actions the city will take over the next five years to work toward the long-term goal of Vision Zero.

"Somerville must do all it can to prevent any further loss of life or serious injury on our roadways"

“We have a monumental challenge before us: we must undo a century’s worth of car-centric transportation design that is unnecessarily putting today’s multi-modal residents in peril. So it will take time, resources, and smart solutions. But we cannot shy away from this responsibility. Somerville must do all it can to prevent any

further loss of life or serious injury on our roadways,” said Mayor Curtatone.

“Last year, three pedestrians were tragically killed by motorists in Somerville. Vision Zero is truly a matter of life and death,” said Mark Niedergang, Ward 5 City Councilor and Chair of the Council’s Traffic and Parking Committee. “Mayor Curtatone wrote that ‘we must treat traffic safety like the public health crisis that it is.’ I believe we can win the battle to make our streets safe, especially for pedestrians and bicyclists, but for motorists as well, and when we do, there will be many additional environmental, health, and economic benefits.”

Both Mayor Curtatone and the City Council have recently called for greater investment in traffic safety, with Curtatone announcing in his January 6 inaugural speech that in the coming term, he is calling for an “unprecedented investment” in transportation staff and resources to help achieve both the community’s Vision Zero goals for safer streets and its carbon neutrality goals set forth in the city’s Climate Forward Plan.

Vision Zero: A Closer Look

A Vision Zero approach recognizes that users of the transportation system will sometimes make mistakes and that crashes will continue to occur. Given that reality, it focuses on designing our roadways and transportation policies so that these mistakes do not result in serious injury or death.



The implementation of Vision Zero in Somerville is also grounded in equity considerations. The city recognizes the disproportionate burden of traffic crashes on people of color, low-income households, people with limited English proficiency, and persons with disabilities or mobility impairments, and transportation safety improvements will be prioritized for these populations.

The city invites public comments on the draft plan through Monday, February 10, in any of the following ways:

- Visit the Vision Zero webpage to learn more about the process and the draft plan: www.somervillema.gov/visionzero
- Review and comment directly on the draft document at: <https://somerville.civiccomment.org/>
- Submit comments via email to

VisionZero@somervillema.gov

- Attend one of three upcoming public meetings hosted by city staff and Vision Zero Task Force Members to educate residents about the draft plan and get input:

- Open House #1
 - o East Somerville Community School, Cafeteria
 - o 50 Cross St, Somerville
 - o Tuesday , January 21, 6-8 p.m.
- Open House #2
 - o Somerville Community Baptist Church
 - o 31 College Ave., Somerville
 - o Thursday, January 30, 6-8 p.m.
- Open House #3
 - o Somerville Public Library, Auditorium
 - o 79 Highland Ave, Somerville
 - o Wednesday, February 5, 6-8 p.m.

2020 Digital Literacy Workshop series schedule

Somerville Media Center offers a set of free Digital Literacy Workshops for anyone wanting to improve their ability to navigate and participate in the digital media sphere. These sessions aim to expand digital inclusion with expert guidance on savvy smartphone use, better internet research, media production skills, graphic design, building a user friendly website, becoming a community journalist, deepening media literacy and critical consumption. These workshops will run from January – June and you can view the full list of workshops online here.

Our 2020 Digital Literacy program in partnership with Somerville Public Library will address a wide spectrum of digital inclusion factors like: taking full advantage of utilizing smartphones; creating professional emails using MailChimp; learning media production; graphic design using Canva; building user friendly websites on Wix; social media marketing; deepening media literacy knowledge; creating media savvy consumers

As mentioned, some of these workshops are in partnership with Somerville Public Library as part of our collaborative “Lunch & Learn Series*” on the third Tuesdays of each month from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Workshop Series Benefits: This workshop series is a grant funded project of “Skill Up Somerville.” All students will be eligible to receive digital badging credentials through the Skill Up Somerville program. SMC will also offer 10% off annual membership for attending 3 SMC “Skill Up Badge” classes and if students take all of the classes, they are eligible for a one year free SMC membership.

About Skill Up Somerville: Skill Up Somerville is a digital badging platform – a free online platform – administered by the City of Somerville Economic Development office with the goal of credentialing skills gained in non-traditional educational settings.

Visit: <https://skillupsomerville.credly.com/enterprise> for more information on Skill up Somerville.



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East Branch Library
Music with Matt! PreK Sing-
Along with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|115 Broad-
way

Central Library
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 High-
land Ave

Thursday|January 16

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

Friday|January 17

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

Sunday|January 19

Central Library
Climate Zine-Making and Craft-
ing
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|January 20

Library Closed

Tuesday|January 21

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

Central Library
Teen Empowerment
2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Wednesday|January 15

East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broad-
way

Central Library
Somerville Positive Forces
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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Thank God For Science
Ali McGuirk
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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7 p.m.|255 Elm St

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Richard Cambridge's Poets'
Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 18

Sally O’Brien’s
One Thin Dime.
6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-
666-3589

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

with: Richard Schroder, Ken Zim-
merman, Dave Charles & Johnny
Bickford|12 p.m.
An Evening With Bill Janovitz and
Friends|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s
Pop Into The Chemist
10 p.m.| 366A Somerville
Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road
Take Us Alive with special guests
Trailer Swift, The Rupert Selec-
tion, and Lily Black
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Catch a Dinosaur
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music
Club
Twig / WayOfTheHeadband
/ HalfAstronaut / Connor-
Storms&hisBoys
7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Arts at the Armory
DNÅ. : Moving Mountains
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Pirates of Penzance
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Sunday|January 19

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and
guests|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Front Room: John Gannon &
Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman
& Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9
p.m.
Moxie, Tiberius, Mia Michelle,
Fiona Hewes |7p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Americana Picnic: Charlie
Fuertsch Country Band
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music
Club
Plant Nite: Wooden Barrel|6 p.m.
Maddy Roop / Monsey / Morgan
Miller / Ghost Grl
8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Monday|January 20

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

3589

The Burren
Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45
p.m., Run, Helena Delaney &
Friends|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Matt Heaton & The
Outside Toys|12 p.m.
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville
Geeks Who Drink Pub Quiz at
ONCE Lounge
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

The Jungle Community Music
Club
TheHumansBeing / Kingdomof-
Funk / Slapback// TheThat
7 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Tuesday|January 21

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

The Burren
Front Room: Jason Anick & The
Swingers|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

Once Somerville
Ezra Furman
Hallelujah The Hills

The Jungle Community Music
Club
TheHumansBeing / Kingdomof-
Funk / Slapback// TheThat
8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct p.m.|156
Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
First and Last Word Poetry
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 22

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

The Burren
Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9
p.m.
Back Room: Kyle Benor & the
Ghost Caravan, Cactus Island,
Sunday Face|7 p.m.
Comedy Night with Janet M
Namara|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
That One Eyed Kid
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 15

Central Library
Drop in Knitting and Needlecraft
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Gerrior Square Annual Home
Owners Association Meeting
5:15 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Thursday|January 16

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

West at TAB
Books to Movies Club
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.| 167 Hol-
land St, 2nd floor

Central Library
Feminist Book Club
6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 High-
land Ave

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step
program for people with prob-
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 18

Central Library
Sunrise Boston
10:45 a.m.-2 p.m.
Books of Hope
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|January 19

Central Library
Climate Zine-Making and Craft-
ing
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-
Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Unity Church of God
Enter upstairs, meeting is in
basement

Monday|Janaury 20

Library closed

Tuesday|January 21
Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Company
Books & Brews Book Club
6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.| 14 Tyler
Street

Wednesday|January 22

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
(East Somerville)
Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
617-625-6600, ext. 2335
Fax: 617-625-1414

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

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRIPS

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

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. Next Class December 5 For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays, Holland Street from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Upcoming date: December 5. Class is \$3. For additional information or questions call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Line Dancing – The first and third Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center . Class is free. No experience needed. For additional info or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Live YOUR Life Well – Tuesday, January 21 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. To help us all live our best lives. Please join the celebration and register for the course by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Chinese New Year “Year of the Rat” Bingo – Wednesday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$12 price includes lunch, coffee, dessert and bingo. Limited seating and transportation. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Food Stamp Application Walk-In-Hours – Monday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. The Department of Transitional Assistance has placed a food stamp application Kiosk at the Holland Street Center which takes the place of going to the DTA office to enroll in benefits. The SCOA’s Social Workers will be hosting walk-in-hours to help facilitate

applications. No appointment necessary, please bring a valid ID and proof of income. For questions or additional info call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Valentine’s Day Super Bingo – Thursday, February 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. \$14 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Come and have a fun filled day. Limited seating and transportation. For more information please Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Caregivers Series For Those Who Live Independently – each Thursday in February from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information.

St. Valentine’s Day Celebration – Monday, February 10 at Dilboy Post from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Limited seating and transportation. This event is made possible through the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Departments. For more info call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Powers Music School – Tuesday, February 11 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Featuring the Andromedia Quintet. Lunch and bingo to follow. To RSVP call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movie & Pizza Day – Tuesday, February 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. This month’s movie is Driving Miss Daisy. Pizza to follow movie. \$3 per person due at time of reservation. For more information or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Resorts Casino Hotel Atlantic City, NJ – Sunday, February 23 to Tuesday, February 25. \$219 per person double and \$299 per person single – trip includes: motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging, \$50 slot dollars, \$50 meal credits and two casino shows. Check in at Ralph and Jenny at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday with an approximate return time of 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

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

Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

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

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

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Memory Café – Meets the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A welcoming place for people with forgetfulness and their family and friends to share a meal and create new memories. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

Men’s 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.

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Cross Street Center is Closed the Week of November 22.
Lunch is served every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

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

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

Computer Time – Meets every Tuesday starting on January 7th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Need to learn how to use a computer? Want to set up social media accounts? Learn Microsoft Word? Or just have free computer time. Call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for additional information.

Reigniting Boston’s Music Scene

With media consumption at an all-time high thanks to the digital age, internet-based radiop series Boston Emis-sions host Angelle Wood hopes to bring back the human connection to Greater Boston’s music scene. Thursday January 23 kicks off the first of many planned events inviting bands and other industry workers to come together to discuss how to foster a more communal environment for Boston musicians.



The event will feature a free “Music Meeting” from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Industry knowns such as Jenny Bergman of The Secret Bureau of Art & Design, Brid-get Duggan of ONCE in Somerville, and Edrie Edrie of Boston-band Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toy’s will be in attendance to help discuss topics important to the “Do-it-yourself” music scene. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will be followed with live music by The Shirts and Shoes, War on Ale-candria, Low Low Moon and Genie Santiago.

Meeting is free from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The music starts at 8:00 p.m. and will be ticketed. Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$10 day of the show.

The Jungle Community Music Club, 6 Sanborn Ct, Somerville. Tickets avail-able at www.eventbrite.com.

Residents’ holiday traditions

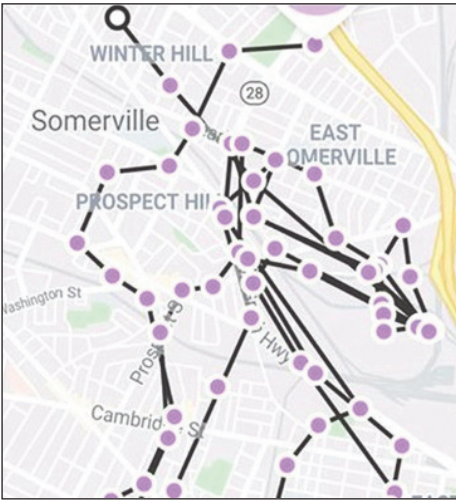
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said, “The couple takes a picture with their grandfather’s sign, usually decorat-ed with flowers.”

Charles Houghton was an honored WWII Colonel assigned to track down Nazis trying to escape being brought to account for war crimes. After his mili-tary service, he contributed locally, “ad-vocating for education and recreation programs for children with disabilities,” Kathleen said. His daughter Mary’s ce-rebral palsy showed him the need, but he advocated for all kids.

The descendants of Charles and Agnes continue to serve our community in so many ways. Within their big family are a former School Committee member, a City Treasurer, firefighters, advocates for special education and inclusion for chil-dren and adults with disabilities, teach-ers, people working on the front line of addiction and recovery, and more.

And one last shout out is due to the many people who have to work extra hard during the holiday season. **Amber Rose Osiris's** picture of her husband Josue’s UPS delivery route made that point perfectly! Our skipped trips to the mall are extra stops for **Josue** on his route. Thank you!



BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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Podcasting for Beginners: How to Create & Market your own Podcast

When: February 3 and 10, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Session 1)

March 2 and 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Session 2)

Location: Somerville Media Center

Cost: \$75 for current SMC members / \$125 for non-members

Audio-based programming known as podcasting has exploded in recent years as a way of communicating stories. Learn how you can create podcasts in this in-troductory course taught by Boston Free Radio Station Manager and podcaster Heather McCormack.

The first session will review the difference between podcasting and broadcasting and learn about why podcasting is the fastest growing new media field. You will explore different types of content, structure, formats for podcasts and discuss how to cre-ate an interesting and engaging podcast plan including tackling strategic ways for marketing and distribution. Basic use of Podcast Studio setup will be demonstrated. Following the successful completion of Session 1, SMC members in good standing will become certified and can reserve the Podcast Studio for approved projects.

The second session is an opportunity for those who already have a solid podcast plan or who have already begun to record to take the next step in putting their podcast out there--hosting, distributing, marketing and even monetizing. Learn the secrets to building a strong and engaged audience, figure out which hosting site is right for you, and learn about how to develop a web and social media pres-ence to get your podcast out in the world. We will discuss ideas around monetiz-ing your podcast through advertisements, joining podcast networks, and more.

'From My Heart to Yours'
Screening Series



The City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Department (HHS) and Somerville Media Center (SMC) are excited to announce the 2020 Screening Series of *From My Heart to Yours*.

This short educational film provides an intimate look at how the availability and use of opioids have impacted the lives of many individuals, especially here locally and around the state. It also addresses various pathways to recovery and resourc-es that exist to help the transition back into society.

HHS and SMC partnered with local organizations to host free screenings of the short documentary (about 25 minutes) throughout the city with a Q&A with representatives from individuals who were part of production.

Screening events are scheduled as follows:

January 16, 6:30 p.m., at MOAR- Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, 9 New Washington St.

February 6, 5:00 p.m., at Council on Aging, 167 Holland St.

March 6, 6:30 p.m., at Connexion, 149 Broadway

April 15, 6:00 p.m., Somerville Library, 79 Highland Ave.

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

Thursday, January 16

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

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

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

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

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

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

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

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Wednesday, January 15

7:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan
8:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
8:30am SPD Ride Along
8:45am Transgender Day of Remembrance
9:00am Faith In a City: Faith & Community
10:00am MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
11:00am 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
12:00pm School Committee Meeting - 1.13.20
3:00pm Faith In a City: Faith & Community
3:45pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
6:00pm Talking Business
6:30pm 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
7:02pm City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
9:00pm 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies
11:00pm SPD Ride Along
11:15pm Transgender Day of Remembrance

Thursday, January 16

12:00am 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies
2:00am Faith In a City: Faith & Community
2:45am Transgender Day of Remembrance
7:30am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
8:00am Faith In a City: Faith & Community
8:45am Transgender Day of Remembrance
9:00am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
9:30am 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
11:30am Talking Business
11:50am Flood & Stormwater PSA
12:00pm Senior Circuit - December 2019
12:30pm MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
1:15pm SPD Ride Along
1:30pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
2:00pm 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
3:00pm SomerViva em Portugues
3:15pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
6:00pm 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies
8:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's

8:30pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
9:04pm Talking Business
9:30pm School Committee Meeting - 1.13.20

Friday, January 17

12:00am MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
12:34am Municipal Aggregation Announcement
1:00am 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
2:03am SomerViva en Español
2:30am 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
7:00am 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
8:03am Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
9:00am 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies
11:30am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
12:00pm Conway Park Community Meeting
1:55pm Flood & Stormwater PSA
2:00pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
2:45pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
3:00pm SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
6:00pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
7:30pm Talking Business
7:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
7:30pm SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
8:00pm City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
9:45pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
10:00pm 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies

Saturday, January 18

12:00am SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
12:30am Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting #3
2:00am 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
2:32am SHS Topping Off Ceremony 12.19.19
7:30am Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting #3
9:00am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
10:00am MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
11:30am SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
12:00pm Chamber of Commerce Awards 2019
1:30pm City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
3:07pm Talking Business

6:00pm Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019
7:15pm SPD Ride Along
7:30pm SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
8:00pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
9:30pm Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima
10:30pm SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
11:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
11:30pm Transgender Day of Remembrance

Sunday, January 19

12:00am Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
1:00am 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies
3:00am School Committee Meeting - 1.13.20
7:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan
8:00am 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
8:32am Talking Business
9:00am Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting #3
11:30am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
12:00pm Senior Circuit - December 2019
12:30pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
1:04pm City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
2:45pm SPD Ride Along
3:00pm Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting #3
6:30pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
6:56pm Flood & Stormwater PSA
7:00pm Senior Circuit - December 2019
7:30pm MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
8:04pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
9:30pm Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting #3
11:00pm SHS Topping Off Ceremony 12.19.19
11:30pm SPD Ride Along

Monday, January 20

12:00am Senior Circuit - December 2019
12:30am City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
2:07am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
7:00am Fit-4-Life #4
7:30am Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
8:51am Flood & Stormwater PSA

9:00am 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
11:00am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
11:30am SomerVision 2040: Values & Equity 2019
12:00pm Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima
1:00pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
2:15pm SPD Ride Along
2:30pm SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
3:00pm City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
6:00pm MLK Day Celebration
7:00pm Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
7:34pm Talking Business
8:00pm MassWorks Infrastructure Grant
9:00pm SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
9:30pm MLK Day Celebration
10:30pm Dance for Dignity
11:25pm Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol
11:30pm Talking Business

Tuesday, January 21

12:00am Henry Hansen and the Battle of Iwo Jima
1:00am SomerViva em Portugues - Jan. 2020
1:30am Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019
3:00pm Foss Park Community Meeting - 1.13.19
7:00am 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies
9:00am 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
11:00am Faith In a City: Talking About Religion
12:00pm Senior Circuit - December 2019
12:30pm School Committee Meeting - 1.13.20
2:30pm City Council Meeting - 1.9.20
6:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's
6:30pm Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019
7:45pm Transgender Day of Remembrance
8:00pm 2020 First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill
9:03pm Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019
10:25pm Flood & Stormwater PSA
10:30pm 2020 Organizational Meeting 1.6.20
11:02pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, January 15

9:00am Our Schools, Our City
9:30am SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
10:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere
12:00pm Argenziano School Winter Concert
1:00pm Healey School Gr. 3-8 Winter Concert
2:00pm SHS Winter Concert
3:30pm Final SHS Topping Off Ceremony
4:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical
5:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Brighton
7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
10:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett

Thursday, January 16

12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
1:30am SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
9:00am Argenziano School Winter Concert
10:00am Kennedy School Gr 4-8 Winter Concert
11:00am Final SHS Topping Off Ceremony
11:30am Our Schools, Our City
12:00pm ESCS Winter Concert
1:00pm WHCIS Winter Concert
3:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
5:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett
9:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere
11:00pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

Friday, January 17

12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
12:30am SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
9:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Brighton
10:30am Our Schools, Our City
11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
12:30pm Final SHS Topping Off Ceremony
1:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere
2:30pm SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op
4:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
6:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Brighton
7:30pm Our Schools, Our City
8:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
9:30pm Final SHS Topping Off Ceremony
10:00pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
10:30pm SHS Hockey vs Everett

Saturday, January 18

12:00am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
12:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
2:00am Public Domain Theater
9:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett
11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
12:30pm Our Schools, Our City
1:00pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
1:30pm Healey School Gr. 3-8 Winter Concert
3:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical
4:30pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
5:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett
7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett

8:30pm Our Schools, Our City
9:00pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
9:30pm Healey School Gr. 3-8 Winter Concert
10:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical

Sunday, January 19

12:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett
1:30am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
2:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
6:00am Public Domain Theater
9:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett
10:30am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
1:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
4:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere
5:30pm Our Schools, Our City
6:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett
7:30pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
8:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
9:30pm Our Schools, Our City
10:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett
11:30pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

Monday, January 20

12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
1:30am SHS Hockey vs Everett
3:00am Public Domain Theater
9:00am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights

10:00am SHS Hockey vs Everett
11:30am Our Schools, Our City
12:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown
2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
4:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
5:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
7:00pm SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
8:00pm SHS Hockey vs Everett
9:30pm Our Schools, Our City
10:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown

Tuesday, January 21

12:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
2:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
3:00am SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class.
9:00am Our Schools, Our City
9:30am SHS FOOTBALL 2019 Highlights
10:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown
11:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
1:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
3:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
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12:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts
1:30am SHS Hockey vs Everett

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Shay Duffin and His
Portrait of an Irish Rebel

This article appeared in *The Somerville Times* in 2013.

If you want the full Shay Duffin experience, then listen and keep your mouth shut. Duffin, a master storyteller, is an accomplished Ireland-born actor and writer, who is in town performing his acclaimed one man show *Shay Duffin As Brendan Behan: Confessions of An Irish Rebel*, playing through March 31 at Jimmy Tingle’s Off Broadway Theatre, smack dab in the heart of Davis Square, Somerville.

This work pays homage to the iconoclast, novelist, playwright, Irish Republican Army operative and poet Brendan Behan (1923-64). Duffin, like the late Behan, is a man who has the gift of gab (or “crack” as they say in Ireland) and has a reputation of regaling folks with his ribald anecdotes about the actors, writers, ne’er-do-wells, holier than thou hordes, drunks, stumblebums, and pikers he has encountered in his eclectic life. I talked with Duffin at *The Somerville Times* offices on a bitterly cold March morning.

When I asked Duffin why he chose Behan as a subject for his play, and indeed for a fair amount of his creative work, the usually loquacious actor simply said, “I admired his honesty.” Behan was not only honest, according to Duffin, but he was sick, a dyed-in-the-wool drunk from a long line of people with “bad elbows.”

Duffin said that he is totally different from Behan. For starters, he rarely drinks. Behan’s extended family was very political, stolid Republicans; while Duffin’s was decidedly apolitical. Duffin, who overcame the challenge of clubfeet as a boy, turned out to be a fine athlete, while Behan was chubby, slovenly, and after a while toothless.

Both men were residents of Dublin, but Duffin went out of his way to avoid the drunk and boisterous Behan when he would see him stagger down the street. In spite of this Behan was quite an influence on the budding actor. Duffin said, “I like what he had to say.” Behan, according to Duffin, did not tolerate any hypocrisy or sham.

Duffin said that the playwright wrote one great play, *Borstal Boy*, that was set at the Borstal School, a reform school Behan was a resident of. Duffin feels that Behan had other great plays in him, but he died at the tender age of 41, so they never saw the light of day, much less Broadway.

He recounts that Behan wrote *Borstal Boy* when he was poor. Duffin opined, “Success is the worst thing that can happen to a writer. When he was rich he stopped writing. He became more popular for the character he was than the writer he was.”

Duffin recalled that when Behan wasn’t drinking he was quite a charming and funny man, but when he downed more than a few it affected his “chemistry.” Behan was a diabetic, and alcohol consumption had severe repercussions for him mentally and physically. Duffin remembered, “He had a long-suffering wife, Beatrice, who loved and stood by him. She literally wiped his “arse” for the seven or eight years that they lived together.”

Behan was involved with the Irish Republican Army. Duffin said that the IRA that Behan was



involved in was a lot different from the very violent one that took over in the 70’s. Behan’s IRA did not indiscriminately kill. Although they could be vicious, Duffin feels “it was more romantic, more patriotic. After 1969 or so the IRA turned to indiscriminate violence, and my sentiments turned against them.” Duffin describes himself as a pacifist, more of a lover, although he has had his share of fights.

Many writers like Dylan Thomas, Eugene O’Neil and F. Scott Fitzgerald have turned to alcohol for comfort and maybe to open the floodgates of creativity. I asked Duffin about this. He said, “The writing life is a lonely life. When the writer picks up a bottle it is a lot easier. Maybe it does release some creativity. But in Behan’s case it probably was heredity.”

Duffin has a long resume as an actor with appearances in such classics as *Raging Bull*, and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*. Recently, he was in the movie *The Departed* with Jack Nicholson that was set in Boston. He played “Jimmy” the barman to Nicholson’s gangster character. Of his experience with “Jack” he said, “Jack was very much to himself. Very quiet, just being ‘Jack.’”

When we moved our conversation to the Diesel Café right next to the theater, Duffin shared anecdotes about Cardinal Law who he said berated him severely about bringing his Behan play to the Cardinal’s hometown some years ago. It seems, according to Duffin, that the Cardinal took objection to the hard drinking and talking Behan and was worried about the negative influence the play would exude. Duffin reportedly said in reply, “I don’t think he was a pedophile though.” Duffin recalled that Law turned white as a ghost and left. This was in 1988 or 1989 before the scandals became public. There were also stories about former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn and Whitey Bulger, who saw his play more than a few times.

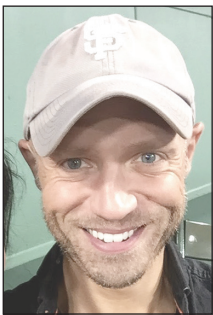
Duffin, like Behan, calls a spade a spade, and doesn’t pull his punches, which is a refreshing quality in these oh-so-politically correct academic environs we live in. If Duffin’s performance for me is any indication of the play he stars in, get your hands on tickets now!

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there and (waiting)
slung by pitchers
eyeing over leather and blinded
by mercies
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in protective niches
a baseball player rotates
thumbs and fingers
and thumbs and fingers and
chews the fat slung by fans cursing
mid-air, red-faced and in stitches
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