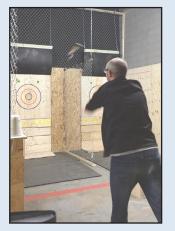


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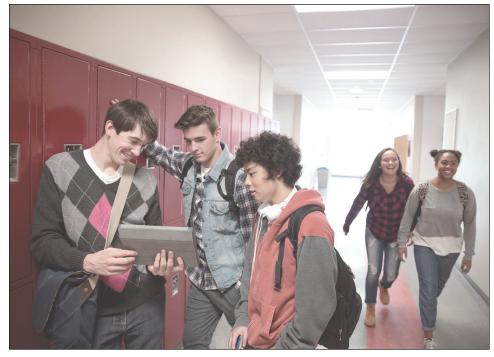
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City seeks to clarify notification policies related to school, public building safety



The Board of Aldermen is looking for answers after a year-long wait to set specific policies on how to react in cases of violent incidents in public buildings and schools.

By Jim Clark

A dual set of orders put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen called on the Chief of Police, in conjunction with the Administration, advise the Board of the protocol for notifying the public and families when there is an incident in a public building and on specific school-related safety policies and procedures.

Ward 6 Alderman Lance L. Davis, who initially sponsored the orders, told the Board that he felt a follow-up was due after a year had passed since Alderman At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah first brought up the subject of safety in public buildings and schools following the fatal shootings at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida last February.

"Right around the same time there was a conversation going separately, Continued on page 4

Somerville Central Library to host urban garden talk

By Jared Kimler

The Somerville Central Library will be hosting urban farmer Lindsay Allen for a talk on urban gardening on Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. Allen is Operations Director at Higher Ground Farm and manages Boston Medical Center's (BMC) rooftop farm. This is the kickoff event for the library's Food for Thought initiative.

This fall, the Somerville Public Library was awarded a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act to implement Food for Thought. This initiative provides public access to gardening and cooking events hosted at the library. Allen's January 24 talk is the first event



Clearing the way at Somerville High pages 12–13 for this program.

Allen, a Somerville resident, farmed for nine years on a traditional farm before starting at BMC's rooftop farm two years ago. In the 2018 season, the farm yielded around 5,700 lbs. of produce. These vegetables are distributed at the in-hospital farmer's market, *Continued on page 4*



Operations Director at Higher Ground Farm Lindsay Allen will be giving a talk on urban gardening at the Somerville Central Library on Thursday, January 24. — Photo courtesy of Higher Ground Farm

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Katie McDaid, a great lady. We hope she gets her dream back. Happy birthday Katie. Happy birthday to a wonderful lady, retired high school teacher Marion Joyce. We remember her first class, when a lot of boys signed up for typing. 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, who moved to Colorado for his wife's health and it appears that did the trick. 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.

Book it on Facebook. A third East Somerville Reunion is set for this year. Dan Rogovich has let us know he is once again planning for it. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to be there for the third. Dan, who is an East Somerville lover, managed to get the Somerville City Club booked on Saturday, June 15. He and his assistants worked hard on the previous two reunions and they will do the same this year to make this one a success. We here at The Times are from East Somerville and we will be there, and we have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four Continued on page 11



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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: Moving forward on calming and reducing traffic

LindaS says:

People seem to overlook one major fact: more and more people are enticed to come here to live every day. Developers are constantly flipping properties, and are also encouraged to do so by our local government.

You cannot be the cause AND the solution at the same time. Stop packing us in like sardines and then decide that we have a problem trying to move around the city.

We used to be able to breathe here. Now you walk out your front door and you're lucky to make it down the street. I drive out of Somerville once a week, and no sooner am I off my own street than I am merging into a packed area full of other moving cars, parked cars, cyclists, and pedestrians, all in the same place and trying to go somewhere.

Just because we're a popular place to live, that doesn't mean we should keep letting more people flood into the city. There will be time enough for people to move here once someone moves out, and at this rate, there will be plenty of that, too.

Jim says:

There is also the myth that millennials don't have cars. While some don't. we've seen many apartments turn over from families or older residents who have ~ 1 car to 3 millennial roommates who all have a car. There is one house in West Somerville that went from 2 cars for 3 apartments to 8 cars when all the units turned over (after rents went up)

Old Taxpayer says:

Simple math, more housing more cars.

AaronWeber says:

Linda: What, you want to build a wall and make Cambridge pay for it? That's not how America works.

Ellen McPherson says:

The whole blatant attempt to legislate the use of private vehicles by tax paying residents is offensive to me. Perhaps congestion from traffic might be eased by decreasing the number of special parking permits provided to all municipal employees and school department staff who do not live in Somerville. Providing parking in Somerville to employees at the expense of residents is, in my humble opinion, unfair.

Mork says:

Ellen,

Your private vehicle would be exempt from municipal legislation if you didn't store or drive it on city streets.

Andrew says:

How can you say you want to improve parking in the city and then turn around and ban parking in school lots during snow emergencies? Say one tjing and then do another. Have you also considered that reducing lower Broadway to one lane has caused enormous traffic issues? Also whatever was done in Union Sq needs to be fixed. Making the streets 2 ways has been a disaster, I avoid the area at all costs. Also something needs to be done about the congestion on McGrath heading both directions, but that should be last on your list of things to "fix" because I'm positive that whatever this city does will only make things worse. It seems every plan to make the city less congested has had the opposite effect. I have yet to see a traffic improvement plan that didn't back fire.

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Life in the **MILE** by Jimmy Del Ponte **Third generation dad**



It doesn't have to be near Father's Day to talk about dads.

I started thinking about my dad recently when my boys were back home rehearsing with their band this past weekend. I love when the boys are both home. Their band, Mallcops, has a show coming up February 2 at The Democracy Center, 45 Mount Auburn St, Cambridge. Having the kids back at the house got me thinking of my dad.

My dad was fearless and dedicated like most fathers back then. He grew up in the '20's, went to war and came back to start a family in Somerville in 1951. He bought a house a few minutes away from where he was born off Holland St.

Seems like yesterday that dad brought me and my brother and sister to the Engine 7 fire station on Highland Ave. My Uncle Joe DelPonte was a fireman and we got the royal treatment from him and his

fireman friends.

Shortly after we bought our house in 1960, there was an alarm rung for the house two doors down from ours. My uncle thought it was our house and launched into, "I told him not to buy that (exp) place!"

My dad was a wheeler dealer. Me, dad and my brother Joe were being driven around Fort Devans in a staff car and given the red carpet. Why? Because dad told them he was Alderman DelPonte from Somerville! Dad later became a scoutmaster and came on free weeklong camping trips with me and my brother. It was cool and embarrassing at the same time. Memories! Dad was popular enough in the city to have been mayor. As long as his office was in The Supreme Deli, formerly at the corner of Elm St. and Chester St. That's where dad held court daily.

When I started guitar lessons, dad picked up a guitar from a fellow patron at The Coronet, now Redbones. He started taking guitar lessons with me. We played together in our backyard a few times.

I remember when there was a small alley

next to the Stop & Shop in Davis Square, where broken shopping carts were kept. The back wheels of those old shopping carts were perfect for making go-carts and buggies. Dad never asked where the buggy wheels came from as he helped build our go-cart.

It was very traumatic for me when at 6 years old we moved from Pearson Ave. to the Davis Square area. To me, it was a million miles away. The new neighborhood came with a real bona fide bully. He had derogatory Italian names for my brother and me, and my mother, a very good judge of character nicknamed him "Jerko."

Jerko's jets were cooled after a couple of visits from my cousin Butch. Nuff said.

My dad was ferociously proud of his Italian heritage. One day, at a dinner party with other neighbors, the hostess introduced my mom and dad as their "Guinea friends." Dad never spoke to them again and they were lucky he didn't flip out on them.

Family dinners at The Continental on Somerville Ave. were memorable. Pizza and orange soda! Take out at Ball Square Fish on Fridays were the best. Frank and his kids became friends.

Dad loved Ross Blouin's sub sandwiches from McKinnon's. Dad called them "bombers."

When doctors determined that dad had to remove salt from his diet, my sister bought saltine crackers with no salt. My father could be seen licking the crackers and sprinkling on salt from the saltshaker. He was a riot, Alice.

My boys were here at the ranch (as Dad called it) all weekend and I couldn't have been happier. I moved back with my dad for a few years before I got married. He was getting up there in years and he called me his "right hand man." Unfortunately, he never lived to see our wedding or his grandsons, but dad's presence in this house is very strong and we talk about him often. Luckily, one of my sons also lives with me and I couldn't be happier. He's now my tight hand man.

it was great having the boys back at home, making snacks, playing music and bringing a smile to the old man. My sons and The Patriots made it a very good weekend.

School Committee Seeks Community Input on Powderhouse Studios Proposal

The Powderhouse Studios (PHS) proposal that would add a new school to the district reached the fourth and final stage of the Massachusetts Innovation School approval process. On January 7, the Somerville Teachers Association (STA) ratified an agreement advancing the authorization of PHS as a new district school to the final step of the approval process. That vote activated a 60-day window for the School Committee to gather input from the community, deliberate, and vote on the school's plan.

If the School Committee votes to approve the plan, Powderhouse Studios would open as a new SPS innovation school that would serve up to 40 students ages 13-15 in the first year, in a year-round project-based school that would open its doors in September of 2019.

The School Committee is seeking the Somerville community's input on this important proposal and will be hosting two public hearings and a community presentation in the coming weeks. The first public hearing is scheduled for January 23, 6:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School and the second will take place on February 6, 6:00 p.m. at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. The Community Presentation will take place on February 12, 5:30 p.m. at the Winter Hill Community Innovation School, 115 Sycamore St.

Additional opportunities to learn about the proposal and provide input will be available through School Committee meetings and School Committee Winter Office Hours or by contacting a School Committee representative.





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Stealing dad's truck to hide from him

On the evening of January 2, a Somerville Police officer queried a license plate was attached to a pickup truck and found that the vehicle had been reported stolen in December of 2018.

The officer stopped the vehicle on Holland St. in front of Hod-

gkins Park. As other officers arrived to assist, the driver, later identified as Angelo Devito, was ordered to shut off the engine and step out of the truck.

The driver and his female passenger were handcuffed and advised that the truck had been

reported stolen.

Devito reportedly said that the truck was his. Police asked him who the vehicle was registered to, and he said that the truck may have been registered under his father's name. Devito was asked why his father would have

reported the truck stolen and he reportedly stated that his father was looking for him.

Officers then spoke with the female passenger, Glens Stocki, who stated that she was unaware that the truck was stolen.

Devito was found to have an

active warrant for his arrest and was placed under arrest for the warrant along with a charge of receiving a stolen motor vehicle Stocki was found to have two warrants in place under her name and was also placed under arrest at the same time.

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To the editor:

It was exciting to read that Mayor Curtatone prioritized climate change in his mid-term address ("City government roars back into action for 2019 and beyond"). In 2014, Curtatone announced Somerville's goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, placing Somerville among the nation's leaders

a year before the Paris Agreement. This was a matter of civic pride for many Somerville residents.

Since then, Somerville has fallen back. To be sure, the city has taken concrete and necessary steps to tackle climate. But other cities have more aggressively enacted ordinances, changed municipal practices and, importantly, adjusted their budgets to reflect their climate change priorities. Somerville Climate Forward, the city's newly launched climate action plan that the Mayor referenced in his address, is a major step toward returning Somerville to the pole position.

But it will only happen if the newly renamed city council and the city administration have the courage to enact the Larry Yu ordinances, practices and budgets that Somerville

Somerville Climate Forward lays out, for example, by doing all it will take to ensure the Central Hill campus and other municipal buildings have net zero emissions (even though the new high school won't). That's what it would take to sustain Somervillians' civic pride.

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outside of the context of this Board, with questions about what we're doing and what approaches we're taking, what types of training we're providing," Davis told the Board. "And to be honest, I never felt like I got a really great answer to any

and I kind of focused on other things," said Davis.

An incident at the Kennedy School – which ultimately turned out to be a false alarm – a week prior to this Board meeting was brought up by Davis. "The school went into a 'secure and hold,' another word for a lockdown. And the reports that I heard both first hand, second hand and third hand, didn't do anything to give me further comfort. In fact, they made me much more concerned about the concerns that I had a year earlier when this issue came up under Alderman Mbah's order."

In recognition that the issue was addressed nearly a year ago, Davis prepared the orders put before the Board last week, with the intent of advancing the conversation on the matter.

"There are specific protocols and training methods and envolved and has put their heart and soul into it. Has put in a great deal of effort to make our kids safe."

The specific questions put forward in one of the orders is as follows:

Does the city provide training

vided to administrators, staff, and students following lockdown drills?

What determines the type of lockdown procedure that is initiated in different scenarios?

Any additional information relevant to school safety train-

of that."

Davis said that Board members did get a letter that had some information, but he personally didn't feel like he heard what he hoped to hear to be comfortable. "Unfortunately, life moved forward, and some amazing kids took up the mantle of that and kept it in the news, hanced lockdown approaches that the state has recommended," Davis said. "It's not clear to me whether or not we're doing that. We have an obligation to do everything we can to keep our kids safe. No one here would disagree with that. I'm speaking the obvious. And I have no doubt that everyone who is inin enhanced lockdown response strategies (e.g., "Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate;" "Run, Hide, Fight;" "Evacuate, Hide, Take Action") to staff and students for emergency situations?

What specific details are evaluated following lockdown drills? What specific feedback is proing, and how the information requested above applies to the recent incident at the Kennedy School.

The orders, which several other Board members signed on to, were passed and referred to the Committee on Health and Safety for follow-up and further action.

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food pantry, teaching kitchen and cafeteria for patient meals. She will share her experience and offer gardening tips at the talk. "The winter time is a good time to get people inspired to grow and think about food," Allen said in an interview with The

Somerville Times.

Lilly Sundell-Thomas is the librarian at the Somerville Public Library who is largely responsible for the Food for Thought initiative. She spoke to Allen's innovation as an urban farmer and style of growing. "The BMC rooftop garden is primarily container based and that's something we'd love Somerville people to learn more about," Sundell-Thomas said.

"We learned that the community gardens had a really long waitlist," Sundell-Thomas said.

"We knew there was a lot of interest in community gardening and urban gardening and we wanted to create a space for people to get a taste of that."

The next event in the series will be a garden day in April or May. The Somerville based urban garden service Green City Growers will install teaching gardens at the Somerville Central Library. After that there will be a series of gardening and cooking classes for adults and children. To learn more about these programs, visit the Somerville Public Library's website.

Somerville Heroes by Stephanie Hirsch Welcoming strangers and friends into a small home and classroom



The holidays and New Years are a season when many people set goals and reflect on the year passed. In this month's Somerville Heroes' column, I'm honoring a few people whose stories inspire me to invite new people into my life in 2019.

Anna and Mike: During the winter holidays, many of us turn inward, to spend time with family or close friends or even in peaceful solitude. However, some people make even the quiet holidays into joyful community holidays. They organize parties or caroling outings, bring Girl Scout troops to nursing homes, or invite people over who are too far from family to travel or who come from a different faith tradition. (Pictured here are the Troop 71 St. Clements Boy Scouts singing Christmas Songs in front of Johnnie's Super Market in Ball Square in around 1965 from Jimmy Del Ponte, and the Argenziano Chorus caroling in 2018!)

In particular, I'd like to honor two late Somerville residents. West Somerville

resident and former Alderman Bob Trane shared this story from his childhood about his grandmother and grandfather, Anna and Mike, who welcomed everyone into their home: "Every Christmas Eve, family and friends would gather at my grandparents' house on Winter Hill. It was a small two-family, and my great grandfather lived in the other apartment. The house would be packed to the rafters with people laughing and telling stories, with one of my uncles playing a guitar. The best part was always my grandfather ... you see he was sort of notorious for collecting every down-onhis-luck character in Somerville and inviting them to the house. This certainly added some weird and very funny people to the mix. Of course, as more and more people crossed that threshold, my grandmother would give him the stink eye and then laugh and look to the heavens as if she was saying 'Why me, Lord?' Then she would give them a hug and a plate of food and a drink, and we would carry on with the party. My grandparents and many in that generation were amazing people, hard-working, blue collar all the way They had seen the great depression, had served overseas during World War II, and had lived during some of the worst of times. Yet they had this incredible joy for

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Pictured above are the Troop 71 St. Clements Boy Scouts singing Christmas Songs in front of Johnnie's Super Market in Ball Square from around 1965 (courtesy of Jimmy Del Ponte) and below the Argenziano Chorus caroling in 2018.



life and they shared what little they had with everyone."

Anoush Khan: Next, while one grandma gave food and company, one young Somerville resident is giving his time and friendship. Anoush grew up in Somerville and graduated from Somerville High. He's now a sophomore at Dartmouth. During the summer and his school breaks he comes home and volunteers for the ESL program. Library staff say that "Anoush has been a dynamic and wonderful volunteer." Anoush explains why he volunteers - as both a way to help and a way to keep learning himself. He says: "I choose to volunteer to give back to my community. Somerville's population is very diverse, composed of people from all backgrounds and English skill levels. Teaching English is a logical way to give back. Above all, I have gained friends from my experience volunteering. The intimate connections that one builds as an English teacher transcend the teacher-student relationship - primarily because it takes significant vulnerability to learn a new language as an adult. I like to emphasize context when I teach, so I try to have conversations with students.... These conversations, combined with the

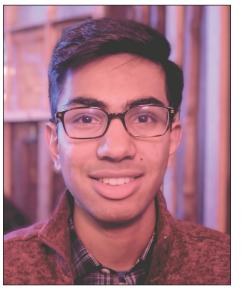
vulnerability required from myself and the students, have built great friendships."

I may not be an expert at either teaching or entertaining, but I'm going to use the stories of Anna, Mike, and Anoush to motivate me to get out of my comfort zone and to invite more people into my home and life ... Success can be measured by how welcome people feel when they walked into Anna and Mike's house years ago and when they walk into Anoush's ESL class today. And, as Anoush says, success can be *Continued on page 9*

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ESL program volunteer Anoush Khan.

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

"THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW"- Friday, January 18 at 5 p.m. is the official deadline for legislation to be filed for consideration during the 2019-2020 legislative session. The deadline is not etched in stone because even though the vast majority of proposals are filed by January 18, many late-filed bills are admitted to the Legislature following the deadline and throughout the 2-year session. In the recent 2017-2018 session, legislators filed more than 6,000 bills.

Massachusetts is one of a handful of states that give citizens the "right of free petition" – the power to propose their own legislation. A citizen's proposal must be filed in conjunction with his or her representative or senator or any other representative or senator. Sometimes a legislator will support the legislation and sponsor it along with the constituent. Other times, a legislator might disagree with the bill but will file it anyway as a courtesy. In those cases, the bill is listed as being filed "by request" – indicating that he or she is doing so at the request of the constituent and does not necessarily support it. Citizens that are interested in filing legislation should contact their own or any other representative or senator.

You can find the contact information for your local representatives at https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/ Members/House and for your local senator at https:// malegislature.gov/Legislators/Members/Senate

If you don't know who your legislators are, you can look them up by your street address and city or town at https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator

Perhaps one of the most famous bills filed "by request" goes all the way back to 1969 when a constituent opposed to the Vietnam War asked Newton Democratic Rep. James Shea to file a bill prohibiting Massachusetts citizens from being forced to fight in an "undeclared war." The bill challenged the constitutionality of sending Bay State men to fight without a Congressional declaration of war. It was approved by the House and Senate and signed by then-Gov. Francis Sargent. The new law made national headlines.

To comply with the new law, Massachusetts initially filed a complaint in the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court declined to hear the case, which was later refiled in the U. S. District Court federal court and dismissed – rejecting the state's argument that President Richard Nixon had usurped the war-making powers of Congress. In a tragic footnote, Rep. Shea committed suicide in the fall of the year the legislation passed.

"By providing convenience and flexibility, early voting has led to important progress on this front."

"Early voting has proved to be enormously popular among voters in the last two state elections," Galvin said. "As we look to expand early voting to increase voter access and convenience in the future, we need to make sure we are providing local election officials with the resources they need in order to hold successful elections."

The City of Somerville was reimbursed \$16,608.

GOVERNOR SIGNS DOZENS OF BILLS – Here are some of the dozens of bills from the 2017-2018 session that Gov. Charlie Baker signed last week:

HONOR ROSA PARKS (S 2410) – Requires the MBTA, during the month of February, to have an LED display or decal on each bus to recognize the accomplishments of Rosa Parks to the Civil Rights Movement. By refusing in 1955 to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus, Parks eventually became known as "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement."

"It was an honor and a privilege to both sponsor and advocate for this legislative bill which will honor an American heroine, said Sen James Timilty (D-Milton). "The sole purpose of this legislation is to commemorate the incredible courage and sacrifices exemplified by Ms. Rosa Parks. I am proud that this piece of legislation was enacted by both bodies of the Legislature."

Parks was arrested and convicted of disorderly conduct. What followed was a 381-day boycott of the bus system by blacks that was organized by the then 26-year old Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The incident led to a Supreme Court ruling that desegregated public transportation in Montgomery. This eventually led to the 1964 Civil Rights Act that desegregated all public accommodations nationwide.

COUNTERFEIT AIRBAGS (H 4051) – Imposes a 2.5-year prison sentence and/or up to \$5,000 fine on anyone who imports or sells counterfeit airbags in Massachusetts. Over the past few years, thousands of counterfeit airbags have made their way into the Bay State through purchases and sales on the Internet.

"I filed this bill to protect Massachusetts drivers from being injured and killed when counterfeit airbags fail to deploy properly," said Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg). didn't reveal the breach until September and consumers lost valuable time to act.

Other provisions of the bill prohibit businesses from obtaining a consumer's credit report without obtaining written, verbal or electronic consent from the consumer; require credit monitoring services to be available for 3.5 years for some consumers affected by a breach; and improve notices and consumer information the companies are required to give.

"This is good news and offers consumers new tools to protect themselves from identity theft after a security breach like the recently announced ones at Equifax and Marriott," said Deirdre Cummings, legislative director for MASSPIRG. "While a good first step, we still have some more work to do to hold companies accountable for failing to properly safeguard our personal information."

"With more access to credit due to their longer careers and higher incomes, older adults are the most common targets of identity theft nationwide," said Mike Festa, State Director of AARP Massachusetts. "Individuals age 50-59 filed more than 7,200 complaints of identity theft in Massachusetts alone in 2017, according to the Federal Trade Commission."

DISABILITY INSURANCE (H 482) –Prohibits insurance companies from charging higher disability insurance premiums based solely on gender.

Supporters say that filings with the Division of Insurance show that women in Massachusetts pay much more for the same disability insurance benefits than men in the same occupation class. They note that on average, women pay 23.5 percent more than men but the difference has also been as much as 61 percent higher.

"Equal rights groups having been working to end gender discrimination in insurance products since 1976 when the Equal Rights Amendment was adopted," said Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton) the bill's sponsor. "Over the years, we eliminated unfair treatment by gender in automobile insurance, homeowner's insurance, health insurance and annuities. Today we have ended the unfair practice of charging women more than men for the same disability protection. Always proud when Massachusetts leads the way on equal treatment of all people ... Today, we have made progress toward our goal of equal rights for women."

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CITIES AND TOWNS ARE REIMBURSED FOR EARLY VOTING EXPENSES - Auditor Suzanne Bump and Secretary of the Commonwealth Bill Galvin announced that Massachusetts cities and towns would be reimbursed \$1.14 million for the costs of allowing early voting in the 2018 general election. Early voting begins ten business days before an election and ends two days before it. According to Galvin's office, more than 584,000 voters cast their ballots early in the 2018 election.

"We owe it to the voters of the commonwealth to constantly strive to remove barriers that prevent them from making their voice heard in our democracy," said Bump.

CREDIT REPORTS (H 4806) - Prohibits con-

sumer reporting agencies, like Equifax, Experian and TransUnion from charging fees for freezing and unfreezing a person's credit information. Under current law, companies can and have charged up to \$5 per freeze or unfreeze.

A freeze makes the report inaccessible until the consumer unfreezes it. Since banks and other lenders require access to the borrower's credit report before giving a loan, this greatly reduces identity thieves from getting a loan or credit in another individual's name.

The proposal gained momentum following the 2017 crisis when, from May to July, the personal information including names, social security numbers, addresses, driver's licenses, and credit card numbers of 145 million Americans was stolen from Equifax's systems. Equifax

QUOTABLE QUOTES – "AG Special Edition" -Quotes from Attorney General Maura Healey last week.

"This company profited from running misleading advertisements that harmed Massachusetts taxpayers. This settlement will provide relief to affected consumers and put tax preparers on notice throughout the upcoming tax season to follow our laws." — Announcing that Jackson Hewitt Tax Service will pay approximately \$187,000, split between consumers and the state, to resolve allegations that it violated Massachusetts consumer protection laws by posting misleading and deceptive advertisements.

"Consumers looking to protect themselves from HIV transmission should not be excluded from buying insurance. Under this settlement, Mutual of Omaha will provide relief to affected consumers who faced this discrimination. We are pleased to join GLAD today in sending a message to insurance companies that these unlawful practices will not be tolerated." — Announcing that Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company has agreed to no longer deny coverage to individuals using HIV prevention medication and will offer affected consumers an opportunity to reapply for insurance.

"Through this settlement, Neiman Marcus will take several steps to protect consumers and their data. Retailers must safeguard the financial information of their customers." — Announcing Massachusetts' share of a \$1.5 multi-state settlement with Neiman Marcus. The company violated consumer protection and data security laws by failing to appropriately respond to the data breach in 2013 that impacted stores across the country.

"Decisions about birth control are for women and their families to make, not their employers. This law is essential to the equality of women and the economic security of families." — Announcing the filing two briefs asking the courts to stop the Trump Administration from rolling back continued

clude birth control coverage in their health insurance.

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.

total of 19 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight minutes.

Mon. January 7	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Tues. January 8	No House session No Senate session
Wed. January 9	No House session No Senate session
, Thurs. January 10	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
Fri. January 11	No House session No Senate session

the Affordable Care Act's requirement that employers in- During the week of January 7-11. the House met for a Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Somerville Cares About Prevention to present student health survey results

The Somerville Office of Prevention and the Somerville Health & Human Services Department invite you to join in a World Café style presentation of the 2018 Somerville High School Student Health Survey results on Thursday, January 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Somerville High School Culinary Arts Bistro (use atrium entrance).

The results will be presented in the form of an interactive game, facilitated by youth from Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100), followed by a "World Café" style discussion about youth health issues, ideas to improve student well-being, and how participants will incorporate this information into their work going forward. Refreshments will be served.

The Student Health Survey was administered to all Somerville High School students in Feb. 2018, and anonymous answers were compiled into an analytical report and compared with state and national averages in various student health categories including alcohol use, drug use, bullying, physical, mental and sexual health, overall school environment, and school services. A survey will be administered to Somerville middle school students in this spring.

For more information about the event, the survey, or to RSVP, please contact SCAP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2570.

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	Recent	Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over th	e Past Montl	h:	
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72393010	172 Summer Street	14 room, 6 bed, 3f 2h bath Victorian	39	\$1,200,000	\$1,120,000
72380282	125 Heath Street	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Gambrel /Dutch	178	\$1,225,000	\$1,183,500
72418163	91 Oxford St	10 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Colonial	15	\$1,449,900	\$1,478,000
72289406	137 Sycamore	13 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Colonial	229	\$1,475,000	\$1,470,000
72401977	48 Rogers Ave	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Victorian	37	\$1,599,999	\$1,500,000
	Rece	ent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the F	Past Month:		





72328890	19 Kent Court U:3	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Detached	177	\$899,000	\$860,000
72421007	28 Newberne Street U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	21	\$979,000	\$1,110,000
72394239	39 Murdock St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	15	\$1,049,000	\$1,025,000
72398689	18 Adams St U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Detached	13	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000
72408500	29 Weston Ave U:29	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bathTownhouse	16	\$1,100,000	\$1,200,000
72368633	52 Porter St U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 2h bath 2/3 Family	103	\$1,325,000	\$1,310,000
72345672	25 Woodbine Street U:25	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Mid-Rise	163	\$1,425,000	\$1,460,000
72414556	22 Linden Avenue U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bathTownhouse	24	\$1,495,000	\$1,560,000

Description

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72404517	13 Alston St	3 unit, 14 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	28	\$924,500	\$920,000
72431103	8 College Hill Road	2 unit, 11 total room, 2 total bedroom 2 Family	180	\$949,000	\$930,000
72403101	6 Nashua St	3 unit, 15 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	29	\$1,099,000	\$985,000
72412242	29-31 Mason St	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	10	\$1,100,000	\$1,155,000
72418369	30 Beacon Street	3 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 3 Family	9	\$1,100,000	\$1,059,000
72404386	371 Broadway	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	28	\$1,150,000	\$1,115,000
72395384	21-23 Thorndike Street	6 unit, 28 total room, 16 total bedroom 5-9 Family	10	\$3,250,000	\$2,800,000

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The Trowel Club, in conjunction with King Solomon's Lodge, attended Axe Night at the recently opened Urban Axes in Union Square last Thursday Night.

The night was hosted by Zachary Atwell, the Master of King Solomon's Lodge, and organized by John Kendziersk, while food was prepared Brother Chris Pedersen, a chef at Urban Axes.

The event brought out several members of King Solomon's Lodge looking to challenge their inner lumberjack and Viking warrior while engaging in friendly competition. Guided by an Urban Axes instructor, everyone received safety instructions and paired off for a night of camaraderie and skill. As the night went on, techniques were honed and precision increased.

The night was fun-filled and all who attended enjoyed the environment of Urban Axes as well as learning the challenge of throwing an axe. The Trowel Club will definitely be back for another great night at Urban Axes and highly recommend the venue to anyone looking for an enjoyable night out.





— Text and photos by Chris Kenney

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Spring Hill By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Spring Hill encompasses some of the most attractive environs in the city with its beautiful Westwood and Benton Road section being uppermost. The Hill gleaned its name from a stream near Summer Street that ran between Lowell and Cedar Streets. Elm Street and Somerville Avenue, which were part of the Revolutionary War "Battle Row," skirt its base.



Early on, its beautiful vista that overlooked the City of Cambridge and Harvard University couldn't be ignored. The southwestern sunsets and its panorama prompted many Bostonians and Harvard affiliates to settle there. Today, it is said that more Harvard alumni live in Somerville than any other city except for Cambridge. After the Civil War, the graceful pastures and orchards that ornamented its slope were unfortunately no match for future development.

Through the years, many notables and localities have brought pride to Spring Hill.

• Charles H. Taylor entered the Civil War at 16 years old, was wounded at 17 and left the army to become a newspaper reporter and eventually own the Boston Globe. He was a private secretary to two Massachusetts governors, was a Somerville Alderman, and was a Somerville Representative to the General Court. He and his son, John, owned and named the Boston Red Sox and built Fenway Park.

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• At the end of World War II, Belmont Street resident Admiral Ralph W. Christie was Commander of Naval Forces in the Philippines. He was awarded the Silver Star by General Douglas MacArthur and was the oldest-ranking naval officer to participate in submarine combat missions.

• Mary Sawyer Tyler was the object of Continued on page 20



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Governor rejects flame retardants bill

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Baker did not sign a bill that would ban 11 toxic flame retardants from children's products, bedding, carpeting and residential upholstered furniture sold or manufactured in Massachusetts, except for inventory already manufactured prior to January 1, 2019. He was unable to propose any amendments to it because the 2017-2018 session ended on January 1 and the Legislature would not be able to act on the amendments.

"I will continue to stand with families and first responders in our state and will be refiling this bill next session," said Senate co-sponsor of the measure Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton).

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection to review, at least every three years, chemical flame retardants used in these products and include them on the list of prohibited chemical flame retardants that are documented to pose a health risk. Vehicles, watercraft and aircraft are exempt from this law as are any previously-owned product that contains a retardant. Violators would be fined up to \$5,000 for a first offense and up to \$50,000 for subsequent offenses.

In his message to the Legislature, Baker said that he supports the elimination of flame-retardant chemicals from various household and children's products when those chemicals are unnecessary and toxic but cannot sign the bill in its current form. "Had this bill been presented to me while the Legislature was still in session, I would have returned it with an amendment to address [my] concerns," Baker said. "Unfortunately, because the Legislature has adjourned, I do not have that option."

"I will continue to stand with families and first responders..."

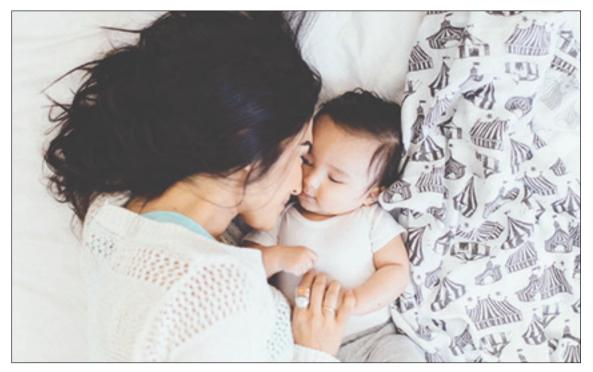
"This bill would make Massachusetts the only state in the United States to ban certain flame retardants in car seats and the non-foam parts of adult mattresses, products already subject to federal flammability requirement," contin-



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Monday January 21 Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy 7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae 10 p.m.

Tuesday January 22



ued Baker. "In addition, this ban would go into effect in less than five months, cutting the lead time for manufacturers by more than half as compared to the full year provided in the legislation as originally filed. The resulting disruption to what is available to consumers in Massachusetts would likely have a disproportionate impact on families with lower incomes who are less able to afford more expensive alternatives."

"Gov. Baker has chosen to stand on the side of the trade industries and not with the thousands of firefighters, children and mothers who are at risk every day of cancer," said the bill's House sponsor Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge).

Today Massachusetts had the up costs for consumers who opportunity to make our homes would have to buy more expensafer for children, firefighters sive alternative products. They and families by taking the simple step of banning toxic flame chusetts businesses.

retardants from certain home products," said Senate co-sponsor of the bill Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton). "However, because [the governor] vetoed this important bill, firefighters and children continue to remain at risk for cancer and other health problems caused by these harmful chemicals."

Industry opponents of the bill include the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, the American Chemistry Council, International Sleep Products Association, the American Home Furnishings Alliance and Boston Bed Company.

They say that some of the banned chemicals can be used safely and that prohibiting them is not necessary and would drive up costs for consumers who would have to buy more expensive alternative products. They

attend a Volunteer Orientation

on January 17. I am wishing

you all and all of Somerville

a healthy 2019, with many

The industry lobbied heavily to defeat the bill. They argued that flame retardants are still an effective tool to combat fire risk. "We understand and support preventing exposure to dangerous chemicals; however, [the bill] goes too far and could endanger children's lives," wrote Kelly Mariotti, executive director of Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association.



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Thursday January 24 Box of Records 8 p.m.

Friday January 25

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m. Hear Now Live presents please don't sleep, Submarina, Shotgun Waltz - \$10 cover 9p.m.

Saturday January 26

Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m. Sapling, The Very, Mini Beast - \$10 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday January 27

Roy Sludge Trio 6 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo hosts 10 p.m.

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Welcoming strangers and friends into a small home and classroom CONT. FROM PG 5

measured by how the connections bring learning and joy to both student and teacher, guest and host.

If you have resolved to volunteer more in 2019, and you would like to consider volunteering in the schools, plan to

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COMMENTARY

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By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

Submit a Response to the Shared Mobility Survey by January 18

If you have about 15 minutes to spare, we would appreciate your responses to a shared mobility survey that will help us plan for certain aspects of Somerville's future transportation needs. The survey has questions about how you currently get around and questions about transportation options you might consider in the future, with an emphasis on autonomous vehicles. Your answers will help City transportation planners and our research and development partners at Audi understand Somerville's current and future needs. The survey is available at www.somervillema.gov/

sharedmobility.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, January 21 with winter clothing drive

Somerville's annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy will be held on Monday, January, 21, beginning at 10 a.m., at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street. Percussionist and educator Marcus Santos will emcee the event, which includes a keynote address by social justice educator, facilitator, and organizer Aba Taylor and musical performances by El Sistema Somerville and the Somerville High School World Percussion Ensemble. The winners of the annual MLK student essay contest will also read their essays.. As part of the event, the Somerville Human Rights Commission is holding a winter clothing drive to collect gently used or new winter clothes for school-aged children. For more information, contact Nency Salamoun at 617-625-6600 ext. 2323 or NSalamoun@ somervillema.gov.

Green Line Extension (GLX) Public Meeting, January 30

MassDOT is hosting an interactive, open-house meeting

Be Somerville

to share information on GLX station designs, upcoming construction and traffic detours, and details on construction of the Community Path extension. The meeting is being held on January, 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street. For more information, visit www. greenlineextension.com.

Public Hearing on Condo Con-

version Ordinance, January 31 The Board of Aldermen is holding a public hearing on Thursday, January 31, to hear testimony on proposed changes to the City's condo conversion ordinance that are designed to better protect tenants especially the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with low-incomes. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. You can learn more about the proposed changes at www.somervillema.gov/condo-conversion. If you would like to submit comments outside of the public hearing, email them to BoardofAldermen@somervillema.gov by Friday, February 8.

2018 Somerville High School **Student Health Survey Results** Presentation, January 31

Join the Somerville Office of Prevention and youth from Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100) to learn about the results of the 2018 Somerville High School Student Health Survey. SPF100 members will present results in an interactive game (with prizes!), followed by discussion about youth health issues and ways to improve the well-being of young people. The presentation will be on Thursday, January 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Somerville High School Culinary Arts Bistro, 81 Highland Avenue. For more information, contact the Office of Prevention at 617-625-6600 ext. 2570.

Meeting on Broadway Streetscape Improvements, February 4 Learn about proposed improvements to Broadway in the Winter Hill neighborhood and share your feedback at a community meeting on Monday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Healey School cafeteria, 5 Meacham Street. Proposed work includes bike and bus lanes, additional crosswalks, and looking at traffic signal timing.

Get Started on February's **Books and Brews Pick** Every third Thursday, the

Somerville Public Library hosts the Books and Brews book club at Aeronaut Brewing Company. This is a social book club for readers in their 20s, 30s, and the young at heart. The next Books and Brews event is on February 19, starting at 6:15 p.m., at Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler Street. If you're planning to go, now is a great time to check out February's book – Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng - from one of our three library branches.

City Alerts

Get important City notifications for snow emergencies, construction, detours, and other public safety matters delivered to your phone (voice and text) and/or your email. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts

City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/ newsletter.

City Calendar

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Last night, we posted a petition online (https://www.change.org/p/stripsomerville-ma-of-its-tree-city-usa-status) asking the Arbor Day Foundation to strip Somerville of our "Tree City USA" status, and to withhold future awards until the city makes substantial, lasting, effective changes to the management of our urban canopy. We thought deeply before taking this action. We are aware that this sort of public action can create lasting barriers to trust and collaboration. That would be a loss and a shame. Our hope is that this increased publicity will bring us together as a city to address a pressing and urgent issue. We have been sounding the alarm (https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/ archives/85808) on the catastrophic loss of Somerville's trees throughout 2018. We are choosing to increase public attention on this issue since weeks and

To the mayor and staff of the City of months have passed with little measurable progress.

> We have been consistent on the priorities below in both public and private meetings over the last year. We are committed to open, honest, transparent reporting on this issue both now and in the future.

build: _"Net Zero" is an unambiguous, aggressive and powerful statement. We need to apply this kind of thinking to our tree population, citywide. The current approach treats trees differently based on whether they stand in a public way, by a rail bed, in a park, or on private property. This fragmentation is one reason that the catastrophic losses of 2018 were such a surprise. Instead, we should develop a holistic plan that sets aggressive citywide goals for decades to come and tracks them with common metrics, starting this year. _Approach our trees with a holistic view of their role in the environment: _Hire a second arborist with expertise in tree management specific to New England's climate, who has a commitment to working in a connected ecosystem, and who understands the importance of bringing back our native flora and fauna. As we create a tree management plan, take an integrated approach that includes trees and other plants, animals including human

beings, and balances livability, climate impact, and other civic goals.

_Engage the community: _Bring the consultant-led tree inventory to a close. In its place, build a sustainable program that involves resident and student volunteers who can track and care for our urban forest on an ongoing basis. Create a program of notable trees, and commit to providing protections for the most important of these. We are passionate and committed to saving what remains of our city's mature tree population, and to rebuilding what has been lost. We would like to start immediately.

We hope that 2019 will be a turning point for us to work together in a new and effective way.

OUR REQUESTS

_Bring together the applicants for the Urban Forestry Committee: _Whether this constitutes formal meetings of a city committee, or merely shows city support for an interest group, there is a critical need for a sustained citywide conversation that includes both residents and city staff. We want very much for city staff to assume their natural role as leaders, facilitators, and conveners of this group.

_Set aggressive citywide metrics and goals to stop the loss and begin to re-

We would like to do it in collaboration with each of you.

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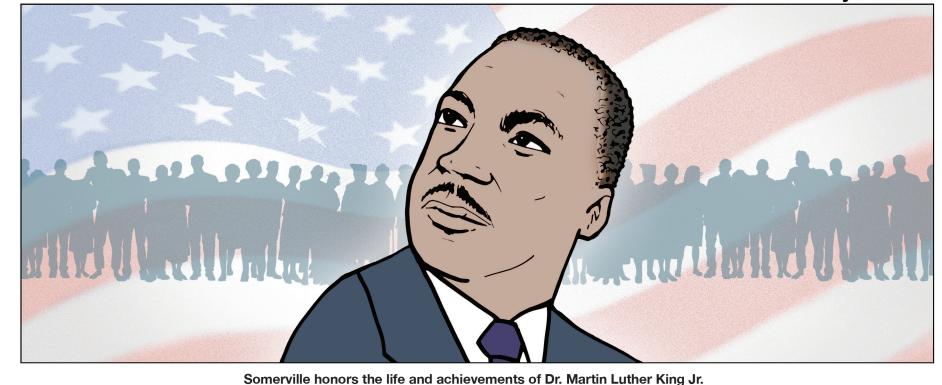
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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

The annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day reminds us of the importance of tolerance and embracing diversity in this modern age, just as it was in the days when Dr. King walked among us.

The civil rights movement of the 60s may seem like a distant and detached part of American history for some, perhaps as remote as the civil war itself in the minds of the young who did not live in that

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

or so months nowadays to talk about old times and the great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook and check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain East Somerville fun. Charlestown line to Mc-Grath Hwy. is considered East Somerville, which includes Glen Park, Florence St. park, Prescott School, Seven Son's Restaurant, Trina's on Washington, Steve's, Tip Top, S&S Subs on Cross St., Avenue's, Broadway show, lower Broadway, Tufts St.

time. And yet, there was never a time in our history when the principles involved in that struggle were more relevant and meaningful than today, and even more so as we step forward into the future.

The great melting pot that is at the heart of the American dream is constantly tasked with the challenge of people of mixed racial, ethnic, and national identity blending and working together as equal

and it is clearly stated that it is a rumor

column. If we make up outlandish lies

about someone then we should be taken

to task. We will watch to see what hap-

pens down the road with Mayor James

Jajuga and his lawsuit. For those that

would like to check it out, Google and

read about the suit and what the judge

has to say. All we can say is good luck to

many others who find themselves in a

situation like this. DO IT!

partners with a common goal: to live freely and prosper in a land still stands as the best possible hope for so many.

As we all strive to surmount the wearisome onus of turning back the economic downturn that has kept many down over the past few years, and at the same time celebrate all that is good and count our blessings each day, the great equalizer remains in effect. We recog-

nize and embrace the common humanity in all of us.

The tireless efforts of those like Dr. King helped to teach us the importance of knowing these things. As we acknowledge and celebrate the man this week, let us take time to consider what has taken place in this country since he was taken from us. We are a better society now, and that should never be taken for granted.

handful trying to grab the ring. Let's see who throws their names in around the city this year for other offices. Oh yeah, we heard that the mayor and his people are working on someone in Assembly Square to run for councilor. So far, some say they will run and then when it comes to the actual doing, it might not be the same. Some of the races were called in to us or told to us in confidence.

he's home but from what we hear he is in bad shape. We hope he is in the care of his favorite nurse, Gay, his wife.

The Medford High School Mustangs and Somerville High School Highlanders girls and boys basketball teams will continue their rivalry at the 3rd Annual Tufts Classic on Sunday, January 20, at the Cousens Gymnasium on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. The girls' game will tip off at 12:30 p.m., and the boys' game will tip off at 2:00 p.m. This is the only time Medford and Somerville will meet all season. For the first time, the winners of each game will receive a "Tufts Classic" trophy, which will stay in their possession until the next Tufts Classic. Event staff will be accepting donations for food pantries in Medford and Somerville. Fans are asked to bring nonperishable food items to support those in need in both cities. ***** Don't forget to park on the EVEN side of the street once they call a snow emergency. And no, you can't park in the school yards anymore, they put gates on them. Let's hope the city doesn't call for snow emergencies unless it's a real emergency like a blizzard.

Did the administration read this or The Hearld? What's this? According to The Boston Herald an Essex County Judge ruled that the mayor of Methuen may move ahead with his defamation law suit against a local newspaper. Apparently, according to the mayor a local paper was spreading lies about him in the paper, making "false and outrageous statements about him being a drug addict, a corrupt cop and a crooked politician." This could be interesting to stay ahead of. Who knows who might or might not do the same. Very sad that a paper can't just be there to tell a story instead of being the story. Yes, our paper has a rumor column

Already in the first week of the new year there are election rumors. It's that time again this year here in the city, and we are hearing of several opponents will be considering challenging incumbents on the School Committee. Two candidates, we hear, are seriously considering running for Alderman (Councilor) At-Large. We hear the mayor made a deal for one more term with the Councilor from Ward 7, who appears to be moving towards being a candidate for mayor in the future. We also hear that since Councilor Bill White didn't get the job in Stoneham (how unfortunate for Stoneham, they lost out big time) that he might think about running for mayor again, not this time but next. IF Mayor Joe leaves office there will be a

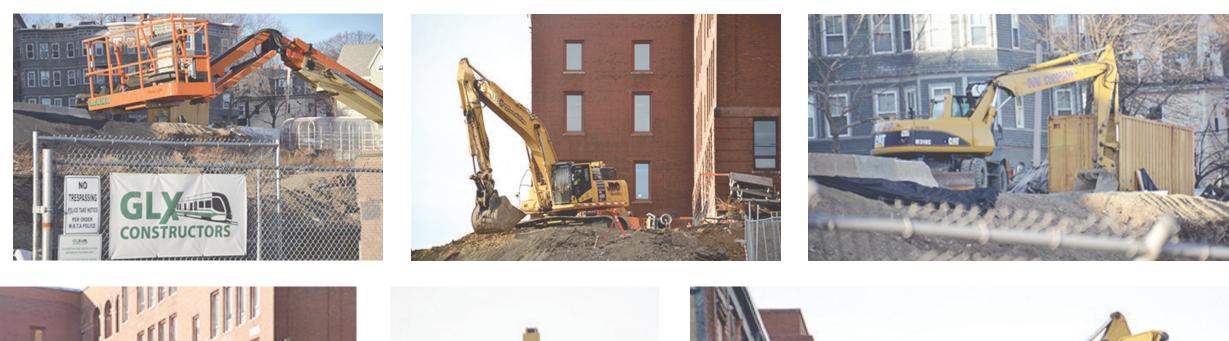
Donald Norton underwent major radiation and spent time at MGH. The five sessions were whirlwind, fast and well taken care of, although he shouldn't have voluntary taken himself off the steroids for one day. It was the day from hell. Chemo this week and the doctors think it should all be set, but they will say when to get off the steroids. The stay at MGH was something else! *****

Charlie Chisholm is still having problems with his hip and we wish him speedy recovery. He was sent home and we hope he recovers soon. It's been three years, we think. Stan Koty, the DPW Commissioner, has been in and out of the hospital and we wish him well and hope things go better for him. He's having heart problems. We don't know if

Making way for the new high school

Work crews were recently observed as they busily went about the business of preparing the grounds for the ongoing renovation and new construction of Somerville High School.



























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The sweetness of winter returns with the annual Somerville Maple Syrup Project

This January, the annual Somerville Maple Syrup Project returns for its 16th season, beginning with a local maple tree tapping and culminating in the annual Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival on March 16th at Groundwork Somerville's urban farm at 138 South St.

A series of maple-related events will lead up to the Boil Down event, with plenty of opportunities to get closely involved in the tapping and syruping process right here in Somerville. Each year over 1000 community members participate in the maple events, including over 500 Somerville students.

The season will kick off with the Tapping of the Trees on Sunday, January 27 at 1:00 p.m. outside Tufts University's Tisch Library, followed by a Maple Brunch hosted by the Independent in Union Square on February 18, and finally the Boil Down Festival on March 16. Later in April, there will also be a special Maple Beer Release Party with waffles at Aeronaut. Throughout this time, Groundwork Somerville is seeking volunteers to help collect sap, teach maple-themed curriculum to second-grade students, and even start some early season boils.

The Somerville Maple Syrup Project is coordinated by Groundwork Somerville in partnership with the Somerville Community Growing Center, Somerville Public Schools, and Tufts University, and is supported by an amazing roster of sponsors including Cuisine En Locale and ONCE Somerville, Whole Foods, The Independent, and Aeronaut Brewing Company.

What began 16 years ago as the small-scale tapping of a few trees on Tufts campus has now grown into a fully-fledged ed-



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ucational project that involves organizations and individuals throughout the Somerville community.

Throughout the season, Groundwork Somerville staff trains and supports community volunteers as they teach a 4-week arts and science curriculum to 2nd graders at Somerville's public schools and lead educational activities at the Boil Down.

Community members of all ages are invited to the free Boil Down event at Groundwork Somerville's urban farm located at 138 South St. between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Sap from local sugar maple trees will be boiled down into pure maple syrup over a hot fire, using a "boiler" built by Somerville high school students. Attendees can expect syrup-tasting, kids' activities, live music, tapping demonstrations, and more. Waffles, hot drinks, and Maple Syrup Project T-shirts and posters will be on sale to support the continuation of the program as a free offering to schools.

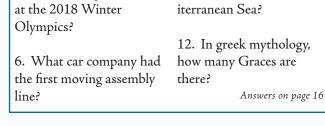
Check the Groundwork Somerville Facebook page and website for updates on this year's tapping and maple-themed events throughout February. Use #maplesyrupproject2019 to follow the maple syrup news or to post about the event(s), and join in at this unique outdoor festival as we celebrate this delicious winter food tradition and our local urban resources.

For information about The 2019 Maple Syrup Project, the education series, or syrup production contact Casey Merkle, casey (at) groundworksomerville.org or call 617-628-9988. *About Groundwork Somerville:* Groundwork Somerville creates jobs, food, green space, and leadership opportunities for environmental justice-oriented communities and individuals, through programs that address areas of healthy education, green jobs and sustainable communities. They work with children and teachers in school garden classrooms to connect experiential learning to state curriculum standards, and young people to their environment; they provide jobs and leadership training to low-income and underserved youth in our community; and they are stewards of 31 sites throughout the region, which we maintain, cleanup, and grow food in, including the South Street Farm – Somerville's first urban farm; the Mystic River; and Garden Classrooms in all nine public middle and elementary schools in Somerville.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations in Somerville

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Health and Human Services Department and the Somerville Public Schools announce the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event, to be held on Monday, January 21.

The annual event will be held at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., beginning 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 the winners of the student essay contest. A keynote address will be given by Aba Taylor, a social justice educator, facilitator and organizer.

This year the Somerville Human Rights Commission will hold a Winter Clothing Drive during the event. Attendees are invited to bring gently used or new winter clothes for school aged children. Donations will be distributed to the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative's Clothing Closet.

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.

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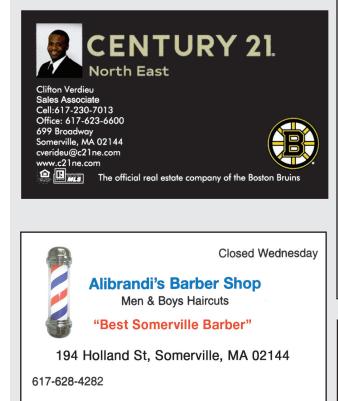


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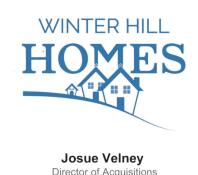






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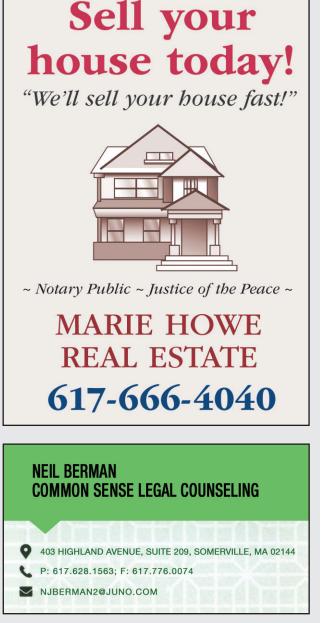
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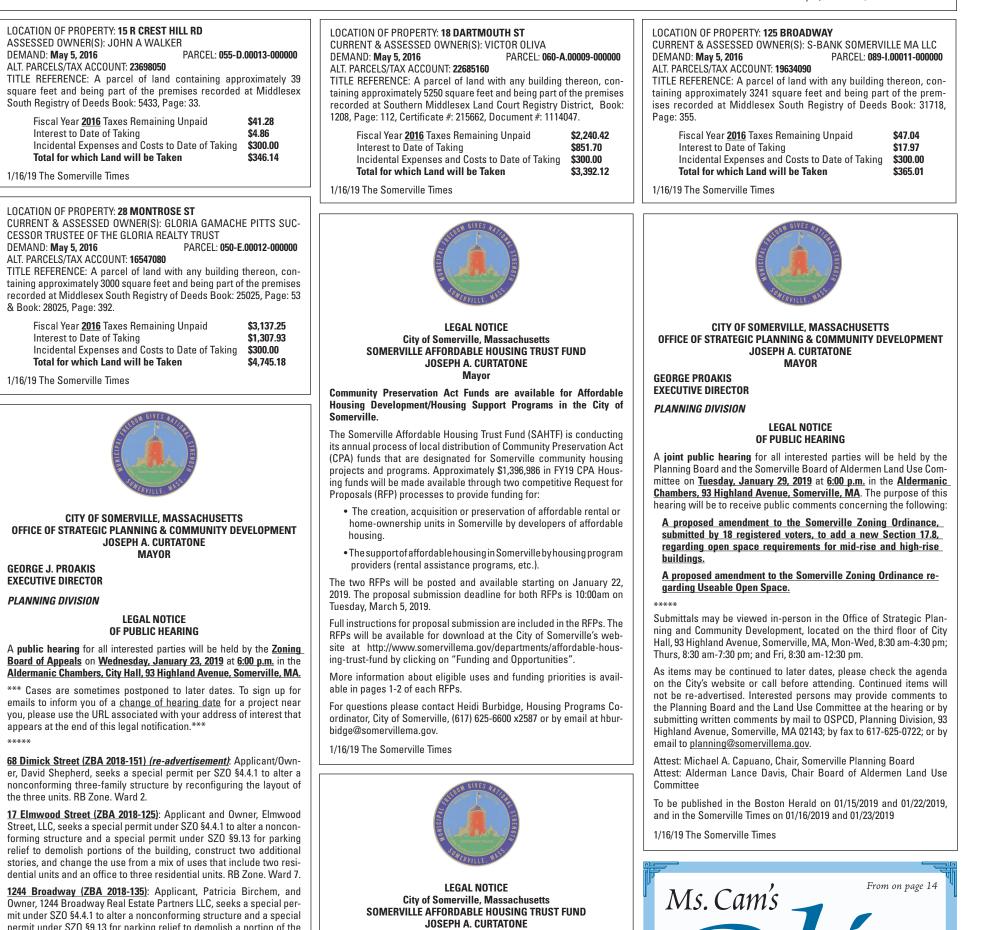
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NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on **Thursday the 31st day of January, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.**, at the **Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes. It is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Linda Dubuque, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.



mit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to demolish a portion of the building, construct two additional stories, and change the use from a laundromat/dry cleaning drop-off to a mix of uses including retail and three residential units. RC Zone. Ward 7.

52-54 Craigie Street (ZBA 2018-177): Applicants and Owners, Clare O'Brien and Nancy Walsh, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure and a special permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to increase the height of the roof ridge and construct dormers to create a master suite on the 3rd floor. RB Zone. Ward 3.

68 Dimick St: <u>http://eepurl.com/dM5qnQ</u> 17 Elmwood St: <u>http://eepurl.com/gdqse1</u> 1244 Broadway: <u>http://eepurl.com/gdqsSb</u> 52-54 Craigie St: <u>http://eepurl.com/gdqtjn</u>

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 <u>www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning</u>.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. <u>Continued</u> <u>cases will not be re-advertised</u>. 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 1/9/19 & 1/16/19

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Community Preservation Act Funds are available for Affordable Housing Development/Housing Support Programs in the City of Somerville.

The City of Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund (SAHTF) is soliciting Proposals to operate and administer the Tenancy Stabilization Program for an amount of \$60,000 per year, up to three years. Up to 15% of the total contract amount may be allocated to administrative fees. The contract term will begin July 1, 2019.

The SAHTF has operated a version of the Tenancy Stabilization Program since 1992. The program was developed to provide housing stabilization to low-income households. The goal of this program is to provide emergency assistance that would allow applicants to obtain new appropriate housing. Since 2006, the SAHTF has been contracting out the administration and operation of this program to a qualified local agency/entity.

The Tenancy Stabilization RFP will be posted and available starting on January 22, 2019. The proposal submission deadline is 10:00am on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Full instructions for proposal submission are included in the RFP. The RFP will be available for download at the City of Somerville's website at http://www.somervillema.gov/ departments/affordable-housing-trust-fund by clicking on "Funding and Opportunities".

For questions please contact Heidi Burbidge, Housing Programs Coordinator, City of Somerville at 617-625-6600 x2587 or by email at hburbidge@somervillema.gov.

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Somerville Public Schools Pre-K and Kindergarten registration now underway

As the halfway mark of the current school year approaches, registration for next year's group of Somerville Public Schools (SPS) pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students is set to begin this coming weekend. Online pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year began on January 12, 2019. All students who will be 4 years old by August 31, 2019 are eligible for the district's preschool program. All students who will be 5 years old by that date are eligible for Kindergarten.

For families who do not have computer access at home, registration assistance will be available by contacting the Parent Information Center (617-629-5670; 42 Prescott St.), or by attending

a Registration Support drop-in session. Drop-in sessions are scheduled at the Capuano Early Childhood Center computer lab (150 Glen St.), on Tuesday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 23 from 9am – 2pm. Another session will be held at the Arthur D. Healey School (5 Meacham St.) on Thursday, January 24, 2pm – 5pm.

As Dr. Lisa Kuh, Director of Early Education explains, "The first 5 years of a child's life are the most important for brain development, socialization, and play. Children who have the opportunity to engage in quality early education experiences learn to make friends, be curious about learning, and do better in school. The city of Somerville is committed to providing strong early childhood programming to make sure every child has the opportunity to learn."

All complete applications received between January 12, 2019 and March 21, 2019 will be considered for the first batch of assignments. An electronic lottery system is used for assignments, designed according to the criteria established in the district's Controlled Choice Assignment Plan. For more information about the district's Controlled



LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on Thursday January 31, 2019 on the 2019-2020 One Year Action Plan and to receive community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program. The public hearing will be held at:

East Somerville Community School located at 50 Cross Street in

The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Nency Salamoun, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2323 via email NSalamoun@somervillema.gov.

Written comments must be submitted by *March 4 2019*, and should be sent to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 Attn: Elizabeth Twomey or via email to OSPCD@somervillema.gov

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Choice Assignment Plan, please visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/parent-information-center/tips-choosing-school. Parents/Guardians will receive their assignment letters via email/mail by the week of April 15, 2019.

Preschool in the Somerville Public Schools, also known as the SMILE program, is held from 8:45am – 1:45pm, Monday through Friday. SMILE classrooms are located at the Capuano Early Childhood Center, Albert F. Argenziano School, West Somerville Neighborhood School, and the Winter Hill Community Innovation School. There is also a SPS/Head Start collaborative classroom at the Arthur D. Healey School. Head Start eligible families follow a separate registration process for this classroom at the Healey, as well as two other Head Start classrooms co-located at the Capuano Early Childhood Center. You can learn more about these classrooms atwww. somerville.k12.ma.us/early-education.

SPS also offers ECIP (Early Childhood Intervention Program) mixed-age special education inclusion classrooms at the Capuano Early Childhood Center, For information about the ECIP registration process, visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/preschool.

Kindergarten is held 8:10am – 2:35pm, Monday through Friday. Kindergarten classrooms are located at all district elementary schools.

For online registration support, information, or to schedule an appointment, the Parent Information Center (42 Prescott St.) is available at 617-629-5670 and www. somerville.k12.ma.us/Kindergarten. If a child's first language is not English, a PIC staff member will contact the parent or guardian to schedule an appointment for an English language proficiency assessment.

Afterschool programming for preschool and kindergarten children is available until 5:30pm through the district's Community Schools program on a sliding scale basis at all schools. Registration information for Community Schools can be found at: http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/somerville-community-schools/ afterschool-programs.

Transition Day, when rising kindergarten students and their families visit their prospective school and teacher, will be Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Families will receive additional information about Transition Day as the date gets closer.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|January 16 East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m./79 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 17

Central Library Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Night Owls Story Time 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|January 18

Central Library Preschool Storytime for 2-yearolds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 22

Somerville Community Baptist Church Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College Ave.

Central Library

Girls Who Code 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 23

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Preschool Story Time 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC/ARTS Wednesday|January 16

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

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Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Late Night Thoughts 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|January 17

Sally O'Brien's Spring Hill Rounders / grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren WUMB Presents Say Darling|7:30 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville PowerSlut Stars Like Ours, Dark Wheels 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Adam Janjigian Quartet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Matt DeBlass 6 p.m.|Café

Castle of Comedy 8 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Smoke & Shadows 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|January 18

Sally O'Brien's Jim Coyle & The Sneaky Pint|6 p.m. Chelsea Curve, Little Billy Lost, Tsunami Of Sound with Keytar Bear - \$10 cover |9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi

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The Rockwell Dreamland Silent Disco|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 19 Sally O'Brien's One Thin Dime|6 p.m. Tad Overbaugh & Late Arrivals,

Brendan Murphy Band, Meaghan Casey Band - \$10 cover|9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Once Somerville Nat Freedberg (of The Upper Crust) Watts Justine and the Unclean 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Strangled Darlings 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell Boston Comedy Festival presents Boston King of Comedy: Steve

Sweeney 9:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|January 20

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo hosts|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Thunder Road

Americana Sundays Presents... a Greg Klyma Special featuring Peter Zarkadas 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Shelley Nicole's blaKbüshe The Nephrok! Allstars The Motown Masterpiece Orchestra

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Hillbilly Holiday 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday|January 21

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

The Burren Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. Matt Heaton & The Outside Toys|11 a.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar industry night featuring DJ Wall 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Jason Anick& The Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. Smooch featuring Julie Rama Winslow|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. Sadie Gustafson-Zook Band 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|January 16

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

Thursday|January 17

Central Library Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Saturday|January 19

Winters Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|January 20

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Tiki Holiday Tsunami of Sound, DJ Easy Ed 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Highland Kitchen

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Makeout

Story Untold, Hand Guns 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

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The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m. 4th Annual Jeff Berlin Fundraiser||3:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville 156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday January 23

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

The Burren Backroom Series with Brian Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Tuesday|January 22

Central Library

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Voices of Somerville: A Poetry Workshop for English Learner 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 23

Central Library

City of Somerville Fair Housing Commission 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. The Food Project Book Club 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Indivisible Mystic Valley: Writing for Change 7 p.m.-8 p.m.]79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

Holland Street Senior Center: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688 TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Very limited amount available This program is a first come first serve basis. This is funded through the Senior Safe Program and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted. - If you have any questions or need an application please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month?: You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Friendly Caller Program, Do you know compone who

frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Diabetic Shoe Clinic – Thursday, January 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Did you know that you may be eligible for a new pair of diabetic shoes? Must have appointment. If you require additional info, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Tech Clinic with Tufts Technology Services –Holland Street Center – January 29, February 19 and March 12 – 10:30 a.m. - Cyber Personal Safety, Device Safety and Social Media Safety. For more information or to sign up call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Upcoming Dates: January 17 at 10:30 am. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Upcoming Dates: January 24 at 10:30 am. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Monthly Breakfast – Tuesday, February 12 9:30 a.m. (Doors open at 9:15 a.m.) at Culinary Arts located at Somerville High School. \$6 per person. If you require additional info or want to reserve your spot please contact Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Valentine's Lunch with Judy – Wednesday, February 13, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant in Arlington. Seating is limited. Lunch will be off the menu and pay as you go. To join in call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

St. Valentine's Day Celebration – Thursday, February 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dilboy Post located on Summer Street. Limited seating and transportation. This event is made possible through the Somerville Police and Fire Departments. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. LGBTQ EVENTS

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness Class is Thursday even nings 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 info, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

LGBTQ Lunch – Wednesdays, January 16, February 20, and March 20 – 11:30 a.m. to noon. Meals yet to be determined.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (Please cut out and save)

Monday: Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:00 a.m. (H) Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H) Tuesday: Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H) \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H) tion titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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 Mt. Vernon. 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.

Mens Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. If you are interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Coffee & Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. Arts & Crafts - Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

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

Bereavement Support Group – Meets on specific Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Have you recently experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of support? Please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Upcoming dates: January 28, February 4, 11 and 25. Funded by a grant from the MCOA.

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at our Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays starting from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery,

Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fic-

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

Knitting Blankets – Every Tuesday & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us as we knit blankets for babies. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Judy at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



the poem Mary Had a Little Lamb. She lived in Somerville throughout her adult life and worked at McLean Hospital, volunteered as an aide during the Civil War, and helped save Boston's historic Old South Church from demolition. My personal rendition of the poem is "Mary Had a Little Lamb, she came from Somerville, and everywhere that Mary went, she had to climb a hill!"

+ The first European who lived in Somerville was Thomas Walford. He and his family originally lived in a stockade house at the base of Spring Hill.

+ In 1861, William F. Schrafft started his famous candy factory in Sullivan Square near the H.P. Hood Milk plant. Members of both the Schrafft and the Hood families resided in Spring Hill.

+ St. Catherine of Genoa Catholic Church sits 137' above sea level on the summit of Spring Hill enjoying its most panoramic view. It is said to be one of the most architecturally beautiful churches in the country. The famous

By Bobbygeorge Potaris

radio and television entertainer Arthur Godfrey and his bride were married there.

+ Enoch Robinson, a locksmith and inventor, built the Round House at 36 Atherton Street in 1856. It has been one of Somerville's most interesting curiosities for over 163 years. Robinson also donated the land for Somerville's oldest cemetery, the Milk Row Cemetery.

+ The Somerville Museum and the Somerville Historical Society at One Westwood Road represent Somerville's history, past and present, inside and out. Inside has the famous Charles Bulfinch Staircase and outside has the granite stairway and entry pillars that were relocated from Somerville's first church, the First Unitarian Church located on Central Hill.

Throughout the years, Somerville has been called the City of Seven Hills. It actually has fourteen, with at least twenty-eight different names, with Spring Hill being her most picturesque.

Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner



Somerville Media Workshops and Events



Somerville Media Center has a great batch of upcoming workshops and events that will hopefully spark your interest. A new year is indeed for a new you" after all, right?

Upcoming SMC workshops:

Designing Graphics for Video with Photoshop and Premiere

February 2, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square. Sign at https://www.somervillemedia.org/designinggraphicsforvideo/

Learn Adobe Creative Suite typography tools to take your video productions to the next level. Make templates for titles, lower thirds and over-the-shoulder graphics in Adobe Photoshop and Premiere and learn how alpha channel graphics work. If time allows, the class will end with an introduction to Adobe Illustration.

Grant Writing Workshops

Wednesdays: February 6 and February 13; 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Arts at the Armory building, 191 Highland Ave.

Sign up at https://www.somervillemedia.org/grant-writing-workshop-with-ellen-gugel/ Somerville Media Center is offering two workshops with experienced grant writer and educator Ellen Gugel. The workshops are geared to non-profit professionals, artists and community members who are interested in learning how to research applicable grants and create successful proposals.

Ongoing Digital Literacy Workshops

January – June, various times at Somerville Media Center

Sign up at https://www.somervillemedia.org/2019digitalliteracy/

This SMC Digital Literacy program will address a wide spectrum of digital inclusion factors like taking full advantage of utilizing smartphones, researching the internet, learning media production, graphic design, building user friendly websites, becoming a community journalist, deepening media literacy knowledge and in general creating media savvy consumers.

Upcoming SMC events

"Let's Talk About Race": A Community Symposium and Panel Discussion

Saturday, January 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Somerville Media Center Join the Conversation and more info at https://www.somervillemedia.org/lets-talkabout-race-a-community-symposium-and-panel-discussion/

Let's Talk About Race is a podcast and radio show that invites people from all backgrounds to engage in courageous conversations around issues related to race. Join host Diane Wong and Somerville Media Center by welcoming back a panel of the past years' guests who will share their experiences and expertise. Afterwards, join us for a community meal and participate in racial dialogues facilitated by our panelists.

SMC New Member Orientation & Tour

Thursday, January 24, 7-8:00pm @SMC

Sign up at https://www.somervillemedia.org/join/

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8:30am	Fit-4-Life #2	Friday, Ja	nuary 18
9:00am	SomerViva em Portugues"	12:03am	Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up
9:30am	Aldermen at Work - IT Scott	12:19am	Housing Lottery - Alloy Condominiums
11:30am	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"	1:30am	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 1.10.19
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 1.14.19	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
6:30pm	The Firstamerican Flag: Revisiting	9:00am	Organizational Meeting for BOA &
-	the Grand Union at Prospect Hill		School Committee & MidTerm Address
7:46pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	11:30am	Housing Lottery - Alloy Condominiums
8:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2019	12:33pm	Parking Changes on Central Hill Meeting
9:30pm	Foss Park Community Meeting - 12.12.18	1:48pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart
11:08pm	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"	2:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 1.14.19
Thursday	/, January 17	6:30pm	BOA-Land Use Committee of the Whole
12:00am	Immigration Info Session - 12.9.18	10:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues
1:30am	Organizational Meeting for BOA &	11:00pm	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"
	School Committee & MidTerm Address	Saturday	, January 19
3:00am	Immigration Info Session - 12.9.18	12:00am	Housing Lottery - Alloy Condominiums
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11:30am	SomerViva em Portugues	2:30am	Foss Park Community Meeting - 12.12.18
12:00pm	Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4
12:15pm	The Firstamerican Flag: Revisiting the	9:00am	BOA-Land Use Committee of the Whole
	Grand Union at Prospect Hill	1:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2019
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2:01pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2019	2:30pm	Parking Changes on Central Hill Meeting
6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - JT Scott	6:30pm	Conway Park Contamination Info Session
7:00pm	Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up	7:39pm	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"
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9:00pm	SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19	12:30am	Organizational Meeting for BOA &

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Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards

6:00pm

Educational TV 15 Schedule

10:00pm Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert Wednesday, January 16 SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 7:00pm 8:00pm SHS Hockey vs Gloucester Friday, January 18 SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 8:00am 10:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 10:00am SHS Hockey vs Watertown SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 12:00am Sunday, January 20 Argenziano School Winter Concert SHS Hockey vs Everett 12:00pm 1:30am SHS Hockey vs Watertown 1:00pmWinter Hill Community School Winter Concert 8:00am Our Schools, Our City 12:00am 9:00am Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 1:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 2:00pm Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS 3:30pm 10:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop 4:00am Public Domain Theater SHS Hockey vs Watertown SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop 4:00pm 11:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 8:00am Argenziano School Winter Concert 1:00pm SHS Hockey vs Revere 9:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 6:00pm 7:00pmWinter Hill Community School Winter Concert Our Schools, Our City 11:00am Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 3:00pm Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 8:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 4:00pm Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 12:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop SHS Hockey vs Gloucester Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS 5:00pm 1:00pm 9:30pm 10:00pm SHS Hockey vs Gloucester SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 1:30pm Our Schools, Our City -7:00pm 9:00pm Argenziano School Winter Concert 2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead Thursday, January 17 10:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 4:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop 12:00am 5:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 1:30am Saturday, January 19 Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 8:00am SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English 12:00am Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 8:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 10:00am SHS Hockey vs Lynn English 1:30am 9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Gloucester Public Domain Theater 11:30am ESCS Winter Concert 3:00am 9:30pm 10:00pm Our Schools, Our City Argenziano School Winter Concert 1:00pm 8:00am Our Schools, Our City SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert Brown School Winter Concert 2:00pm 9:00am 3:00pm El Sistema Winter Concert 10:00am Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert Monday, January 21 4:00pm SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English 11:00am SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 12:00am SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 6:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn English SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead SHS Hockey vs Watertown 1:00pm 1:05am 7:30 pm Our Schools, Our City SHS Hockey vs Watertown 3:00pm 2:30am SHS Hockey vs Revere Our Schools, Our City 8:00pm Argenziano School Winter Concert 5:00pm 8:00am SHS Girls' Basketball vs Charlestown Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem Brown School Winter Concert 6:00pm 9:30am

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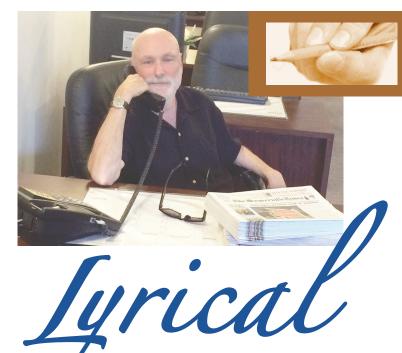
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In this exquisite third book, *What I Got For a Dollar*, Somerville poet Bert Stern grapples with the elemental and the extraordinary, looking back on the length of his journey and finding realms of possibility, powerful proof of a life well lived. Moments of divine recognition pervade these poems – their rough



terrains, their changing atmospheres and stunning grace – culminating in a profound sense of gratitude for the tactile world. Here is a poet writing at the height of his powers.

ON THE AUSABLE

Windy rush of river after rain. I wobble down the rough path of the bank, propped by love and a broken stick, eyes agog with dappled water.

On the cobbled beach totter over stones, breathe beginnings in: sun, stone, water, rock.

ADIRONDACK EVENING

Watching you from

the second floor of the darkening house as you cross the meadow and disappear into the woods at evening,

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

'Let Us Now Speak of Extinction' by Michael C. Keith

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Review by Zvi A. Sesling Off the Shelf Correspondent

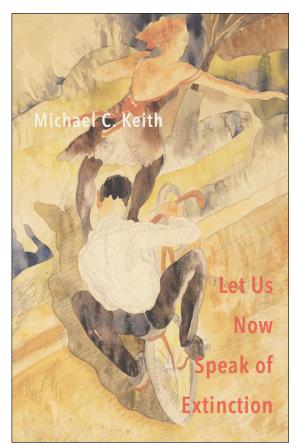
Flash fiction, micro fiction, prose poetry. Whatever you choose to call it, Michael. C. Keith's *Let Us Now Speak of Extinction* is 231 pages of pure enjoyment. His stories, many of which are just a few lines and others less than one page, encompass many scenarios a number of them with ironically humorous endings and titles that he has obviously spent time creating.

In *Adjusting One's Priorities* Keith keys in on the self-absorbed viewer of a tragedy: "Frank saw a small plane flip and fall to to earth. He had five minutes left of his lunch hour and still had not eaten his dessert. What should I do? he wondered."

Keith also has a jaundiced eye when writing about old age and its optimism versus its fears. While everyone is doomed to extinction, in *You Bet Your Life* it is not about the Groucho Marx television show of the 1950s but rather a future which Keith sees as a possibility. The story is a cousin to a story which was later made into a movie called *The Four Feathers*.

"Six old friends got together and decided to wager on whom among them would live the longest. Each would put five dollars into the hat each week, and the last person standing would win. Since they all were only in their early 70s, they felt the pot could end up being quite substantial, and that's what spurred them on – that and the fact that each septuagenarian felt he was in better shape than the others. The first member of the group passed away after five years, and over the next dozen years, everyone else in the pool had expired, except one. Unfortunately, he could neither stand up nor recall anything about the bet."

As one can see just by these two stories, Keith casts a sarcastic eye on people, his view being that no one is really on the positive side of life's ledger. In the first story Frank could be anywhere from his twenties to his fifties and not only more interest-



Speaking of extinction, in *Cotillion of the Fittest* Keith sees the end of humanity as follows: It wasn't three days after the last human died that the cockroaches and rats held a dance. Although he does not tell us why all of humanity has passed into extinction, we learn that two of our most feared creatures on earth, cockroaches and rats have survived and are holding a celebratory dance to acknowledge their inheritance of the planet, or perhaps just simple happiness as not being killed anymore by the top animal kingdom.

Another of Keith's likes is food, often the sweet. In *Profound Discourse At A Dunkin* he explains the importance of a sweet something to a discussion of human existence:

"When contemplating the nature of human existence, it's very easy to reach the conclusion that the whole thing is a cruel absurdity," said Gill. 'Oh, jees, fellas, Gill is getting all existential on us. What do you expect us to do with that information?' replied Doug, winking at fellow members of the Somerville Old Farts Breakfast Club. 'Well,' answered Gill, 'You could add meaning to my life by buying me another Vanilla Frosted with Sprinkles.""

Despite what often seems like a negative spin,

for a moment I think

I am watching myself vanish into the woods, but no, I am watching us both just when our absence from meadow and woods leaves behind a whisper like a puff of pollen in the wind that dissipates on grass and evening peepers and washes away in rain and leaves aches in the ether for the meadow you walked across, the woods you entered, my ache for you and yours for me.

— Bert Stern

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu ed in his food but sees little interest in reporting a tragedy and possibly saving lives.

The second story paints a bleak look at what all humans face – a future that ends with little hope as death is final outcome for all living things. That theme figures perfectly into Keith's title about extinctions. Michael Keith's *Let Us Now Speak of Extinction* is comedic take on like, death and everything in between. It is a book one fights with one's self not to put down because what is on the next page might (an often is) more entertaining than the page just finished. Get yourself a copy and enjoy more than 200 pages of pure entertainment.

Tufts Sunday Concert Series – Work and Life: Music by Julia Cavallaro, John McDonald, Francis Poulenc, and Joaquín Nin

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and Board President

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