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# City seeks improvement on snow removal procedures



Many residents have complained that city snow plows have piled snow onto already shoveled sidewalks and driveways, leaving some – such as the elderly and disabled – unable to cope with the situation as it stands.

#### By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen addressed several issues related to snow removal at its most recent regular meeting last Thursday.

An order sponsored by Ward Five Alderman Mark Niedergang and Alderman At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah asked for the Commissioner of Public Works deploy a shoveling crew after major snowstorms to shovel out the sidewalks of elderly and disabled residents that get buried by city snowplows, and that the Director of Health and Human Services and the Director of Communications work together to register such residents so they can contact 311 to get their sidewalks re-shoveled after they have been buried by snowplows.

On the matter, Niedergand told the Board, "The problem that I think we're all aware of is that in this last snow storm, and also in previous years, residents have been Continued on page 4

# Produce and pedals: The Somerville Winter Farmers Market

#### By Emily Blackwood

Neil Kapitulik's foot powered the spinning wheel while his hands guided a mound of blueish-green raw fleece into a strand of yarn. His booth was quiet in comparison to the chaos of shopping locals who surrounding him in the middle of the Somerville Winter Farmers Market. And if you watched him long enough, you might find yourself mesmerized by the spinning wheel.

Which is exactly what happened to 10-year-old Chloe Rankel.

"What does that do?" she asked after a few moments of staring at the wheel.

Kapitulik fully explained the details to her, as well as the kind of products his company, Rag Hill Farms, makes. Which includes, of course, handspun yarn, quilts, and pot holders shaped like chickens.

He told her the entire process from raw fleece to usable yarn takes about Continued on page 7



Neil Kapitulik shows Chloe Rankel how raw fleece feels before it's turned into yarn.

— Photo by Emily Blackwood

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Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday Marion Joyce, a retired Somerville High teacher. A nice lady that still lives here in the city and can often be seen in Ball Square. We hope she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to another well-known lady, Katie McDaid is celebrating this week. We also wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to Bill Rogers of Winter Hill. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to Phil Forsyth, who grew up here in Somerville. A nice guy, and we wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday to Donald Johnson, who is celebrating this week. To all the others celebrating this week, we wish you a big happy birthday!

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Our condolences to the family of Barbara Koty, who passed away this week. We knew Barbara, she was a very nice lady who always had good things to say about everyone. She worked for the school department for many years in Somerville. She will be remembered for her great personality and will be greatly missed. Arrangements as of press time were not made known but when we get them we will post them online to our site.

It appears that Somerville might be getting an "Axe Throwing" bar sometime later this summer -Continued on page 11

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### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Wrong for Assembly Square and wrong for Somerville

Bill Shelton says:

The comparison between NYC and Somerville isn't on "density." Both cities benefit from their density. It's on how density requires open space to make it work for humans, and that comparison is apt. Somerville's status as New England's densest isn't because of our building massing, which is as low as our building heights. It's because, proportionately, we lack the shared open space that NYC residents enjoy. To pay for open space, we need tall buildings—but where the infrastructure will support them and where ultrafine particles don't kill residents.

"Saying that we can't build housing there because it's near a highway is not an excuse." No, it's a reason. Somerville has the highest excess death rate from heart disease and lung cancer among Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns, while our smoking rate is below average. Peer-reviewed studies have established that these deaths are clustered around our ultrafine particle sources, and I-93 in particular.

Yes, playing frisbee on the "open space" that the Assembly's Edge developers claim to create by taking over the Somerville street that could serve as the best vehicular entrance to Assembly Square would be unhealthy. That's why Section 6.4.1 of Assembly Square's zoning states that required open space "may be provided off-site through dedicated permanent open space that meets the site plan and design review criteria as determined by the SPGA."

And requiring 20% affordability isn't what is "self-defeating." We should get the highest inclusionary zoning requirement that we can. Encouraging massive production of unaffordable housing to get the 20% is self-defeating. And unsustainable.

The housing market is regional. Even building all the new housing that we possibly could in our little city would not equilibrate supply and demand at a lower price point, unless doing so created conditions that substantially reduced the city's attractiveness.

But it would bankrupt us. Residential uses pay 60% the tax rate of commercial, but generate twice the costs. Yet only 14% of Somerville's assessed property value is commercial. That's why we depend on precarious state-aid to cover our structural fiscal deficit. And every new housing unit that we build digs the hole deeper.

It also absorbs land that could be used for commercial development. The taxes generated by new commercial development could pay for what we need, including affordable housing that doesn't have to come as 20% of more luxury condos. And the jobs generated could enable poor and working people to pay market rates if we were smart about preparing them for, and linking them to, those jobs.

Basing an affordable housing policy on inclusionary zoning or on building more units is like the drunk who looks for his lost wallet under the street lamp because the light is better there. Instead, we need to permanently remove some portion of our housing stock from the inflationary spiral, using deed restrictions to make it affordable in perpetuity. Two ways to pay for that are the transfer tax, and affordable housing bonds. Which are part of that column that would be required to really get into this.

#### Response to: City expected to be reimbursed for costs of early voting

Matt c says:

Early voting was so easy and helped increase turnout. I hope to see the practice continue

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# Somerville High School renovation process made easier through modular construction

#### By Genevieve Bien-Aime

If you have recently driven by Somerville High School on the Highland Ave. side you may have noticed a long, one story air force blue colored building facing the street. Considering it sits directly in front of the left side of the high school, it's really hard to miss.

This building is actually a series of modular constructions, or factory produced pre-engineered building units, that were delivered to the high school on December 26. Fused together, these modular constructions will serve as a temporary space

to house to all of the English Department, as well as parts of the Foreign Language and Social Studies Departments.

Teachers and students will take up residence in the modular classrooms right after the April school break due to demolition of the C Wing slated to begin in June once the school year has ended.

Heading up the project is Associate Headmaster and Director of Career and Technical Education, Leo DeSimone. He explained in preparation for the full demolition of the C Wing, it needs to be abated and phased out altogether which isn't possi-



These modular constructions will serve as temporary classrooms while the Somerville High School renovation project - Photos by Genevieve Bien-Aime is underway.



L to R: Somerville High School Associate Headmaster, Leo DeSimone, Contractor Cam Macdonald of Suffolk and Somerville High School Interim Headmaster, Sebastian LaGambina

ble if it's fully operational. "We're losing twenty-eight classrooms in the C-Wing, but we're making up for it with the modular."

He's right. While the modular construction is not complete, DeSimone did grant The Somerville Times access. While standing in one of the unfinished classrooms, DeSimone pointed out, "There will be one office for two admin, a planning area for teachers, full plumbing, electricity and data connectivity."

The classroom we were in was about 20 feet by 20 feet, which is larger than some of the current C Wing classrooms and could potentially hold up to twenty-four students comfortably. In addition, they'll be climate controlled with both air conditioning and heating abilities; an upgrade compared to the current C Wing. DeSimone understands that some parents may have reservations about the modular construction, and to that he says not to worry because, "they're going to be absolutely beautiful."

For more information about the Somerville High School renovations, visit the SHS Building Project Website at http:// go.somervillema.gov/highschool or watch the video for the new building's Educational Plan at https://drive.google. com/file/d/1ufBpRNeXfP\_ YLTA3kLw7om0QOCuAX-B9H/view.

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# New passenger drop-off, pickup zones established in Davis Square

In an effort to increase safety in one of Somerville's busiest areas, new street signs are up and five spaces across Davis Square are now designated as passenger drop-off and pickup only zones. The pickup and drop-off zones are open to all users including the public, taxis, and ride share services. Parking and idling more than five



minutes in the designated zones are prohibited. The spaces are located at:

- Holland St. (near Statue Park across from the T)
- 414 Highland Ave. (in front of Davis Square nails)
- 212 Elm St. (3 spots in front of Citizens Bank)

The Holland St. and Highland Ave. spaces will remain loading zones during the day and become drop-off and pickup zones from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. The three spaces in front of Citizens Bank, which were formerly 15-minute parking spaces, will be drop-off and pickup at all times.

"Davis Square is a food and entertainment destination, a public transit hub, a key node on the community path, and a pedestrian center offering numerous services. The square is particularly popular on weekend evenings, but that brings with it increased vehicle traffic and double-parking," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "By establishing designated drop-off and pickup zones open to everyone, we're hoping to reduce double-parking and improve safety for all."

A preliminary study conducted in August noted 12 instances of double-parking in traffic lanes in the area near the Citizens Bank on Elm St. in just two hours on a Friday night. The City will continue to monitor the area, collect data, and adjust the plan as needed. While piloting the rollout of drop-off and pickup zones in Davis Square, the City will also be assessing how effective similar plans would be in other areas of the city.

The proposal for the Davis Square zones passed the Traffic Commission in November, and the signs were installed in December.

# WIEK IN CIR By Jim Clark

# Going a little too far for the boyfriend

Police officers were dispatched to the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. last Thursday on reports of an alleged shoplifter being detained by loss prevention personnel.

Upon arrival, the officers were informed by radio that the female suspect, identified as Sondra Noonan, of Weymouth, was exiting the store through the contractor's entrance.

As they pulled up, the officers located Noonan as she was walking out of the store carrying a reusable shopping bag. According to police, a common tactic of shoplifters is to use reusable shopping bags to conceal items, as they are durable and can be used multiple times.

As soon as the officers approached, Noonan reportedly lowered her head and handed them the shopping bag, telling them that everything she stole was in the bag.

Once inside the loss prevention office, the value of the stolen merchandise, consisting of five butane torches, two LED flashlights, two bolt cutters, and a butane gas refill canister, amounted to \$168.70.

According to police, Noonan admitted that she was also going to take paint, but had left it in the shopping cart she had used in the store.

A loss prevention staffer commented that the items Noonan stole were very specific, and she reportedly told police that she was stealing them for her boyfriend, who is in construction. According to Noonan, he gave her a list of items to steal for him. A "shopping list" of items - another common tactic of shoplifters - that Noonan was supposed to steal was reportedly located on her person.

When asked, Noonan reportedly told the officers there may be needles inside a red glasses case in her possession, which belong to her boyfriend. When the glasses case was opened, police located two needles, one of which had a reddish-brown liquid substance inside of it, ready for use. A baggie, commonly used to hold "rocks" of narcotics, such as heroin, as well as a glass pipe containing a white, crystallized substance, typically used to smoke narcotics was also reportedly found in the glasses case.

substance While neither found was tested, based on their training and experience, the substance in the needle was most likely judged by the officers to be heroin.

Noonan was placed under arrest on charges of possession of a class A drug and shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor 2nd offense, reckless endangerment to a child, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, and alcohol from open container.

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#### Arrests:

Ladjuan Guichard, January 10, 4:49 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of annoying telephone calls, false crime report, and false report to public safety.

Sondra Noonan, of 111 Pilgrim Rd., Weymouth, Jan-

uary 11, 7:07 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of possession of a class A drug and shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor 2nd offense, reckless endangerment to a child, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, marked lanes violation, and alcohol from open container.

Thomas Russo, of 200 Somerset Ave., Winthrop, January 13, 4:25 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of larceny over \$250 by single scheme, shoplifting by price tag tampering, and aggravated organized retail crime.

Shaheim Grant, of 28 Melvin, January 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on charges

of distribution of a class D drug and drug possession to distribute.

Roberto Portillo Deras, of 71 Clark St., Chelsea, January 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on charges of defacing a firearm serial number and carrying a firearm with ammunition.

#### City seeks improvement on snow removal procedures CONT. FROM PG 1

told to go out and shovel quickly - in this case because it was going to get very cold and many of them did. They shoveled Thursday evening, late, after the snow stopped. And then the plows continued to plow snow, and in many cases on a number of streets in my ward the plows had shoveled up and over onto the sidewalk, and when they woke up the next morning there was even more snow than when they had shoveled the previous evening."

Niedergang went on to point out that some of the affected residents are elderly or disabled, and that they may have made arrangements to have someone shovel for them - either a neighbor or someone they have paid - but then they would have to do it again.

"They are understandably upset," said Niedergang, "There has been a lot of back and forth with the administration about this and this particular response with this snow storm, but the reason I filed the order

was because I feel that if this is going to happen able-bodied people can shovel a second time. But elderly and disabled people simply cannot."

Niedergang said that if the city is going to plow over people's sidewalks that it should mitigate that damage and put in place some kind of program where people can sign up to have somebody shovel them out, if they "have been buried" Board why snow plows cannot by city snow plows.

Additional related orders submitted to the Board included a request that the Director of Communications coordinate the messaging about when to shovel with the Commissioner of Public Works so that residents are not told to shovel their sidewalks when snow plows are still plowing snow over curbs and burying sidewalks.

Also, and order was put forward asking the Commissioner of Public Works report to this go at a slower speed to avoid throwing snow over curbs and onto sidewalks.



Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang spoke to the issue of snow plows piling snow onto resident's sidewalks during last week's Board meeting.

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### Remembering Cornelia "Lee" (Kelly) O'Keefe



(Kelly) Cornelia "Lee" O'Keefe passed away suddenly at home on January 10, 2018. Born in New York, Mrs. O'Keefe was a proud Somerville resident for over 50 years.

Born on June 21, 1954, Lee was the loving wife of the late William J. "Billy O" O'Keefe Sr - former Magoun Square business owner.

Beloved daughter of Cornelia "Connie" Moniz of Everett,

Massachusetts and the late John Kelly.

Dedicated Mother of Conor Thomas O'Keefe, former Ward 5 Alderman Courtney Kathryn O'Keefe and her sweetheart Hope J. Garcia.

Dear Nana of Shannon Melissa O'Keefe and Shayne Frances O'Keefe

Sister of John Kelly, Charlene Juffre, Teriann Toppi, Ragene Buckley and the late Alan Kelly. Cherished by numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to a graveside memorial service on Saturday January 20, 2018 at Puritan Lawn Ceremony (185 Lake Street Peabody, Massachusetts)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lee's memory to a YouCaring.Com fund: http://bit.ly/2D7xn06

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# **How Somerville celebrates** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### By Sabrina Joseph

Somerville celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a variety of performances at the annual event, this year entitled "Growing Our Community," on Monday at the East Somerville Community School. The first performance was by Marcus Santos, who is a master Brazilian drum teacher and a graduate of the Berklee College of Music.

After graduating from Berklee, Santos founded Grooversity, which promotes music as entertainment and an action as well as social change. The event started with the usual joke; the audience's attitude towards him made me believe that he was a fan favorite and that they were glad that he was emceeing this event and not someone else.

He started out by announcing the members of the Board of Aldermen. Next came the musical stylings of the SHS World Percussion Ensemble. Santos has described

this ensemble as being the best. After that performance Marcus, as well as a few high school students, performed using Marcus' instrument of choice: the drums.

After the lovely music it was time for the readings of the student essay contest. After the readings there was a photo op and then a performance from Arabic Children's Choir.

For the second to last performance of the morning, Marcus announced that the Somerville Human Rights Commission will be recognized for the work of the late Ralph Hergert. It was mentioned that for the past eleven years Hergert has served as the Director of Human Services for the City of Somerville. As director, he helped create the Human Rights Commission, as well as the City's Martin Luther King Jr., Celebration.

The last performance for the event that almost lasted two hours was by the high school students who played wonderful piece of music with the drums.



Somerville's 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration was filled with music and thoughtful reflection. - Photos by Claudia Ferro. More photos on pages 12-13.

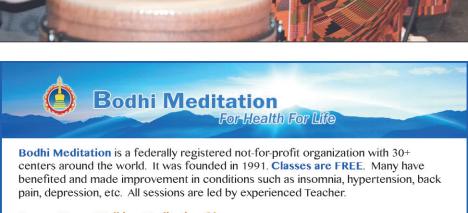
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on the number of times each representative sided with Gov. Charlie Baker on his 179 vetoes of items in the 2017 session.

A two-thirds vote is required to override a gubernatorial veto. In a full 160-member House, there were 125 Democrats and 35 Republicans. The governor needed the support of 54 representatives to sustain a veto when all 160 representatives voted -- and fewer votes when some members were absent, or a seat was vacant.

It was mostly the 34 GOP members who voted with the Republican governor to sustain the vetoes. Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) and Rep. James Lyons (R-Andover) both voted with Baker 100 percent of the time. The GOP member who supported Baker the least number of times was Rep. David Vieira, who sided with the governor only 83 times (68.5 percent).

The vetoes had little support among the 126 Democrats in the House. Only ten of the chamber's 126 Democrats voted with Baker to sustain any vetoes while the other 116 did not support the governor even once. The Democratic representative who supported Baker the most times was Rep. Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner) who supported him seven times (3.9 percent). The other nine representatives who supported the governor did so only on one veto each (less than 1 percent).

# PERCENTAGE OF TIMES REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTED GOV. BAKER ON VETOES

Here are how local representatives fared in their support of Gov. Baker on the 179 vetoes.

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times he or she supported Baker's vetoes.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times he or she supported Baker's vetoes.

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

Rep. Christine Barber 0 percent (0) Rep. Mike Connolly 0.55 percent (1) Rep. Denise Provost 0.85 percent (1)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

"MOVE OVER" FOR UTILITY AND CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES (H 4244) - The House gave initial approval to a bill expanding the current "Move Over Law" to include public utility and construction vehicles. Current requires drivers to reduce their speed to that of a "reasonable and safe speed for road conditions" when they spot an emergency vehicle with flashing lights on the side of the highway. It currently applies only to fire trucks, police vehicles, ambulances, disaster vehicles and highway maintenance vehicles.

"This bill would expand the law to apply to utility and construction workers who are parked on the side of the road carrying out highway maintenance, so the law would no longer be limited to just law enforcement and first responders," said Rep. Harold Naughton (D-Clinton), the bill's sponsor. "Protecting the utility workforce

involved in important public safety-related activities is an important part of improving the safety of work zones and the commonwealth as a whole."

"Utility vehicles are on the streets doing important and hazardous work during times of emergency, and motorists should approach utility workers with caution just as they would a recovery or emergency response vehicle," said Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House chair of the Transportation Committee.

# SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES DATE OF 2018 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION – Secre-

tary of State Bill Galvin announced that the 2018 state primaries will be held on Tuesday, September 4 instead of Tuesday, September 18, the original date established by law. This year September 18 coincides with the important Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. If there is a conflict with a religious holiday, state law requires Galvin to move the primary to a date within seven days of the second Tuesday in September, which this year is September 11. That gave Galvin a choice of the 15 days from Sept. 4 until Sept. 18 to hold the election.

A logical choice would be to hold the election the week before on Tuesday, September 11, but that would create another problem because that date coincides with the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. These circumstances led to Galvin choosing September 4.

Galvin also will be proposing legislation to allow each city and town to hold five days of early voting prior to the state primaries. "Given the interest we are already seeing in the primaries and the successful implementation of early voting in the 2016 state election, I believe offering early voting for the state primaries would provide a greater opportunity for voter participation," Galvin said.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWV-MA) said it is pleased that Galvin has embraced the league's recommendation to extend early voting days to the primary. "We are disappointed in the timing of the primary, which is earlier than the dates LWVMA recommended," said the league's President Mary Ann Ashton. "Voting on the day after Labor Day will prove challenging for voters in the commonwealth, especially for families preparing children for the start of school, and for candidates who are eager to get their message out to voters."

Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim, who is challenging Galvin for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state, was less kind.

"It is outrageous and unprecedented to schedule a statewide primary for the day after Labor Day, when people are just returning from their summer vacations and haven't had time to focus on the upcoming election," Zakim said.

Zakim accused Galvin of brazenly trying to depress voter turnout. "We should be making it easier and more convenient for people to vote, not putting up additional barriers," he said. "There are any number of dates that he could have selected that would have made it easier for working people and young people to get to the polls despite busy work and school schedules. I'm running for secretary of the commonwealth to make government more accessible to the people it serves. Scheduling this vote the day after Labor Day achieves the exact opposite."

When asked to respond to Zakim's charges, Deb O'Malley, spokeswoman for Galvin said, "I have no comment on this."

THE EFFECT OF THE FEDERAL TAX CHANGES ON THE BAY STATE – The Revenue Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 23 at 11 a.m. in the Gardner Auditorium at the Statehouse on the impact on Massachusetts and its taxpayers of the many recent changes in federal tax law approved by Congress and signed by President Trump. The committee will also hear testimony on identifying and exploring creative ways in which the state might respond to counteract any ill-effects of the federal changes.

Front and center will be the part of the new federal code that beginning in 2018 caps at \$10,000 the deduction of state and local taxes for taxpayers who itemize. Prior to this, there was no limit to the amount of those taxes that could be deducted.

"As the federal tax law reform begins to take its effect on state and local revenues, it's imperative we explore how this will affect Massachusetts residents," said Sen. Michael Brady (D-Brockton), Senate Chair of the Revenue Committee.

"The hearing is our chance to digest the impact of the massive federal tax cut and to explore appropriate actions we can or should take to protect the interests of the citizens, communities and commonwealth of Massachusetts," said House Revenue Committee Chair, Rep. Jay Kaufman (D-Lexington).

The hearing comes on the heels of a report released last week by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation reporting that of the \$19 billion Bay State taxpayers could deduct under the system in place in 2015 before the passage of the new law, some \$7.5 billion of that will no longer be available. The report also states that 34 percent of Massachusetts tax filers in 2015 claimed state and location tax deductions, with an average deductible claim of \$17,000.

NO MORE DEBIT CARDS FOR POT PUR-CHASES – Many of the Bay State's 18 medical marijuana dispensaries have ceased to take debit cards and have become cash-only operations. The debit card companies that process payments for the dispensaries severed their relationship with the shops out of fear they could be prosecuted for their participation in the sale of marijuana.

This action was a result of U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Andrew Lelling's statement that he would not rule out prosecution of any of the many players in the state's marijuana industry.

"Congress has unambiguously made it a federal crime to cultivate, distribute and/or possess marijuana," said Lelling. "As a law enforcement officer in the Executive Branch, it is my sworn responsibility to enforce that law, guided by the Principles of Federal Prosecution. Deciding, in advance, to immunize a certain category of actors from federal prosecution would be to effectively amend the laws Congress has already passed, and that I will not do. The kind of categorical relief sought by those engaged in state-level marijuana legalization efforts can only come from the legislative process."

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** – Special Taxes Edition

#### **Beacon Hill Roll Call** continued



On Monday, Jan. 8: "Much too early to discuss that at all." - House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), when asked about the possibility of new taxes or tax hikes this year.

On Tuesday, Jan 9: "Beacon Hill Democrats just won't learn. After a year where they achieved next to nothing except a massive pay hike for themselves, they're already floating the idea of new taxes on hardworking families." — MassGOP Chairman Kirsten Hughes following De-Leo's statement.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10. "The House will not be proposing any new broad-based taxes in its budget." — DeLeo, following Hughes's statement.

On Thursday, Jan. 11: "Grab your wallets, folks! The Legislature apparently is going down the same rabbit hole as political leaders in other high-tax, high-spending, Democrat-dominated states have desperately plunged. [The Legislature is] ... intent on protecting their wealthiest state taxpayers by scheming to circumvent federal tax policy — while simultaneously plotting to soak the same taxpayers with a state 'Millionaire's Tax." — Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. The "Millionaire's Tax is a 2018 ballot question that would allow the state to impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.10 percent tax, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million.

#### 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 Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of January 8-12, the House met for a total of 25 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 57 minutes.

House 11:02 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Mon. January 8 Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Tues. January 9 No House session No Senate session

Wed. January 10 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. January 11 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 1:54 p.m.

Fri. January 12 No House session No Senate session

#### Produce and pedals: The Somerville Winter Farmers Market **CONT. FROM PG 1**

six to seven hours of pedaling. According to Kapitulik, it's worth the wait.

"It's strong," he said. "If you try to pull it apart, you can't break it." Rag Hill Farms is just one of 61 unique and local vendors who set up shop every Saturday

at the Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. From 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. people can explore the two floors of roasted nuts, shiitake mushrooms, locally-made pasta, freshly baked bagels, smoked fish, delicious kombucha, single-ingredient dog treats, jalapeno jams, and gourmet cupcakes.

Each week, the market includes locally grown and regionally produced agricultural items and rotating specialty guest vendors, along with live entertainment. This week's band had a particularly fitting name: The Wild Edibles.

Vendors accept cash and most also accept credit and debit cards. SNAP dollars are also accepted and are matched up to \$10 each week when you show your EBT card to the manager's booth.

Somerville Winter Farmers Market runs through April 14 and is managed by Groundwork Somerville in partnership with Arts at the Armory. You can find more information online at www.somwintermarket.org.

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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
21 Wellington Ave	9 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	25	\$649,900	\$565,000		
19 Newbury St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	25	\$699,900	\$750,000		
13 Fremont Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	76	\$715,000	\$715,000		
34 Jay Street	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	8	\$799,000	\$900,000		

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

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

# Where humanity is the habitat

#### By William C. Shelton

In November, 'villens Martha Friend and Ed Smith joined a Habitat for Humanity team in Yogyakarta on the Indonesian island of Java. In the process of building two homes, they discovered that they were simultaneously building relationships of trust, goodwill and cooperation that form a habitat for "humanity's" second meaning — mutual kindness and compassion.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 to "put God's love into action," by "bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope." Although its founders were guided by their Christian faith, they forbid proselytizing and worked closely with people of all faiths, or none. Rosalyn and Jimmy

Carter have been early and continual patrons and participants.

The organization operates in 1,400 U.S. communities and 70 countries, where volunteers have built or rehabilitated over 800,000 homes. It selects homeowners based on "their level of need, willingness to become partners in the program, and ability to repay the loan." They are expected to contribute at least 500 hours of their own labor, and to pay off an affordable, no-interest mortgage.

About the time of Habitat's founding, Martha Friend settled in Somerville, having graduated from UMass Boston. Since then she has worked as a teacher and artist.

Martha is what drew Ed Smith to Somerville. He had begun law school at Boston University Continued on page 10



This unorthodox family photo has Ed on the left, Martha on the right, and Augusta and her fiancé, Carsten Stuhr, in the window.

— Photos courtesy of Martha Friend







# Dorothy's Corner

#### BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



#### Ricotta Pie

In 1912, a boy named Giuseppe Montalto emigrated to the United States from Mineo in the Catania region of Italy at the age of 13. He eventually married his bride Josephine and started a family where they had four children. One of those children, Peter was my uncle. I remember as a young kid, we would go to Joe's (Giuseppe's and Josephine's) to visit and Joe would always be in the kitchen baking all sorts of sweets. Baking was a passion of his and he shared this recipe with my aunt, who in turn shared it with me. I hope you enjoy this amazing ricotta pie because it's definitely worth

For the filling:
2 lbs. Ricotta Cheese, full fat
3/4 Cups Sugar
2 Large Eggs, lightly beaten
2 Teaspoons of Orange Zest,
Lemon Zest or a combination of both

For the dough: 2 Large Eggs, lightly beaten 6 Tablespoons Unsalted Butter, melted and cooled (original recipe used margarine)

1/4 Cup Sugar

2 Cups Flour, sifted2 Teaspoons Baking Powder

1 egg yolk for the egg wash for the top

\*Special equipment. You will need one 9" spring form pan.

Preheat oven to 350° and place rack onto the middle of the oven.

Filling: In a medium bowl, add the ricotta, sugar, eggs and the zest and mix by hand until fully incorporated. Set aside in the refrigerator.

Dough: In a medium bowl, add the eggs, melted butter and sugar. Mix until well blended. Add the flour and baking powder to the egg mixture and blend well. Once the dough comes together, knead on a floured surface until it forms a tight ball. It will take about 5 minutes. Once the ball is formed, cut 1/3rd of the dough and put aside. Roll out the other 2/3rds of the dough on a floured surface to approximately 12" in diameter. Place the dough into the spring form pan. Cover the bottom and the sides. You may have to piece the dough together for an even fit on the bottom and sides of the pan. Once you line the pan, add the filling to the lined pan. Roll out the remaining dough and cut into 1"



wide strips and place onto the top of the filling in a lattice pattern. Beat the egg yolk and brush over the lattice.

Place the pie onto a cookie sheet and into the oven. Bake for 30 minutes. Lower the temperature to 325° and bake for an additional 60-90 minutes. At the 60-minute mark, slightly shake the oven rack and see if the ricotta is set firmly around the edges. If so, check the center of the ricotta pie. If it's really loose, leave in the

oven for the additional 30 minutes. Recheck after the time is up. If the center is slightly loose, take it out of the oven and let it cool on a rack for an hour. Then place it into the freezer for about 1-1/2 hours, then transfer to the refrigerator. Let sit overnight to fully set up. Remove the sides of the pan. Serves 16.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

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# **Union Square Portraits:**

## Conversations about America – with Erica

#### By JT Thompson

Erica, in her early 30s, is the Director of Membership and Outreach at the Somerville Media Center (formerly SCAT). We meet at a window table at bloc 11; she has short brown hair, large, black framed glasses, a loose blue cardigan over a white t-shirt, and a calm, open, good humored manner that must put newcomers to the Media Center at ease.

Erica loves facilitating people's projects - "the Media Center is a place where people can make dreams a reality" - and her relaxed generosity of spirit makes her both easy and inspiring to talk with. She had a childhood of being considered 'other', of having to suppress herself, and she has devoted most of her adult life to working with community access media organizations - helping people to find their voice and communicate openly with their communities.

Erica had a rural upbringing in upstate New York, in a region with "rolling hills, where you knew all your neighbors, even if you lived 10 acres of woods apart. It had a small town feeling - not ethnically diverse. My peers drove 4-wheelers and snowmobiles to school."

Erica loved the outdoors as

"There's such a lack of green space here in Somerville, but I get what I can," she laughs. "Our house was on an acre of land, we literally had a forest as our backyard. I'd hang out with my dad, who did a lot of gardening, and he gave me a lot of hands on teaching, showing me tomato plants, basil, wild lavender. I rode 4-wheelers a lot, caught crawfish in the stream out back, built forts. It was all super hands on. And I also loved me some video games!"

The outdoors is also a big part of what Erica loves about

"I love our state parks. I've been fortunate to travel around a lot of our country. There's so much beauty, and infrastructure which was put in place by former leaders, like Teddy Roosevelt. The Southwest, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah. They're very much preserved, there's not a lot of development. It's nice to feel insignificant. I mean the Grand Canyon - what?! I'm just a particle in this whole thing. And it took moving away to realize how beautiful my home was."

But being a kid in a rural, small town environment was personally challenging.

"The social environment wasn't easy when I was growing up. It's challenging when you don't align with the majority opinion. In your formative years, you're not sure of your placement in the social circle. In high school and my 20s, I was forming forward thinking, progressive values. When I'd go back home - people hadn't moved away, or challenged their preconceived notions of the world."

"I came out at 21. The community wasn't super supportive, and there had always been bullying in school. So you suppress. Anyone who's 'other' can relate. Later I got more comfortable, bolder. But that was hard in a small town environment. People who weren't necessarily mean will sometimes join the bullying out of peer pressure."

Erica says all this without a trace of bitterness, just a calm assessment of the realities she faced.

At state college in Oneonta, New York - "another rolling hills, small town environment" - Erica got a degree in Media Studies and Mass Communications. Then she came to Boston to get a masters in Communication Studies at Suffolk, with a focus on Media Studies.

"That was my big city move. But it's a manageable city. Then, after graduating, my partner at the time and I felt done with the Northeast. We decided on Albuquerque, New Mexico. She said, 'I had family who once lived there.' That was enough -I was sold! We found a place on craigslist, and were glad when we got there to find it actually

D'Ambrosio Brown up



Director of Membership and Outreach at the Somerville Media Center, Erica.

existed," Erica laughs.

experience really changed my life. The pace of life is calmer. It's the land of mañana – yeah, yeah, we'll get to it .... Very different from East Coast urban environments. There was a strong sense of stopping to appreciate the simple pleasures of life. Gorgeous sunsets every day. The smell of balsam, of cedar, and pinon."

"And it was my first chance to learn what it is to be part of a community. I worked at a public access TV station, a parallel to what I'm to what I'm now doing in Somerville. I was listening to people's concerns and struggles and issues. Water rights. Immigration. I was a minority, a white

person from the Northeast. I like feeling uncomfortable, and then figuring it out." Continued on page 20

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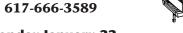
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# COMMENTARY

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# Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy emboldens us to push forward in troubling times



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Adapted from Mayor Curtatone's speech at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration.

Last year at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event I reminded us all that Dr. King's mission remains acutely relevant today. Looking back at all that's occurred in our nation over the past year, I'm not sure that I realized just how much his words are still needed to help inspire and guide the many who continue to fight for social

justice today.

But the tragic truth is we now live in a country where it sure looks like a white nationalist sympathizer sits at the helm; a country where neo-Nazis and the KKK can descend upon an American city and take an innocent life, but still aren't condemned by our Commander in Chief; a country where immigrants and minorities are demonized and plunged into fear and chaos over the uncertainty of what vile, inhumane policy out of Washington they'll be up against next.

That is why Martin Luther King Day is so important – a day where we gather to remember, honor, and celebrate the legacy of one of the greatest human rights advocates of all time; a man who peacefully fought against injustice and still inspires people around the world to do the same.

We don't have to look very far to see Dr. King's legacy. This past year, in response to the seemingly endless parade of cruelty coming out of the White House, we've seen hundreds of thousands of people show up on city streets and squares or in airports or Town Hall meetings to march and rally in support of women, LGBTQ people, people of color, immigrants, health care, and even science.

Dr. King taught us to never stay silent in the face of oppression, and we've seen that legacy in action right here in Somerville. You turned out in droves for our One Somerville Sanctuary City rally, the annual Domestic Violence vigil, and the Our Ville Stands with Your Ville vigil to support Charlottesville. But I want to challenge you, Somerville. And I want you to challenge me.

We must let Dr. King's leg-

acy guide us to do more. We must turn our words into actions and not just at rallies or on MLK Day, but we must do more each and every day. We must continue to grow our community through inclusivity and combat all forms of injustice. We must continue holding critical conversations with the community around racism, LGBTQ topics, immigration, and other social issues. We must continue to look at ourselves and examine our biases, recognizing that there are centuries of systemic racism to reverse. We must stand up for DACA recipients and TPS holders and remain a Sanctuary City - fighting for ALL immigrants' rights no matter their status. And we must continue to strive to be One Somerville – a place where all are welcome and valued.

I'll be honest with you - it's

not going to be easy. We're facing an uphill battle and have hard days ahead. We have to channel the spirit of MLK Day every day and let Dr. King's words steer us in the right direction and embolden us to push forward.

In his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. King said, "So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

Dr. King's dream represents all of our dreams – the dream that all are welcome here and have a real opportunity to succeed. We must keep coming together, standing together, and fighting oppression together until that dream is a reality.

### Where humanity is the habitat CONT. FROM PG 8

in 1976, and his sister and Martha were friends. After graduation, Ed suggested that he and Martha move to his hometown in Western New York, where he had extensive contacts who could be helpful in establishing a successful law practice.

But Martha wanted to remain where she had lived for 35 years. She persuaded Ed that he would be able to set up shop in the Greater Boston area. She was right. Ed still practices law in Davis Square, and over the ensuing years, they have raised three children.

One of those is Augusta. Now age 32, she lives in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she is active in the local Habitat chapter. It is composed largely of working people who are acquainted with physical labor and living outdoors.

In April 2016, Martha and Ed joined Augusta's team, which was building an athletic field on the side of a mountain, at the edge of Bogota. It was in a shanty town created by refugees from Columbia's guerilla war. The work was physically demanding, exploiting such low-tech expedients as bucket brigades and wheel barrows.

Martha was pleased to discover that she was both expected to work hard, and capable of doing

so. She and Ed were also pleased with the product – a safe place for kids to play and for the community to gather. Now Habitat is building a sewage management system there.

Two months ago, Ed and Martha joined the same team in the world's most populous Muslim nation. Their mission was to lay the foundation and build the walls of homes for two families.

Wrestling cinder blocks in 90-degree heat with 90 percent humidity produced sweat so intense that the men could wring water out of their clothing and had to continually rehydrate. The daily rainstorm came as a welcome relief rather than as a nuisance.

Since the Muslim culture prohibited women from doing construction work, Martha shared tasks with a local woman who, with her adult daughter, would own one of the homes. Although they had no words in common, they wordlessly communed through gesture, intuition, and a growing mutual understanding.

At the end of each workday, the community gathered and fed the workers. Team members took turns telling each other the best, worst, and weirdest thing that had happened to them each day. They were all impressed with how relaxed, open, loving, and



generally happy the local people were, despite their humble material existence.

On weekends they explored the countryside in Jeeps driven by daredevil local drivers. They not only visited such tourist sites as a thousand-year-old temple, but also such microenterprises as a woman who made crackers out of peanuts, and a tofu factory. Wherever they went, they encountered Indonesians who, devoid of apprehension or suspicion, welcomed them and wanted

to be photographed with them.

As the work and the interaction progressed, they came to understand that the habitat they were building wasn't just physical. It was a shared space in which people – both Americans and Indonesians – could experience each other's humanity.

At the conclusion of the team's work, they had a dedication ceremony. One-by-one, the matriarch with who Martha had shared her time thanked and said farewell to each team mem-

ber. When she reached Martha, she wept.

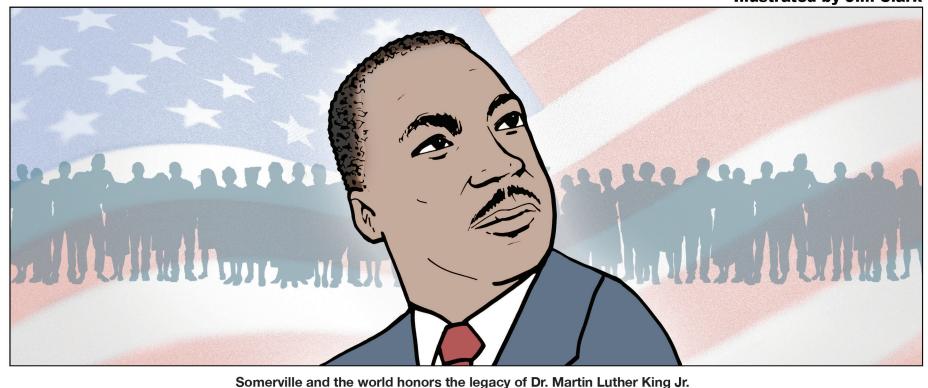
Ed and Martha tell me that, on one level, there isn't much extraordinary about the construction experience itself. Any healthy person who is willing can do the work.

But it is enormously satisfying. And it is a means of spreading goodwill in places where the United States does not always have the best reputation. So they will be doing it again.

# 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

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

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

recognize 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.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

"Urban Axes" - should be a lot of fun. What a unique concept for a bar. Can you imagine the relief of frustration just throwing one of them? The company presently is scouting out not just various locations but the process of getting a license here in Somerville. We wish them best of luck, and hopefully the officials will help make it happen. We were curious, since they have a website, that there would be many questions, so we found the website and looked at it. The site is very informative and answered a lot of the questions we had, so go online and see for yourself: https://urbanaxes.com/ faq. We think it's a great idea. What do you think?

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We heard that the Somerville City Club (not yet a done deal, but close) is being sold, but will still be around. Rumor has it that the Holiday Inn parent company is planning on putting together a larger hotel on the corner of Roland Street to run out to Innerbelt Rd with 178 apartments and the club at the end of it on the ground floor. We just hope they finally call it the Somerville-Boston Holiday Inn and not the Boston. Maybe the various boards that have to give approval might want to ask why Somerville

The next Citywide Democratic meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Somerville High School Library. Secretary of State Bill Galvin and Lt. Governor candidate Jimmy Tingle will be speaking. We have our own local Somerville Candidate for Lt. Governor, Bob Masse – just saying.

The first **Board of Aldermen** meeting headed by **Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne** as the new **President of the Board** went off smoothly for a first time out. She will do just fine this year with all the new members. We, of course,

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wish her best of luck in her tenure as President of the Board in 2018.

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Congratulations to our good friend Bill Chambers, who was installed as the new Vice President of the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. Bill is a lifelong resident and a nice guy who is also a certified instructor and mentor to many here in Somerville on firearm safety. We wish him the very best in his position at the Club. He is one dedicated person when it comes to something he really likes.

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It was called to our attention that James McMahon, longtime DPW Parks Department Foreman for the City of Somerville passed away in December. He will be missed by many who have worked with him over the years. His full obituary can be seen on Keefe Funeral homes' website, or here: http://www.keefefuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3375761/McMahon-James-P/obituary.php.

The Annual Meeting of the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation will be held in the Library at Somerville High School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, when they will elect Directors to three-year terms. The meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. For information, contact Noreen Santucci, correspondence secretary, at :NFSLEARN@aol.com or at 617-448-0145.

Non-profit organizations in Somerville are invited to apply for grants from the **Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund** (**TNSF**). The TNSF collects donations from faculty and staff at Tufts University throughout the year and

then awards small grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts' host communities. All of the TNSF funds go to nonprofit organizations. Applicants must also have Tufts volunteers actively working with their organizations. In this way, TNSF supports not only community organizations but also the work of the many Tufts students, staff, faculty, and alumni who volunteer with them. Last year, 13 programs and projects in Somerville were granted awards. Interested organizations should contact the Government and Community Relations office at Tufts University at (617) 627-3780 or obtain an application at http:// go.tufts.edu/TNSF. Individual grants will be made in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. Applications are due by Friday, March 2, and awards will be announced before April.

Turn up the heat against domestic violence at RESPOND's Chili Cook-Off. The event takes place Thursday, January 25, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill, 30 Washington Street in Somerville. Purchase tickets at https://www.respondinc.org/chilitickets.

# How Somerville celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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# **SPORTS**

# **Tufts Classic at Cousens Gym**





Medford and Somerville boys and girls varsity basketball teams squared off at the Cousens Gym at Tufts University on Sunday, January 14. Somerville boys defeated Medford, 62-54. Somerville girls defeated Medford, 35-32. The girls game came down to the final shot. — Photos by Ryan McBride for Tufts University

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- 1. On the US Presidential seal, the American eagle is displayed holding an olive branch in his right claw – what is he holding in his left claw?
- 7. What changes were made to the US Flag in 1959?
- 2. What was the name of the actor that played Tattoo on the TV series Fantasy Island?
- 8. What "Guy" is the game show host on Sesame Street?
- 3. In biology circles, what is herpetology?
- 9. What was Faith Hill named as an infant when she was adopted?
- 4. In 1997, what baseball had his uniform number retired "universally" across all major league teams?
- 10. Which is the only one of the seven Dwarfs that does not have a beard?
- 5. Whose face was on the
- 11. What is Joey Chestnut famous for?
- original Facebook page?
- 12. What is Pauline Phillips better known as?
- 6. What state is said to

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA.

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

84 Franklin Street (ZBA 2017-50): Applicant and Owner, 84 Franklin LLC seeks Special Permits under §7.11 of the SZO to add a second principle structure to the lot, \$8.5 to increase the number of dwelling units on the lot from one to two, under \$4.4.1 to increase the FAR by more than 25% and for non-conforming setbacks, and §9.13 for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 1.

10-12 Ward Street (ZBA 2017-122): Applicant, Block Properties, LLC, and Owner, F & L Realty Development, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §5.2, Variances to reduce the lot area per dwelling unit ratio under §5.5 and §8.5 of the SZO, height and setbacks. Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by demolishing the existing buildings and constructing a residential building, \$7.11 to increase the number of dwelling units, to provide inclusionary housing units and a payment under Article 13 of the SZO, special permits for parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. BA zone. Ward 2.

20 R Cross Street (ZBA 2017-127): Applicant / Owner, Damon Peykar, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by altering a rear first-story deck and stair as well as a Variance under SZO \$8.5 to increase the floor area ratio (FAR) by finishing a portion of the basement, RB Zone, Ward 1.

24-28 Cross Street (ZBA 2017-132): Applicant and Owner, Semia Education Technology, Inc., seeks a Special Permit under SZO \$4.5.1 to change one nonconforming use, multiple tradesperson shops (SZO §7.11.12.6.1.a), to another nonconforming use, a for-profit school (SZO §7.11.8.9.a) for curriculum development and STEM education for children from 7th grade through high school, and a Special Permit under SZO \$9.13 for parking

197 Elm Street (ZBA 2017-133): Applicant, Nookie and Sons, LLC, and Owner, Panos Van G Trustee and Bev Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.2.b and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to establish a café with seasonal outdoor seating.

12 Linden Place (ZBA 2017-129): Applicants and Owners, Alexandra and Brett Millard, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to replace the attached rear garage of a single-family dwelling with a 2-story addition containing a workshop, dining room, closets, and a master bedroom with master bath. RB zone. Ward 5.

84 Franklin Street: http://eepurl.com/dhCtlg 10-12 Ward Street: http://eepurl.com/db7NfT 20 R Cross Street: http://eepurl.com/dhCucz 24-28 Cross Street: http://eepurl.com/dhCuzb 197 Elm Street: http://eepurl.com/dhCuXr 12 Linden Place: http://eepurl.com/dhCxyL

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 1/17/18 & 1/24/18.

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#### SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

#### Fire Alarm Systems Inspection, Testing and Maintenance

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems and related equipment in various State and Federally Funded housing developments in Somerville, Massachusetts. SHA Job No. PFA-22018, in accordance with the specifications prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The work consists of a Three year "full service" Inspections, preventative maintenance, repairing or replacing Fire Alarm Systems and Equipment. Contractor must be able to provide twenty-tour (24) hour service 7 days a week.

The work is estimated to cost \$190,000.00

Bids are subject to provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, and to the minimum wage rates required by M.G.L.c. 149§26-27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., February 1, 2018, and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit or bid bond that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices located at 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M. on January 17, 2018 or you may downloading them from our web site www.sha-web. org, under our opportunities tab. There will be no charge for these documents. If downloaded, you must contact Anthony Crespo by email at Tonyc@sha-web.org and leave contact information including an email to receive changes, or updates.

A site visit is scheduled for January 19, 2018 A.M. You are not required to attend. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Building, 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you will be attending is required. Please notify Anthony Crespo by email at Tonyc@sha-web.org or at 617-625-1152 extension 336 if you are attending.

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Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

Date of Notice: January 17, 2018 Name of Responsible Entity: City of Somerville Address: 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 Contact Person: Russell Koty, Program Manager, 617-625-6600 ext.

Date to request funds to be released from HUD: January 26, 2018 **HUD Program:** Lead Hazard Control

Program Title: Somerville Lead Abatement Program

Program Description: Lead hazard control is an integral part of the City of Somerville's ongoing effort to upgrade aging structures and ensure the health and safety of everyone who lives, works, plays, and raises a family in Somerville. The Somerville Lead Abatement Program's goal is to inspect and enroll 100 units and control hazards in 90 of the units at an average cost of \$10,650 per unit. HUD will provide about \$1,703,572 in funding, the City will match at \$425,866.67, for an estimated total \$2,129,438.67.

Environmental Review Record is viewable at: https://www.onecpd. info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records Comments may be sent to:

City of Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development **Housing Division** ATTN: Russell Koty 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 rkoty@somervillema.gov

Comment deadline: January 25th, 2018 Certifying Officer: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue,

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

654 Mystic Avenue (PB 2017-14): Owner, 654 Mystic LLC and Applicants, Anthony Fava & Ryan Hunt seek Design and Site Plan Review per Section 8.8 and 5.4 of the SZO for lot splits to divide one lot into three lots. BB zone. Ward 4.

654 Mystic Avenue: http://eepurl.com/dhCwjH

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

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board 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: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville Times on 1/17/18 & 1/24/18.

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

An amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article 16, to establish that future Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plans will be restricted in seeking waivers of affordable housing requirements NOTE: new date for this item

Requesting an amendment to Zoning Ordinance Article 7 to institute a study period to review recreational marijuana facilities prior to

Ordinances may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm or online at https:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning.

As hearings may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued items will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board 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: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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

Board of Aldermen

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#### Section 00.11.13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The **Somerville Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Common Area Flooring Replacement in Somerville Somerville Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Reverse Architecture.

The Project consists of: Removal and replacement of common area flooring at 3 different buildings. Removal of carpet at Ciampa Manor and vinyl composite tile (VCT) at Highland Gardens and Properzi Manor. In all areas new flooring material will be luxury vinyl tile (LVT). Vinyl cove base will be removed and replaced at all locations to receive new flooring. There are 7 additive alternates for new LVT flooring and cove base at additional areas in Ciampa Manor (1) and Properzi Manor (6)

The work is estimated to cost \$205,000.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §\$26 to 27H inclusive.

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

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Floor Covering, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Thursday, 1 February 2018 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

#### **SUBTRADES**

NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at <a href="www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority** 

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

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$ 40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), nonrefundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 at 10:00 AM Address: Ciampa Manor Lobby 27 College Avenue, Somerville, MA

Instructions: Bidders will have the opportunity to visit all three locations, starting at 10AM at Ciampa Manor.

Questions, contact Anthony DiGiovanni at anthonyd@sha-web.org or 617-625-1152, Ext 330.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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#### Section 00.11.13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Mystic Activity Center, Common Restroom and Flooring Modernization, SHA project #1717, for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Reverse Architecture dated January 17, 2018.

The Project consists of: Removal and replacement of toilet room fixtures and finishes in the same locations and the replacement of resilient flooring in common hallways and adjoining common spaces. Also remove and replace an aluminum framed glass entrance door and add an automated door opener.

The work is estimated to cost \$ 90,000.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

General bids will be received until 2:00 pm on Thursday, 1 February 2018 and publicly opened online forthwith.

All bids should be submitted online at <a href="www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternatives) and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

Bid forms and Contract documents will be available for pick up at <a href="https://www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$25.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

Plan Deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets upon return of the sets in good condition within (30) days of receipt of bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional Sets may be purchased for \$25.00.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: **Tuesday, January 23 at 10:00AM** Address: Mystic Activity Center Lobby 530 Mystic Avenue, Somerville, MA.

It is strongly suggested all prospective bidders attend the site visit.

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Anthony DiGiovanni at <a href="mailto:anthonyd@sha-web.org">anthonyd@sha-web.org</a> or 617-625-1152, Ext 330.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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# Statement from District Attorney Marian Ryan regarding bail practices – January 11, 2018

"Today I am announcing that it will be the practice of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office not to request cash bail in non-violent, low-level cases in the district court. Recognizing that even a short period of incarceration can cause tremendous upheaval in one's life, including loss of employment and housing, this practice seeks to prevent incarceration solely due to a lack of financial resources and in cases where we don't intend to seek a jail sentence. This action reflects what has been the evolving practice of this office regarding cash bail and is informed by my work on criminal justice reform with the Massachusetts Legislature, Middlesex Chiefs of Police, members of the defense bar, community leaders and the public. It is also reflective of our larger focus on understanding the impact the criminal justice system has on people's lives and presenting alternatives to prosecution such as restorative justice and diversion. As always, public safety will remain our highest priority and we will continue to request cash bail in cases where the facts and circumstances suggest it is necessary including those involving sexual assault, domestic violence and firearms. Moving forward we will continue to consult with the many stakeholders who have informed our position on this issue."



#### Section 00.11.13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The **Somerville Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Window Replacement at Hagan Manor in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Ferentinos Architecture.

The Project consists of: Replacing all windows in building, including trim. An alternate may be included consisting of repairing areas of exterior brick masonry. Project bidding documents will be available January 19.

The work is estimated to cost \$192,000.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §826 to 27H inclusive.

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

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Doors and Windows, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement (Form CQ 3).

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Thursday, 1 February 2018 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

#### SUBTRADES

NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at <a href="www.biddocsonline.com">www.biddocsonline.com</a> and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the **Somerville Housing Authority**.

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

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) <u>payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.</u>

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$ 40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65.00 per set for UPS overnight), nonrefundable, payable to the BidDocs ONLINE Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 10:00 AM

Address: Hagan Manor 268 Washington St, Somerville, MA

Instructions: Meet outside of building main entrance.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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# Ms. Cam's From on page 14 To Answers

- 1. A bundle of thirteen arrows
- 2. Hervé Jean-Pierre Villechaize
- 3. The study of amphibians and reptiles
- 4. Jackie Robinson
- 5. Al Pacino it was a manipulated photo created by a friend of Mark Zuckerberg
- 6. California

- 7. Two stars were added, for Hawaii and Alaska
- 8. Guy Smiley
- 9. Audrey Faith Perry
- 10. Dopey
- 11. An American competitive eater he is currently ranked first in the world by Major League Eating
- 12. Abigail Van Buren, who began the Dear Abby column in 1956

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the <u>Planning Board</u> and the <u>Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee</u> to receive public comments concerning the following:

ADOPTION OF A NEWSOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AS **ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ONMARCH 23, 1990.** 

The hearing schedule will be as follows:

- On Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA the City Administration will review drafting technique, document structure, and other technical items related to the proposed ordinance;
- On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA the City Administration will introduce the code, provide an overview and highlight how the 2018 overhaul is different than the proposed 2015 zoning
- On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA the Planning Board and Land Use Committee will accept public comments;

Items may be continued to later dates. Please check the agendas for the Planning Board and/or Land Use Committee on the City's website or call before attending. Continued items will not be re-advertised.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board and Land Use Committee 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 <a href="mailto:planning@">planning@</a>

Copies of the ordinance and maps are available on-line at the Zoning Overhaul Website at: www.somervillezoning.com

Copies of the ordinance and maps are also available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30

Per Section 1.2.1.a of the proposed new ordinance, any discretionary or administrative permit issued, under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance will remain valid, subject to all conditions of approval, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, BOA Land Use Committee To be published in the Somerville Times on January 17, 2018 and January 24, 2018

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Request for Information (RFI) **Quick & Convenient Lunch Ordering Options for Employees** 

Request for Information (RFI) may be obtained online at https://www. somervillema.gov/departments/personnel/employee-wellness from the Personnel Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. Responses will be received at the above office until: Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

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> **Candace Cooper Director of Personnel** 617-625-6600 x3310

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#### HAPPENINGS: CENTER SENIOR

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street \*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 - applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center. Pick up for January 25 will be at 9 New Washington Street, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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

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.

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

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

The Moonlighters – aka Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors meet on Mondays, 10:00 -11:00 a.m. at

Holland Street Center.

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

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

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

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

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

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month: February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS:**

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

#### **Every Monday**

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

#### **Every Tuesday**

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RI) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### **Every Wednesday**

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

#### **Every Thursday**

10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) 11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ) 1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

#### **Every Friday**

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday January 17

**Central Library** 

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

#### Thursday|January 18

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

Lego Club

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

**Central Library** 

SPF100 Youth Group Meeting 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Friday January 19

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Saturday|January 20

**Central Library** 

Storytime with Drag Kings, Queens and Friends 2 p.m.-3:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday January 22

**Central Library** 

Sing Along 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

Kids' Book Talk & Craft 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

#### Tuesday|January 23

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave Singalong with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

#### Wednesday January 24

**Central Library** 

**Reading Tutor** 9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday January 17

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: The Solars, The Brazen Youth, LittleBoy BigHeadOn-Bike|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Apel Beats & Phil Reese, Friendship, GlovePilot, Mike Canto 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

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

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Boston Free Radio Sister, BABY!, DI Lunamariposa 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Mary McAvoy 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

The Rockwell

Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Thursday|January 18

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Compa-

ny|9:30 pm Backroom Series: WUMB Presents Kerri Powers

Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge BaSCP, Anaday, Catman 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe's** 

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

Thunder Road

Alibi American Whiskey Presents: Complimentary Whiskey Tasting 21+|7 p.m.

The Thursty Journeymen – An Evening of Whiskey and Song (Third Thursdays)|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom ON<sub>3</sub>

Rothstein, Jymmy Kafka, Peter James, TeaMarrr, Maka Oceania, Salem 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Blake Newman Trio 9 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Huun Huur Tu - SOLD OUT 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Tantra Speed Date - Boston!|7 p.m. Castle of Comedy|8:45 p.m. Performance Hall

#### Friday January 19

Sally O'Brien's

Jimmy Ryan Band |6 p.m. The Bliss, Miss Geo & The Wrong Shapes \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Antje Duvekot - Two Shows!|7 p.m. Closing Time 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 2

P.A.'s Lounge

Stilfro, Party Walsh, The Wood Floors, Sophia Belle

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Grea Luttrell 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-

440-6045

Joshua Tree DI McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

**ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 

RONG, Spelling, Blood Built Empire 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Forrest Presents** 

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

BIDA Contra: Spark! in the Dark 7:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7p.m. Dirty Diseny|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Saturday January 20

Sally O'Brien's

One Thin Dime |6 p.m. The Spots, Midwestern Exposure \$5 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Antje Duvekot - Two Shows!|7 p.m. Jimmy's Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Arms and Ears, Birdgangs, The I Want You, Former Life 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe's** 

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

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** SYM (Rock n' Roll)

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Mike Morrissey

Arts at the Armory Charles Phoenix: Addicted to Amer-

8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and

7 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Sunday January 21

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Anthony Crescente 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

Los Goutos 9 p.m.

Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Social No.11|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Thunder Road** 

Americana Sundays with Greg Klyma with Members of Honey Talk 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

156 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Arts at the Armory CSO Family Concert: The Journey of Phillis Wheatley 2 p.m./4 p.m.|Performance Hall

Journeys In Sound Presents: Culomba & Joseph Allred, Polyphonic Singing & Guitar Soli

4 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

14 Tyler Street

#### Monday January 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Learson Peak featuring members of The Indobox, lespecial, and guests

Knowgrass 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Board Game Bonanza** 

#### Tuesday January 23

Sally O'Brien's Bar

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** 

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co** 

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Indie Trivia

Pub Sing

#### Wednesday January 24

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

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Melted Chapstixxs, Morning Hum, The Cazbats

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

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez – Funk & Soul

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

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Stace Brandt 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday|January 17

Stand-Up Comedy Writers Group 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** 

#### 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | January 18 **Central Library** Yoga at the Library

What is Cohousing

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

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

Learn English at the Library

**East Branch Library** Drop In Knitting

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).

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

### For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday January 20

Central Library Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

**Somerville Winter Farmers Market** 

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

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

#### Holland St

Sunday January 21 **Central Library** 

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

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday January 22

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

Tuesday January 23 Central Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Vinfen Human Services Career Fair

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

#### Wednesday January 24

**Central Library** Stand-Up Comedy Writers Group

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

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Thunder Road** 

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Splinters

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Kelly Riley, John Cate & Van Gogh **Brothers** 

666-3589

Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 PJ Ryan's

8200

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. Simpsons Trivia|7 p.m.

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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The Burren Front Room

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#### **Union Square Portraits CONT. FROM PG 9**

"But the whole support system for freedom of speech in the Southwest is not as strong as it is here. We all got laid off, a local politics thing. I was 27. I didn't really want to move, it was where I had really discovered my own position in the world.

"But I came back East, and got my job at SCAT - which we've rebranded as the Somerville Media Center, to be more open and fluid to where we're growing as an organization. I just celebrated five years there last month."

"Something I love, something to be proud of in this country, is that we are encouraged to celebrate and express ourselves, the way we want to."

I ask her what she likes about Union

"There's so many different things happening in the city - it's a really active population here, very concerned with the history and future of Somerville. There's ways people can be channeled into a specific cause. It's such an interconnected city. I love walking down the street, saying hello to people, having that Mr. Rogers moment. It's a strong community environment. And there's delicious food!"

"What do you love about your job?"

"What don't I love about my job!" She rests her hands thoughtfully against her cheek for a moment. "I love helping inspire people to see value in their opinions and ideas. If someone comes in with an idea for a radio show, or an open mic - heck yeah! I love to brainstorm with people, to work with someone with an activated energy, to help harness that. People come in just glowing."

dreams a reality, whether you're a resident, or a non-profit, or a local business. We just worked with the Union Neighborhood Council to invite in and record the candidates for the Council, to help amplify those causes out to the Somerville community. I like being a community builder, a bridge builder. I feel rewarded by helping others."

"What do you love most about your life right now?"

"At the prime age of 33, I feel at a really good place of self-confidence. I had a few obstacles this year. My nana - who was my rock, my mentor and source for raw, comic relief - passed away in April. And then following that my apartment caught on fire, and I lost all of my personal belongings. I could be resilient, or dwell on it. I chose resilience. I've got a great support system of friends, family, colleagues."

"And I feel that choice in my work as well. There's chaos around us, but there's a lot we can do locally. You put out good energy into the world, and hope that comes back."

"What would you most like to accomplish in the future?"

"Personally, I hope that the Media Center continues to be in the prime center of Union, continues to be a force down here. It's all uncertain, right? I hope I can continue to get to live in Somerville, and do what I'm doing. The future is uncertain. You've got to keep an open mind, keep being positive."

"My secret future goal," she says with a big smile, "is to travel around the country and record people's oral history."

"Are there other things you love about America, or that you think are great?"

Erica sits quietly for a moment.

"Something I love, something to be proud of in this country, is that we are encouraged to celebrate and express ourselves, the way we want to. Of course there are restrictions, depending on who you are, and where you live. But the right to express ourselves is part of the Constitution. We need watchdogs, a free, responsible press, to hold people in power accountable. More than ever, we need to tap into our rights, and make sure they're preserved."

"And great ... are there things I think are great." She pauses, then laughs. "Hmm." She looks out the window, then back at me.

"It's funny being asked this now. I just got back from Europe, and had my mind blown there. We are kind of egotistical, we think we're always right. But we are "It's a space where you can make also a strongly positioned people, because of our freedom to have dialogues, to organize anything, to engage people, and challenge them. Mindfully of course."

> "But we can keep the dialogue strong. Our greatness is in our access to do those things."

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# Maple tapping date changed



Update: Maple Tree Tapping Day has been changed to this SUNDAY, January 21. They don't want people to have to choose between tapping local maple trees and attending the Women's March on Saturday. They hope to see you on Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Come learn how to tap sugar maple trees in our very own city. They will be meeting on Tufts campus in front of Paige Hall and will be tapping trees around the campus. They welcome everyone to join in on the first step of their tree-to-pancake maple syrup journey. No tree tapping experience is required.

If you would like to help collect sap from the maple trees after this date, please email josia@groundworksomerville.org for more information.

What began 12 years ago as the small-scale tapping of a few trees on Tufts campus has now grown into a fully-fledged educational project that involves organizations and individuals throughout the Somerville community. The sap that you tap in January will be used by Groundwork staff and trained community volunteers who teach a four-week Maple Sugaring curriculum to second graders at public schools across Somerville.

Keep an eye out for other events of the Maple Syrup Project in winter 2018: Maple-inspired brunches at The Independent and Aeronaut as well as their culminating, much anticipated, annual Maple Syrup Boil-Down.

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Wednesday, January 17

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9:00am

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:00am	Wide Angle	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Science 360
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10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:30am	Signs of Life	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	4:30pm	Legacies
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12:00pm SomerViva em Português	10:30pm SomerViva en Español	2:00pm Rally Point	9:30am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish
12:31pm BOA Land Use Committee Meeting	Friday, January 19	2:30pm Senior Circuit	11:30am School Committee Meeting - 1.8.18
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Friday, January 19

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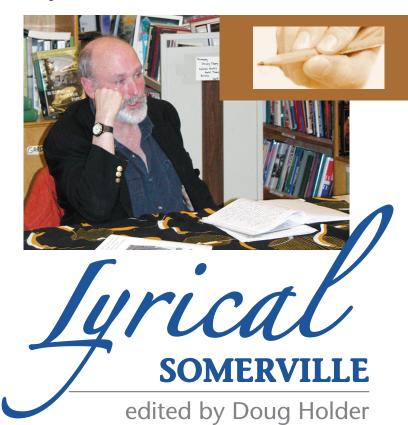
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9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winthrop	2:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead	10:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Charlestown	12:00am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden
11:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford	4:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	12:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead	1:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Marblehead



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When you start out-living your trees you know you are in trouble.

The palest of greens on our willow, so big we children could hide under its tresses. felled by random ice floes.

The birch at the bus stop has been pulled like a tooth, for tearing up the sidewalk with its ditch digger roots.

That giant tree I always looked up to at the lake, a refuge from the rain, always a friend, struck by lightning, now in its ruin.

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# OFF THE SHEL

by Doug Holder

# **Portrait of a Market** and a State of Mind:

Market Basket, Somerville, Ma.



When I walk through the door, I see a line of seniors sitting on chairs - a Greek Chorus of sorts - crooning commentary on the flash of patrons who continually come through the store. There is the heavily accented cacophony, "Paper or plastic?" There are the coupon men and women who confusingly rifle through their list of bargains, as the people who stand on line have the zombie-like sort of posture that would make the filmmaker George Romero proud. The deli counter is a symphony of shouts, a friendly argument or conversation with the customers, "What's it gonna be, hon?" "Do you want the Provolone thick or thin?" "Not an ounce of fat on it, chief. God be my witness." The fish mongers come out from the back, hearty, red-faced from the freezers, staring down the poker -faced fish eyes of the Red Snapper, admiring the sleek texture of an upscale piece of swordfish, even giving the lowly chowder fish its due.

There is an art to maneuvering your cart here. Like any busy city street, you have to be a skilled driver. You swing and swerve, your hips swivel like a modern dancer, you make a lightning turn for those Melba Toasts, another for the treasure chest busy at five.

of frozen vegetables, you snap your fingers at the

The roast chickens - pleasingly plump - their breasts straining against the plastic wrap like, well ... this is a family newspaper.

Like a deviant you clandestinely feel up an avocado, the mounds of melons, the peach with its adolescent peach fuzz.

Down the aisle, while studying a can of chili, you see a long-lost friend that you haven't seen in 20 years. You debate whether to start a conversation, to revisit what was long put to bed - but you just leave instead.

You eye the purchases of the person in front of you on line. You are judgmental. "How could they eat those slabs of fatty pork," you say to yourself. You always snicker at the folks who read the National Enquirer, but you find yourself rifling through it yourself. You feel self-righteous because you brought your own canvas bag – you gallantly turn down the plastic.

Outside, the parking lot is full. The cars, like produce, are crammed into their preordained spots. You get in your car and drive, because it really gets

#### ESCS, SHS Boston Debate Teams Make Impressive Debut

The East Somerville Community School and Somerville High School debate teams made impressive showings in their first tournament appearances. Under the guidance of Ms. Gouvea and Mr. Weaver, ESCS sent six middle grades student teams and four individual debaters to compete in a tournament at Suffolk University. Despite it being their first tournament, five students received Novice Division Awards, including a



fifth place team finish, an 11th place team finish, and a 15th place individual finish.

The Somerville High School debate team, led by Ms. Masillon and Mr. Jabour, faced off against other high school debaters at a tournament held at Boston Latin Academy. Three student teams and two individual members competed. SHS earned a Novice Division team award. The next high school tournament will be held January 20th at Suffolk University. Congratulations to all the students and teachers involved for a job well done!





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