

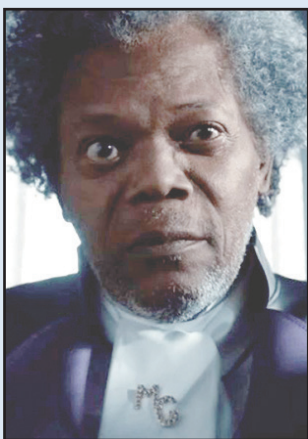


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Easing the pain as the Ball Sq. Bridge closure unfolds



City officials are taking proactive measures to help lessen the strain on neighborhoods that will be affected by the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closure this spring.

By Jim Clark

With the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closure due to take place sometime in March, many are wondering just how badly traffic congestion throughout the immediate vicinity and neighboring areas will be.

While some wonder, others are taking action in hopes of mitigating the closure's impact by seeking to make effective preparations in advance of the event.

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang is one of many who are strongly advocating for taking aggressive steps to assure that the best possible preparatory measures are properly put into place in a timely manner.

At the latest regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Niedergang – along with order co-sponsor Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis – called for the Executive

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PUMA HQ coming to Assembly Row

Federal Realty Investment Trust (NYSE: FRT) has signed a lease for 150,000 square feet with PUMA North America to anchor a new 300,000 square foot office building, with ground floor retail space, at 455 Grand Union Boulevard at Assembly Row, the rapidly growing, mixed-use neighborhood just minutes from downtown Boston.

In addition to 455 Grand Union Boulevard, Phase 3 of development includes a new, 24-story, 500-unit apartment building, with ground floor retail space, across from the T station. Beyond Phase 3, Federal Realty has approximately 5 more acres of developable land that has been entitled to accommodate up to 1.5 million square feet of office and/or lab development.

"Somerville is a vibrant city full of creative energy, easy to get to, and with a spirit that aligns well with our brand," said Bob Philion, president and CEO of PUMA North America. "We get all the benefits of being in such proximity to downtown and many of our region's most diverse communities located along the orange line, while mitigating

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A proposed rendering of 455 Grand Union Boulevard, which will serve as PUMA's new North American headquarters at Assembly Row in Somerville, Mass. The company will relocate there in 2021.

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Somerville’s annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** has been rescheduled to **Monday, January 28** due to last weekend’s snowstorm. The celebration will take place at the **East Somerville Community School** auditorium, 50 Cross St., from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature musical performances, readings by winners of the student essay contest, and more. This year, the **Somerville Human Rights Commission** is also holding a **Winter Clothing Drive** during the event. Donations of gently used or new winter clothing for school-aged children are welcome, and will be distributed to the **Somerville Family Learning Collaborative’s Clothing Closet**.

Ola Cafe in Somerville is doing their part helping furloughed federal employees. Present your federal photo ID **Monday-Friday** for the remainder of the government shut down and receive a free coffee and egg and cheese on a croissant or English muffin. Ola Cafe is located at 112 Broadway, Somerville. Hours: Monday–Friday, 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to receive the deal.

There is a meeting about the **Green Line Extension** with GLX Project officials on **Wednesday, January 30**, 6:00–8:00 p.m., at the **East Somerville Community School cafeteria**, 50 Cross St. There will be information on the design status of the seven new stations, the upcoming traffic detours, and Community Path Extension location and connections.

The **Somerville Office of Prevention** and the **Somerville Health & Human Services Department** invite you to join in a **World Café** style presentation of the **2018 Somerville High School Student Health Survey** results on **Thursday, January 31**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the **Somerville High School Culinary Arts Bistro** (use atrium entrance). The results will be presented in the form of an interactive game, facilitated by youth from **Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100)**, followed by a World Café style discussion

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Decreasing skyrocketing residential taxes*

Bob says:
your telling me with the amount of condos and new residential that has gone up isn’t enough to reduce the taxes for owners. City is getting greedy at this point. every single inch of this city is condos. Every available parking lot is being turned into residential but yet taxes keep going up. its not that hard to figure this issue out. former resident who was pushed out because it has gotten so bad for owners.

C. Allen says:
Anyone who thinks stopping residential development will stop properties from increasing in price would do well to look to the Bay area, home of the two million dollar ‘starter home’. If you add exclusively commercial, you run the risk of going Palo Alto.
While I understand from a budgetary perspective the desire for more commercial properties, it’s critical to balance it with additional housing. Cambridge’s budgetary windfall has come at the expense of its most vulnerable citizens – the city has added thousands of new jobs and nowhere near that in housing, which is a formula for rent spikes.
In a perfect world, we’d move away from this odd model where every city wants jobs, but they’d much prefer you go somewhere else after 5 PM.

Bill Shelton says:
Residential properties are net fiscal losers. A 2017 fiscal impact analysis commissioned by the city found that after subtracting the cost of municipal services that the city provides from the taxes paid by residential properties, the average housing unit in a residential neighborhood loses the city \$840 per year.
A “mixed-use residential” property (think Assembly Square) nets the city \$337. The main difference between the two is that the analysts assumed that their would be only one school-age child in every thirteen “mixed-use” units. They took a marginal-cost approach to their analysis. An average-cost approach would wipe out any net gain from residential properties.
So building new housing means choosing between childless units, which increase transiency and further unravel the fabric of our community, or neighborhood units, which substantially deepen our structural fiscal deficit.
The notion that building more units in New England’s densest city would lower price is crackpot economics, because the housing market is regional. And regionally, we’re about a half million units down. Any fool can see that the infrastructure built to support a 19th Century streetcar suburb isn’t up to the congestion we already have.
Only massive commercial development can save homeowners from onerous tax increases.

DatGruntled says:
Start charging \$2000 a month to every property that is breaking the no more than 4 rule. Landlords will still be making money and the city will get a ton of new revenue.

Fredd says:
Too many people like DatGruntled and LindaS believe that multi family landlords are riding around in cadillacs and lighting cigars with \$100 bills. I’m a owner occupied landlord and I don’t make any money on my house. I used to raise rent when my taxes went up now they’ve gone up so much I can’t even raise the rent enough to cover my monthly nut (mortgage/insurance/taxes) on the house.

Gilets Jaunes says:
Magic Mike, what exactly does the city do for us for the ever increasing taxes they extort? And what are we demanding they do? Whatever they attempt to do they a horrible job at and I’ve not asked them for anything except to stay out of my business and wallet. They do a crappy job at that. You want to pay more in taxes then man-up and walk down to city hall and write a check. In the meantime, STFU. Now why don’t you go back into your safe space with your other beta males and discuss your white privilege.

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Life in the



by Jimmy Del Ponte

Snow job



At the first mumblings of snow, us kids went into “snow day mode.” We watched Don Kent on Channel 4 and waited to see “Somerville” flash across the screen during the no school warnings. If Sudbury flashed, no dice! But eventually when we saw Somerville scroll across, we became jubilant! No school!

There’s nothing like a snow emergency to bring out the best in people. Not. But it does bring out a lot of hyped up zombies who hit the stores mumbling, bread eggs, milk ... bread, eggs, milk! We bought in to the weather nerds that

the end of the world was coming. First stop, Home Depot for rock-salt, snow melt and shovels. Or go to Tags, which is closer but a bit costlier.

Even though most of us have more than enough food to last a couple of days, we feel the need to “stock up.” Did the weathermen and women predict snow, or the end of the world?

Hey, I was 25 during the Blizzard of ‘78. Now that was a snowstorm! Let’s face it, anyone who was alive during The Blizzard of ‘78 holds a winning card when talking about serious snowstorms. No cell phones!

Love thy neighbor, unless thy neighbor cuteth in front of you in the checkout line, beat you to a parking space or grabeth the last loaf of Wonder Bread.

In the final hours before the snow emer-

gency restrictions clamp down, we become obsessed with final preparations. We can’t see the big picture. There will be snow, but we’re pretty sure we will live afterwards and we will drive and walk another day.

During the Blizzard of ‘78, I remember trying to walk to Davis Square. The usual 3-minute walk took 45 minutes. Walking in the middle of the street was fun. With plastic bread bags over my socks, I’d try to keep the snow out of my green rubber snow boots from The Bargain Center. My friends and I made a lot of money shoveling.

Monday, we woke up to a deep freeze that encased everything in ice. Aside from sprinkling some ice-melt on the sidewalk and stairs, I didn’t budge from the house all day. Thankfully, there was a lot of Patri-

ots/Chiefs AFC playoff coverage on TV.

In the old days, we would have been sledding at Powder House Park. I remember flying down the College Ave. side, right across the busy street, and ending up in front of Loud’s Candy Shop. Details Mom never found out about.

In days of old we would be excited for a snow day from school. We built snow forts, went sledding, and watched TV. We ate grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup.

Nowadays snow is just a pain in the butt. Just walking without falling has replaced sliding down hills on sleds and hunks of cardboard. I like warmth and comfort and television. The good thing is that I have enough bread and eggs to open a restaurant, and enough snacks for the Super Bowl. Be careful out there.

CPC seeks input on West Somerville dog park feasibility study

The Somerville Community Preservation Committee (CPC) invites residents to join a conservation about options for a dog park in West Somerville at their Wednesday, January 23 meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association 3rd floor community room (259 Lowell St), and seeks to receive community feedback if and where there is space for a dog park in West Somerville, and how dog parks can be effectively managed in a densely populated urban community. At the meeting, the Civic Space Collaborative will present their results from the Community Preservation Act funded study exploring the feasibility of locating a new dog park in West Somerville. The consultants will then seek community input on the findings from their study.

The CPC commissioned this study through its feasibility study program which allows community members to propose ideas for Community Preservation Act funded projects that need further study to determine their viability. The next application round for the feasibility study program will be announced in April with forms due in May. For more information, contact the Community Preservation Act Manager, Kristen Stelljes, as kstelljes@somervillema.gov.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

An inconvenient place to lose a phone

Last Wednesday morning, a person entered the Somerville Police station to report that their vehicle had been broken into the night before.

The victim told police that he had parked his vehicle in front of his house on Electric Ave. at 6:00 p.m. the that evening.

At 7:45 a.m. the next morning he entered his car and noticed it had been rummaged through. The victim said that he was missing one pair of women's sunglasses, a \$20 Dunkin' Donuts gift card, and a BJ's

Wholesale Club ID card.

The victim then handed over a cell phone and stated that he had found it in his car that morning and believed it belongs to whoever broke into his car.

He then told police that he believed the perpetrator of the break-in was Danielle Walsh, a party reportedly known to police from past incidents and was seen in the area that morning by a police officer on detail.

The victim was advised that a report would be filed, and the cell phone was logged into

evidence.

The officer who had spotted Walsh that morning reported that while he was on detail on Electric Ave. he observed Walsh walking up and down the street, looking into motor vehicles and checking their door handles.

When the officer approached Walsh to inquire about these activities, she reportedly stated that she "was looking for her cell phone, which was lost last night."

Police officers were dispatched to Walsh's residence, located at

55 Ossipee Road. After Walsh opened the door, the officers asked if she had lost her cell phone and she reportedly answered that she did.

According to reports, Walsh said that she had lost her cell phone the previous evening around 3:00 a.m. She also stated that she was out drinking alcohol, became intoxicated, then walked to her boyfriend's house around 3:00 a.m.

The officers handed Walsh the cell phone which was turned in to police earlier, and asked if she

could identify it as her property, which she reportedly did.

The officers asked her to use her personal code to unlock the cell phone to confirm it was in fact her property, and she did so.

At that point in time, the officers placed Walsh under arrest an informed her of the charges and her Miranda rights, which was read from a card.

Walsh was transported to the station where she was booked on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jesse Golden, of 37 Wareham Rd., Medford, January 14, 12:29 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of leaving the scene of property damage, failure to stop for police, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Scott MacDougall, of 19 Pearson Rd., January 15, 7:14 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of knowing

purchase or possession of visual material.

Anthony Orlando, of 559 Ashmont St., Dorchester, January 15, 7:29 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise, resisting arrest, removal of theft prevention device, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Anthony Zammuto, of 6 Park Place, January 16, 12:32 a.m., arrested at Carlton St.

on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and leaving the scene of personal injury.

Danielle Walsh, of 55 Ossipee Rd., January 16, 10:27 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

Maria Moreira, of 543 Broadway, January 18, 12:08 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and

possession of a class A drug.

Alisson Pereira, January 19, 3:00 a.m., arrested at Pearl St. on a charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Anthony Medeiros, of 298 Brookline St., Cambridge, January 19, 10:21 a.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of shoplifting by asportation, misdemeanor breaking and entering, possession of a class E drug, and larceny under \$1200.

Ryan Trusevich, January 19, 7:55 p.m., arrested at Foley

St. on warrant charges of drug obtained by fraud, utter false instrument, drug possession to distribute, possession of a class A drug, forgery of document, larceny over \$1200 by single scheme, shoplifting by asportation, and utter false prescription.

Justin Haggart, of 43 Putnam Rd., January 20, 1:57 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of removal of theft prevention device and shoplifting by asportation.

Preparing for the worst

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Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (Transportation and Infrastructure) report to the Board in writing no later than February 4 about physical traffic calming measures, and other traffic calming measures, to be deployed in the Ball Square neighborhood to slow the speed of cut-through traffic before the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closes, currently scheduled by the GLX Team for around March 1.

Additionally, Niedergang and Davis co-sponsored an order asking for all street direction signage in the affected area to be reviewed and to add additional signage to make the directions of streets super clear, as out-of-town drivers will be cutting though that neighborhood with its highly unusual and unconventional traffic patterns once the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closes, and are quite likely to go the wrong way down the many one-way streets if signage

is not startlingly clear.

Moreover, Niedergang has been pounding the pavement, going door-to-door throughout his ward, informing residents of what they can expect over the course of the next year, and listening to their concerns in turn.

Currently, Niedergang's own concerns are focused mainly on seeing that physical traffic calming infrastructure gets put in place to prevent people from driving too fast through the neighborhood. The specific focus is the area between Cedar Street, Highland Avenue, College Avenue and Broadway, around which the planned detour routes will run.

"It means there is going to be thousands and thousands of vehicles diverted onto those streets," Niedergang explains. "And my main concern is that a lot of those vehicles will be stuck in traffic, especially during rush hour, and they'll be looking to cut through the neighborhoods that those streets surround to

get where they're going to faster."

Niedergang says that he is very concerned about the well-being of the people in those neighborhoods, their actual physical safety.

"The streets in that neighborhood are very strangely laid out," according to Niedergang. "I actually think in a very good way. But they're very odd in that many of them kind of go two different directions and meet at Kidder Ave. It's very strange. Boston Ave. goes in three different directions along its length and it's probably half a mile long in total, or even less than that."

This strangeness, Niedergang believes, can provide a traffic calming effect in itself, except he is concerned that people will just ignore the signs.

"Not because they're bad people or bad drivers," says Niedergang. "But because these streets are so unusually laid out they'll simply miss them and not be aware of them." This is why the order was put forward request-

ing enhanced signage.

"More important are things like speed bumps or street narrowing, whatever can be done," according to Niedergang. "Because people ignore signs. That's just the reality of it."

One way to get people's attention is to have a speed bump, and that forces a driver to slow down, according to Niedergang.

"Unfortunately, nothing has been done, and as far as I can tell – despite promises – there is no plan to do anything," Niedergang said. "At least until the spring when the weather warms up."

Niedergang speculates that there may be some street painting done, but he is unsure because nothing has been done as of yet that was previously promised. He feels that painting is helpful, but not as effective in controlling traffic as speed bumps or other physical barriers can be.

Niedergang says that one thing that will make a difference is a

shuttle van service approved by the city that will carry people who are not physically able to walk the three-quarters of a mile detour around the bridge. These will also help people get to their bus stops.

There are also plans for police presence around detour routes where cars might mistakenly get into the neighborhoods.

Also, the MBTA has tested their buses on the detour routes to make sure that they can navigate safely through the area.

"What I'm not happy about is that the traffic calming infrastructure is not in place in the neighborhoods," Niedergang says. "There doesn't seem to be a serious plan to do traffic enforcement in those neighborhoods. In other words, it would be good to have police in the neighborhoods to stop people speeding through."

Niedergang is committed to seeing that as much of these options as possible become a reality prior to the closure.

Volunteers of the Finest kind

By Jen Capuano
SPS Volunteer Program

Somerville Public Schools are lucky to have in their midst some treasures of the human kind. At one of their elementary schools, two retired doctors (with the same last name but unrelated), have been volunteering every week for more than four years to read one-on-one with students. Recently Dr. Sylvia Fine and Dr. Albert Fine spoke about why they chose to volunteer in a school, how their volunteering is going, and what they believe students gain when paired with an adult for individualized reading.

Dr. Albert Fine began serving in Somerville long before his volunteer career at the East Somerville Community School. He began his love affair with Somerville when he started his medical practice in the 1970s on Highland Ave., treating adults as an internal medicine specialist. During his 40 years of medical practice, Dr. Fine got to know his patients and their stories, many of them elders who had lived in Somerville their entire lives.

After Al retired, one of his daughters convinced him to try volunteering with the East Somerville Community School, where she enjoyed serving through the Greater Boston Jewish Coalition for Literacy [2] program. This program pairs volunteers with students for weekly one-to-one literacy intervention.

Reading with his own children had been a favorite activity for Al, and he welcomed the opportunity to connect with children again through reading. He also missed the Somerville community he'd grown to know so well. Dr. Fine was quickly matched with students for one-on-one reading, and has been volunteering every week since 2014.

When asked what keeps him making the trek every week at 80 years young from New Hampshire to Somerville, Dr. Fine replies without hesitation, "The kids."

"These kids are so fantastic. And I have a deep appreciation for the struggles that some families can face. Whether it's with learning, language, time challenges or meeting their children's nutritional and health needs, I think there are a lot of demands on families today. It's hard not to feel a little helpless in the face of some of these things. So I come back for the kids."

Dr. Sylvia 'Siva' Fine served in Somerville as an Obstetrician-Gynecologist for 20 years (and personal note, a great one at that!) Shortly after her retirement, Siva reached out to ask about volunteer opportunities with the schools. She wanted to know what requirements were involved, and steps she needed to take so she would be ready to begin in a few months, after she completed hiking the Appalachian Trail.

That was my first indication of the kind of volunteer Siva would be: truly



L to R: Somerville Public Schools volunteers Dr. Sylvia 'Siva' Fine and Dr. Albert Fine.

committed to the task, reliable, organized, and a volunteer who knows what she wants. After a couple of false starts with classroom volunteering (not on her end), Siva requested to be matched for individualized literacy support. She realized that she and the students would benefit more by connecting regularly and individually.

With her knack for finding good literature that students love to read (and often bringing it in), more than four years later Siva is working with the same students at the East Somerville Community School. A testament to her relationship-building and connections made

with these students – now in grades six, seven and eight – is their asking if they can work with Siva year after year. And, when one of her students tested so well that he no longer needed extra reading intervention, he asked if he could come in before school to meet with her and read. His wish was granted.

"It's been so rewarding to me to get to know these students," says Siva. "The beauty of working with the same students every year is that we don't have to start getting to know each other in September. I know where they are, what subjects and genres they love and we can just get going with it."

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

The 2017-2018 legislative session ended on January 1. Thousands of bills that were not approved by that time by both branches and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker are now dead.

Beacon Hill Roll Call's research shows that there are at least 12 bills that were approved unanimously by the Senate but were stuck in a House committee -- in most cases the House Ways and Means Committee -- for up to a year or more. With no opposition in the Senate, observers question why the bills were stalled and died in the House.

Under House rules, any individual representative can move to discharge most bills from the Ways and Means Committee. There is a 7-day waiting period prior to the House considering the motion to discharge. The discharge motion must receive a majority vote of the members present. If the measure is discharged from the committee, the committee has four days within which to report the measure for placement on the House's agenda for action.

A bill may also be discharged from the Ways and Means Committee by any representative by filing a petition signed by a majority of the House. The bill would then be discharged seven days later and go onto the House agenda for the next session.

A state legislator who spoke on the condition of anonymity told *Beacon Hill Roll Call* that some bills are likely held up in committee because someone in a high position either inside or outside the Statehouse is opposed to it. "If a powerful person wants the measure never to see the light of day, there is little that a rank and file representative can do," said the legislator.

The legislator added that it was common practice back in the 1970s and 1980s to make motions to discharge a bill from a committee and bring it to the full House for debate and a vote. "That rarely, if ever, happens anymore," said the legislator. "And if does, it is destined to fail."

Another state legislator who wished to remain anonymous said, "Under House rules, every representative has to power to attempt to discharge a bill but hardly any try out of fear of offending the powerful speaker, his leadership team and committee chairs."

Here are six of the important bills that were approved unanimously by the Senate and died in the House Ways and Means Committee:

PROPERTY TAX REDUCTIONS (S 2124)

Senate 39-0, approved a bill providing a variety of property tax breaks for seniors, veterans and disabled persons.

Provisions include raising from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the amount of property tax reduction veterans can earn by doing volunteer work in their city or town; creating a new local option property tax exemption for deaf persons of \$5,000 of taxable valuation or \$437.50 of actual taxes due, whichever is greater; and allowing more homeowners over 65 to qualify for the state's \$1,070 "senior circuit breaker" tax credit.

Supporters say it is up to cities and towns whether to offer these tax breaks because the breaks are not

state-mandated. They note the reductions will be good for countless low-income seniors, military personnel and disabled persons and might even help some of them remain in their homes, rather than having to move because they can't afford to pay their property taxes.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

COST OF COLLEGE (S 2247)

Senate 39-0, approved legislation that would require all colleges in Massachusetts to give applicants who have been accepted to the college, a uniform financial aid information sheet, developed by the student's decision whether to enroll in that school. Currently, an estimated 3,300 U.S. institutions across the nation, including 66 in Massachusetts, already use the information sheet.

Supporters say requiring each college to present the costs of the school per semester on the same standard form will allow potential students and their families to make apples-to-apples comparisons of the benefits and costs of attending a school. They argue it is difficult to compare costs when they are presented in a different way by each school.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY PROTECTION (S 2320)

Senate 36-0, approved a proposal designed to protect students and employees from being forced or bullied into providing schools and companies with information about and access to their social media accounts.

Provisions prohibit any school from requiring a student or applicant and an employee or applicant to disclose photographs, videos, a user name, password or other means of access to a personal social media account; allow an aggrieved student or applicant to bring a civil suit against the school for violating these new laws; permits the attorney general to investigate any violations by employers; and permit schools to disclose lawfully obtained information from a student's personal social media account to law enforcement to protect against immediate danger of death or serious physical injury to a student or other individuals.

Supporters say that a growing number of employers and schools are demanding access to the social media account of students and employees and prospective students and employees. They argue this is an invasion of privacy that should not be allowed in the Bay State. They say demanding access to a social media account is the same as demanding offline access to a person's diary, regular mail, photo albums and conversations the person has with family and friends -- offline things that which would never be demanded by a school or employer.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (S 2196)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the state, led by the secretaries of energy and environmental affairs and public safety, to study, create and implement a comprehensive adaption management plan

to protect and ensure the preservation, protection and restoration of the state's "built and natural environment" from the risks of climate change. The plan would be updated every five years.

Supporters point to the flooding and massive damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and other disasters. They argue the state must prepare in advance and be proactive and not just reactive to similar threats and disasters.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

PROTECT PUPPIES AND KITTENS (S 2331)

Senate 36-0, approved a bill ensuring that puppies and kittens are bred and sold in a safe and healthy environment and strengthening the current "Puppy Lemon Law" to give pet owners additional options if they unknowingly purchase a sick pet.

Provisions prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens younger than eight weeks old; allow for inspection by the Commissioner of Agricultural Resources of kennels and catteries and persons keeping at least five non-spayed female dogs or cats; create a process by which a puppy or kitten suffering from a significant adverse health condition may be declared "unfit for purchase" by a veterinarian; and provide remedies to a buyer of a puppy or kitten declared unfit for purchase including exchange of the puppy or kitten or a refund and reimbursement for reasonable veterinary fees.

Supporters say this will reduce the number of animals that are born sick. They argue that pet owners deserve protection when they unknowingly purchase a sick animal that requires expensive veterinary care.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

STUDENT LOAN BILL OF RIGHTS (S 2380)

Senate 36-0, approved a bill giving greater protections to borrowers in disputes with companies servicing their student loans.

Provisions include requiring that all student loan servicers be licensed by the Division of Banks; creating the position of Student Loan Ombudsman in the attorney general's office; assisting in resolving complaints from students; allowing the Commissioner of Banks to revoke or refuse to renew a lender's license if the company is engaged in abusive practices such as overcharging students or steering them into costlier repayment plans to make higher profits; and permitting the Commissioner of Banks to take enforcement action against companies that are violating any of these laws or regulations.

Supporters say that because of the high cost of college, students are taking on substantial debt, and are being taken advantage of by loan servicers."

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER PROPOSES HIKE IN DEEDS EXCISE TAX -- Gov. Baker has proposed an increase from \$2 per \$500 of assessed value to \$3 per \$500 of value in the

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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deeds excise tax which is paid by the seller upon selling real estate property. The increase is estimated to generate an additional \$137 million per year and an estimated \$1 billion over the next decade to implement new climate adaption programs to protect Massachusetts’ residents, communities, economy and infrastructure.

“It’s pretty clear that climate change is starting to have a very significant impact on our communities, on our infrastructure, on personal property, on real property and on community property,” said Baker. “This is a way for us to build a program that can generate about \$1 billion over 10 years to invest in communities, to invest in resiliency, to invest in infrastructure, to protect people’s property and to protect community property.”

LEGALIZE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS – Gov. Baker announced plans to file legislation that would allow people over 21 in Massachusetts to wager on professional sports. The proposal would authorize the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to issue sport wagering licenses to the state’s casinos including MGM-Springfield, Encore-Everett and Plainridge. The three casinos would also be allowed to provide sports wagering online or contract with an entity to provide the service.

“Over the last seven years, the Massachusetts gaming industry has grown into an economic driver for thousands of jobs associated with construction, hospitality and tourism,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has developed a comprehensive set of regulations and passing this bill into law will allow the proper oversight of the industry’s next chapter in addition to providing critical support to the commonwealth’s cities and towns.”

CONFIDENTIALITY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (S 2684) – Gov. Baker held a ceremonial event to sign legislation ensuring confidentiality for first responders who seek mental health services from a peer counselor. Prior law did not guarantee confidentiality.

“Providing law enforcement officers with the ability to confidentially seek guidance from their peers will help them cope with the events they experience in the line of duty,” said Gov. Baker. “We are thankful for the Legislature and law enforcement for their advocacy on this bill to increase support for services and reduce stigma around mental health issues.”

“This is common sense legislation that will offer law enforcement officers, firefighter, and emergency service providers the resources they need to debrief and manage the psychological impact following an incident,” said Rep. Ed Coppinger (D-Boston), the House sponsor of the bill. “Critical incident intervention is a peer-to-peer resource in which registered and trained emergency service providers offer consultation, counseling, and stress management. This peer support is the first, necessary step in checking the stress health of an emergency service provider and it can often bridge the gap if further help is required.”

MEANS TESTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION (H 4001) – In December, the Senate approved a bill that would allow cities and towns to establish a means-tested property tax exemption for senior citizens. The bill gives communities the option to give some property tax relief to qualifying seniors 65 or older who have lived in the community for at least ten consecutive years. If a tax exemption request is filed jointly, the second applicant must be 60 or older, and at least one of the

applicants must meet the minimum residency requirement of 10 consecutive years.

Qualified homeowners would be eligible for a reduction in their property taxes equal to 10 percent of their income plus the amount of the circuit breaker tax credit for which they are eligible. The bill also stipulates that any reduction provided by the exemption cannot exceed 50 percent of the homeowners’ total property tax liability.

“The hope is that this bill will allow many seniors to remain in their homes and continue to live in the same community where they have raised their families,” said Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading), the sponsor of an early version of the bill. “This approach has proven to be successful in a handful of communities, and this bill will ensure that the same option is available to all 351 cities and towns.

The House approved a different version of the bill in July. The two branches did not resolve their differences and neither version of the bill was given final approval and sent to the governor.

GRANTS FOR CITIES AND TOWNS FOR BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL PROJECTS – The state’s MassTrails Program will be awarding \$5 million in matching grants for cities and towns to expand their off-road pathways for walking, bicycling, inline skating and people in wheelchairs. The grant application deadline for the first round of applications is February 1, 2019. The grants will generally range from \$10,000-\$100,000, with higher priority projects receiving grants up to \$300,000.

More information on the MassTrails *Continued on page 17*

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MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72393010	172 Summer Street	14 room, 6 bed, 3f 2h bath Victorian	39	\$1,200,000	\$1,120,000
72380282	125 Heath Street	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Gambrel /Dutch	178	\$1,225,000	\$1,183,500
72418163	91 Oxford St	10 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Colonial	15	\$1,449,900	\$1,478,000
72289406	137 Sycamore	13 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Colonial	229	\$1,475,000	\$1,470,000
72401977	48 Rogers Ave	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Victorian	37	\$1,599,999	\$1,500,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

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

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

How Union Square’s small businesses could benefit from GLX and USQ

By Marshall Collins

Union Square’s small businesses are enjoying increased attention lately, from established spots like Machu Picchu Restaurant to more recent arrivals like Union Square Donuts – not to mention an entirely new small business marketplace on Bow Street.

Residents and business owners already know much of what Union Square has to offer – arts, culture, music, artisanal foods, ethnic restaurants, a vibrant community and a strong identity. Somerville has always been innovative (it’s the birthplace of Fluff!) and independent (it was the first to raise the U.S. flag!), but more and more visitors and residents are coming out to taste, shop and explore all that Union Square has to offer.

And, once the long-awaited Green Line Extension (GLX) project is complete, even more people will have access to all that Union Square’s small businesses have to offer. The developers behind the revitalization planned for Union Square in tandem with GLX also say they aim to create an urban employment district where entrepreneurs and startups can grow and the innovation economy can expand. As in: office, lab and research space



to house technology, biotech and life sciences companies, as well as spaces for artists.

For years, Union Square and its associated businesses have been described as “up and coming.” But with GLX and the \$1.5 billion mixed-use development currently in the planning stages, the neighborhood may no longer be considered up-and-coming and actually be here.

That’s due in part to the sheer numbers of public transportation investment: every \$10 million in operating investment in public transportation yields \$30 million in increased business sales. It’s estimated that GLX will bring more than 9,000 people a day to Union Square, resulting in more daytime traffic and introducing more patrons to

local businesses.

On top of that, the mix of commercial and residential uses slated for USQ could activate Union Square during work hours and in the evenings, bringing even new spending to local businesses. Folks who previously saw their shops and restaurants busy only for weekday dinners and on the weekends may see lunch rushes and workday shopping stops increase their revenue.

The combination of GLX and the revitalization of the square could even solidify Union Square’s role as a new regional hub for biotech businesses, artists and entrepreneurs alike. In other words, Union Square’s small businesses may have much to look forward to as both projects move forward.

OBITUARY

Linda J. (Dunbar) O’Leary



Linda J. (Dunbar) O’Leary – 47, Of Somerville after a hard fought battle with cancer on January 19, 2019. Loving wife of Timothy D. O’Leary. Cherished mother of Khileigh and Anthony O’Leary both of Somerville.

Dear daughter of Janice T. (Monahan) Taranto of Maine and Gerry Daley of Somerville.

Daughter in law of Mary Lou O’Leary of Somerville and the

late Charles O’Leary.

Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews and extended relatives and friends.

She also leaves behind her loving dogs Murphy and Rogan.

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Friday morning at 11:30 am followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Genoa Church at 12:30 pm.

Relatives and friends invited.

Calling Hours Thursday 5-8 pm.

Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Linda’s name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284.

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Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Fruit Smoothie

It’s that time of year when a substantial number of people bail on their New Year resolutions of exercising and eating healthy. However, there are still about 40% of people who do follow through with those resolutions for at least six months. <https://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/story/news/local/2019/01/08/saturday-jan-12-day-most-people-give-up-new-years-resolution/2483512002/> Regardless of where you fit into the above mentioned statistics, this smoothie is delicious and packed with protein without making you feel as though you’re on a diet. I find this to be quite satisfying and can also be made completely dairy free.

1 Cup Almond Milk/Toasted Coconut Flavor
Protein Powder, plain or vanilla, 1

serving
1 Ripe Banana
1 Cup Mango Pieces, Fresh or Frozen
1 Tablespoon Honey or Agave
1/4 Teaspoon Pico Fruta (optional-see below)

Add the above ingredients into a blender and mix on high speed for about a minute. Pour into a glass and serve immediately. Yields approximately 22-24 oz.

Pico Fruta is a spice blend that contains chili pepper, sugar, lemon peel, citric acid, salt and cilantro. It can be found at Penzeys Spices. This blend especially enhances the mango and gives a complex layering of flavors overall to this smoothie. These flavors bring a taste of the tropics to this otherwise cold season that we’re all missing right about now.

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The trouble with 'Glass'

By Michael LoPilato

Glass is a troubled movie. It's a mixed bag of entertainment and utter goofiness. It's a part magnificent, part pretentious ordeal, but ultimately, *Glass* is unable to hold the weight of the two films (*Unbreakable*, *Split*) that precede it.

We open on David Dunn, the man who survived a train crash without a scratch, played in a stoic yet restrained fashion by Bruce Willis. He's embraced his heroism, gallivanting around Philadelphia in his signature green poncho, beating the living daylights out of petty criminals. We move on to Kevin Wendell Crumb, played magnificently again by James McAvoy. He's still abducting and mutilating teenage girls. Dunn and Crumb meet, and this is where the fun and brilliance of *Glass* begins.

M. Night Shyamalan films the opening of this movie spectacularly. It's a wonderful fight scene between the two protagonists of the prior films. He embraces the tension, building up the action with deft musical undertones.

Cinematographer Mike Gioulakos blends in shining lights and colors with the natural darkness of the setting, to create the feeling of unease and unknowing between the two characters (since this is the first time they officially meet). It's an enthralling opening, and what you would think is going to be a tone setter for the rest of the movie, but this is where the

glass breaks. Shyamalan spends the big middle chunk of *Glass* trying to debunk what we already know is true from the previous movies we've watched. This is where it slogs along, feeling more and more like a waste of time the longer it goes.

Sarah Paulson, as great an actress as she is, has no substance to work with. She is essentially repeating herself over and over again. We get it – and we get it very quickly – what she's trying to accomplish with her therapy. We don't need scene after scene of it, but Shyamalan keeps pelt-ing us with them.

James McAvoy is again phenomenal. The way he shifts between his characters' personas on screen, in one take, is truly mesmerizing. However, this is another area where there is a "we get it" moment. We understand he can do this, but Shyamalan sees the talent he has, and over indulges us with it. Anthony Hopkins was on screen for a total of 15 minutes in *The Silence Of The Lambs*, and yet we consider that one of the finer acting performances in recent film. I'm not saying McAvoy should have been on screen for 15 minutes, of course, but there is some truth to the saying "less is more."

Samuel L. Jackson returns as Mr. Glass, the evil mastermind, comic book-obsessed criminal, with *Osteogenesis Imperfecta*. You can tell Jackson is having a blast playing the villain once he's really allowed to let loose

Even Samuel L. Jackson's powerhouse performance is not enough to save *Glass* from itself.

on screen. He is a bright spot, being a truly captivating presence on screen, however, it's the writing around his character where there are problems. A lot of the time he is used as a port to describe superheroes and comic books, as if we don't already know what they are. At one point, Mr. Glass' mother explains to us what a "showdown" is. In this comic book culture we're in, are we not expected to know what that is? It was sloppy writing around an entertaining and engaging character.

What Shyamalan does well, and what he's always done well, is endings. *Glass* is no different. He finds his footing again in the

last third of the film, blending the action with his bread and butter horror-suspense. This is where his true storytelling abilities come back; he's adding his classic twists we've come to expect, and he's again bringing you that genuine "oh" moment we've come to expect from him.

Glass is a sandwich of a movie. It begins and ends with some truly engrossing story-telling and visuals. Unfortunately, it's filled with mundane, repetitious, overly-long scenes. Shyamalan is trying to do a lot here in ending this trilogy he's built. There are moments of brilliance from the once "wunderkind" director, but it's ultimately too messy, too

long, too cluttered to have a truly satisfying ending.
Glass = 3/5.

Playing now at The Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville.

PUMA HQ coming to Assembly Row

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commute times for our suburban employees." Designed by Jacobs, the 13-story Class A office building with 550 dedicated parking spaces and approximately 25,000 SF of ground floor retail will be home to PUMA's North American headquarters. PUMA is expected to occupy 455 Grand Union Boulevard in early 2021 with 450 employees relocating from offices in Boston and their current headquarters building in Westford, Massachusetts. 455 Grand Union Boulevard is now under construction and over 50% pre-

leased. The neighborhood's existing office space at 450 Artisan Way is currently 100 percent leased. Additionally, Partners Healthcare is headquartered at Assembly Row with 730,000 square feet of office space. "PUMA's decision to move their headquarters to Assembly Row would not have happened without FRIT's commitment to work with us to go beyond just building buildings and instead to create Greater Boston's newest and most vibrant transit-connected neighborhood," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "With compa-

nies like Partners HealthCare, SmartBear, and now PUMA, the momentum just continues to build in Assembly. We look forward to introducing PUMA – and all the employers to come – to our diverse and talented workforce." At completion of Phase 3, Assembly Row will include over 55 shops, 22 restaurants, 1,514 residential units, over 1.1M SF of Class A office space and The Row Hotel, a 158-room Marriott Autograph Collection Hotel. "We have spent the past ten years working with the City of Somerville to create a dynam-

ic neighborhood that attracts world class companies," said Patrick McMahon, vice president development at Federal Realty Investment Trust. "We are excited that PUMA has placed long-term value on the Assembly Row location, our expansive array of high-quality amenities, vibrant mix of uses and direct access to the T and highway. We look forward to welcoming the PUMA team with our more than 10 soccer fields worth of amenities and watching PUMA sustain its position as an international leader in the sports brand world."

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone
Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

69% City census response rate: Each year the City is required by law to conduct a local census and last year nearly 70% of households responded. While that’s a pretty good response rate, we always want to get as many completed census forms as possible. The annual census helps us maintain the voter rolls and have up-to-date population numbers, which are helpful for things like planning for re-

source allocation. There are also federal, state, and grant funding sources that use population information, so having an accurate count ensures Somerville is getting its fair share. Census forms will be hitting mailboxes in the next few weeks, so keep an eye out. The form only takes a few minutes to fill out and you can return it in an included pre-stamped envelope, by email, fax, or by dropping it off at a library branch or City Hall. If you don’t get a census form (or misplace it), you can visit www.somervillema.gov/elections to print one out or call 311 to request one.

1,015 veterans: On the 2018 City census 1,015 residents self-reported being veterans, but national census data estimates that another 700 veterans live in Somerville. If you’re a veteran, please check off that box this year when you complete

your City census. More accurate numbers help our office of Veterans’ Services better plan to work with and assist our local veterans. If you’re a veteran or a family member entitled to benefits who needs assistance applying for benefits, completing U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs paperwork, or need emergency assistance, contact the Department of Veterans’ Affairs at veterans@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 4700.

427 kindergarten students: This school year the Somerville Public Schools welcomed 427 kindergarten students, which is just shy of 9% of our total enrollment. That’s in line with the average enrollment over the past four years, which was 431 students. Kindergarten registration for the 2019/2020 school year opened on January 12, and we’re excited to see how many new students will be en-

tering the Somerville Public Schools. Registration packets were mailed in November to families of children eligible to register for kindergarten. If you didn’t get one or a new to the City, you can visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us to register a student online or contact the Parent Information Center at 617-629-5670. Students need to be five years old by August 31, 2019, to enroll for the next school year.

148,416 library patrons: During the first half of Fiscal Year 2019 (which began July 1, 2018), nearly 150,000 visitors stopped by our Somerville Public Library branches. That’s a slight increase over the same time period last fiscal year, which is impressive given the recent closure of the West Branch Library for renovations. (A temporary location recently opened at 167 Holland Street.) The in-

crease in visits isn’t surprising, though – the Somerville Public Library has a great collection of books, media, and nontraditional items (like birding kits and musical instruments) to lend out and there’s always something fun going on from story times, to coding clubs, to food-themed book clubs. Visit www.somervillepubliclibrary.org to find a reason (or reasons) to visit one of our libraries.

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

Alcohol advertising – When do the costs outweigh the benefits?



By Elizabeth Henehan, MPH
The MBTA has loosened their ban on alcohol ads despite the fact that research from the BU School of Public Health notes that alcohol ads in subway and streetcar stations reach the equivalence of every 5th through 12th

grader in the city of Boston. More than just advertising affects underage alcohol consumption – peers, parents, income, gender to name a few. However, advertising has been shown to influence underage drinking behaviors particularly among adolescents who are susceptible to the appeals of certain advertising messages. Advertisements with animals, humor, and those with appeals to social benefits of drinking are particularly alluring for youth. The alcohol industry is subject to voluntary advertising guidelines that suggest best practices for advertising content and media placement requirements of alcohol ads. That being said, it is

unclear why the MBTA is now allowing alcohol ads when the placements themselves may not be compliant with the current advertising guidelines.
Estimating true costs of business
According to the CDC, excessive alcohol costs the US economy \$249 billion dollars or about \$2.05 per drink. For a local economy like Somerville these costs arrive in the form of costs to the criminal justice system and healthcare system due to excessive drinking including underage consumption. Financial costs of underage drinking that fall on the city’s budget include but are not limited to law

enforcement for drunk driving, alcohol related violence including sexual assaults, in addition to health care costs for accidental injuries, emergency room visits, days missed from work or school, and the lists goes on. If a transportation system that serves the citizens of this city is able to financially benefit from advertising products that are illegal for many of their riders Somerville should consider whether this is in their best interest to let the MBTA profit off adventures that contribute to the cities burden of health care and criminal costs.
Since this shift away from barring alcohol advertising on pub-

lically funded entities such as the T and bus shelters, there has been a steady stream of ads popping up around Somerville, Cambridge and downtown Boston. Crown Royal recently displayed a wall to wall spread in the downtown crossing T station, billboards at MBTA bus stations, and the Miller High Life ad that was displayed prominently above Porter Square just a stone’s throw away from the Kennedy Elementary School. While advertising is not the only factor that influences underage drinking, the true costs of advertising place a financial burden on local cities to deal with the negative health and social consequences.

Tufts University seeks applications from non-profits for Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund grants

Non-profit organizations in Boston, Grafton, Medford and Somerville are invited to apply for individual grants from the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) until March 1, 2019. Awards will be made in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 and will be announced by the end of March. Eligible organizations serve one or more of Tufts University’s host communities in some way and have had a Tufts faculty member, staff member, student or member of the alumni actively involved as a volunteer in the past year. In this way, TNSF supports not only local organizations but also the work of the many Tufts affiliated volunteers.

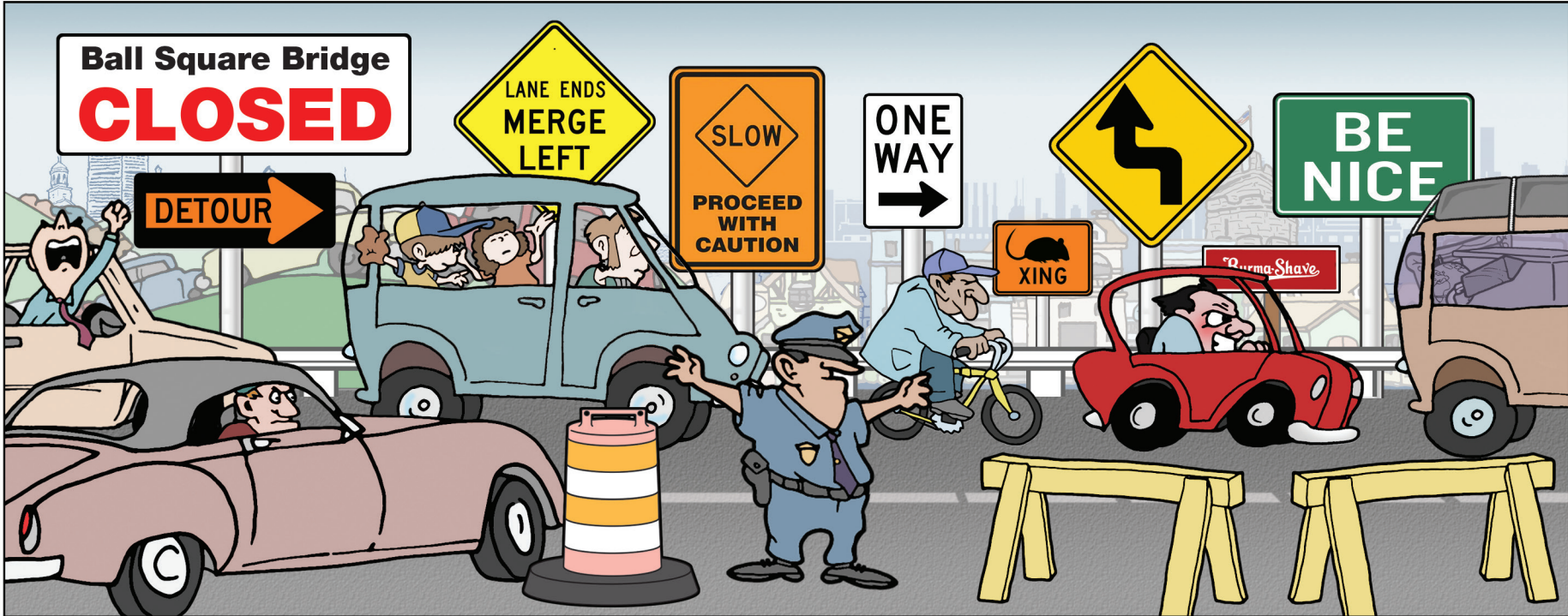
The TNSF is fully funded by donations from Tufts University faculty and staff through the annual Tufts Community Appeal (TCA), an internal fundraising campaign. All gifts to the TNSF go directly to non-profit organizations through grants. Last year, 36 organizations in Tufts’ host communities received TNSF grants. The funds supported a wide range of programs and projects in each community including robotics supplies for Parts and Crafts in Somerville, classroom technology upgrades for the Columbus School in Medford, irrigation improvements for Community Harvest in Grafton, and travel funding for Boston Self-Help’s power wheelchair soccer team in Boston.

All questions should be directed to the Community Relations office at Tufts University by emailing CommunityRelations@tufts.edu or calling (617) 627-3780. To obtain an application, visit <http://go.tufts.edu/TNSF>.

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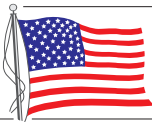
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The signs are clear: the going in Ball Sq. will be tough for a while.

Our View Of The Times



The tension is mounting in certain circles as we all await what doom may befall us once the Ball Square Broadway Bridge closing takes place.

What is already not the most ideal traffic situation will surely become a snarl of some measurable magnitude once the big event becomes a fact of our daily life. How bad it can be is anyone's guess, but we can surely hope for the best, even in

the face of seemingly insurmountable frustration.

Thankfully, measures are being taken to make the situation as bearable as possible. City and MBTA planners have meticulously charted the most logical detour routes as are possible. As imperfect as they may be – and their quality can only be measured after being put into practice – it's what we have, so we'd better make

the best of it.

That means following the new rules of the road, remaining as calm and courteous as possible, and allowing extra time in our daily commutes.

A good amount of attentiveness will also be required, as detour routes will be generously festooned with a myriad of arcane signage, literally telling us where to go. And, of course, where we cannot go.

It will be a test of our mettle as a civilized body, of our ability to weather the outrageous fortunes of progress.

We are up to the task. We have lived through harder times, all of us.

Keep your humanity intact, your eyes on the rear bumper just ahead of you, and bite down. And oh yes, do heed all those signs up ahead. Your neighbor's very safety depends on it.

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about youth health issues, ideas to improve student well-being, and how participants will incorporate this information into their work going forward. Refreshments will be served. The Student Health Survey was administered to all Somerville High School students in February 2018, and anonymous answers were compiled into an analytical report and compared with state and national averages in various student health categories including alcohol use, drug use, bullying, physical, mental and sexual health, overall school environment, and school services. A survey will be administered to Somerville middle school students in this spring.

A **strength and conditioning program** for players who are Little League 11 or 12 years old, or Babe Ruth 13, 14 or 15 years old will run from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on **Sundays from January 27 through March 24** (with the exception of February 10) for a total of eight sessions. The fee is \$80. The program will take place at **Rx Strength Training**, 50 Tufts St., Somerville. **Pat Kelsey**, who will run the program, is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) who specializes in sports per-

formance. His training sessions focus on basic barbell movements, kettlebells, medicine balls and bodyweight exercises. Athletes will learn essential strength movements like squats and deadlifts, advanced rotational power for throwing and hitting, and reactive agility for fielding and base running. Performance enhancement and injury prevention are the primary goals.

Enjoy the sounds of the season and help **Somerville Public Schools** celebrate the outstanding work of their student musicians and music educators. Learn more about **Music and Performing Arts** at the Somerville Public Schools in our latest production of **Our Schools, Our City** (https://youtu.be/nRg_nB-pV18). Upcoming concerts include: **Thursday, January 24, 8:45–10:45 a.m.: WSNS Winter Concert.** The West Somerville Neighborhood School presents Songs of Peace and Community. Enjoy performances about peace and community by the K-6th grade classrooms, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade String and Band Ensembles, 7th and 8th grade Chorus, World Percussion, and Orchestra. Please contact **Mr. Darrell** with any questions at [adarrell@](mailto:adarrell@k12.somerville.ma.us)

k12.somerville.ma.us. **Thursday, January 31, 9:00-10:00am: Healey Winter Concert**, featuring students in grades 3-8. To be held in the school cafeteria. **Thursday, January 31, 9:15am: Argenziano School MLK Celebration Concert**, featuring students in 5th through 8th grades and band students. Concert will take place in the school cafeteria.

Due to the latest storm, the 8:45 a.m. taping for the **Brookline High School vs. Somerville High School** episode of WGBH's **High School Quiz Show** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, January 26**. You can find more information online, including how to join the audience, online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/high-school-quiz-show-brookline-vs-somerville-tickets-55049209668>

This past fall, the **City of Somerville**, **Somerville Public Schools**, and many of our community agencies and organizations partnered to reach out and ask you – the community – what you value most and where they should focus their efforts to make sure every Somerville youth has a great learning experience while growing up in our city. Through

surveys, focus groups and community visioning sessions, you shared your voice and values and let them know what is most important in creating a thriving, healthy, opportunity-filled city for our youth. Join in to hear about their findings and share your reflections. They want to make sure they haven't missed anything. **Tuesday, January 29, 5:30-7:30pm** at the **Winter Hill Community Innovation School Cafeteria**, 115 Sycamore St. Light pizza dinner and refreshments served at 5:30 p.m., facilitated session 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVLJan29Reg> by **Monday, January 28**, if you plan to attend.

Somerville Prevention Services, the **SHS PTSA**, and **Somerville's Health and Human Services Department** invite you to a discussion on **Marijuana, Vaping and Youth**. The discussion takes place on **Thursday, February 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** at the **Somerville High School Highlander Café/Culinary Arts Bistro**, 81 Highland Ave. Prevention resources will be distributed. A light dinner and refreshments will be provided, and childcare and interpretation services will be available.

WSNS Boosterthon Fun Run

West Somerville Neighborhood School just wrapped up the first ever Boosterthon Fun Run. Boosterthon is a school solutions provider that goes into elementary and middle schools all over the country and provides a two-week experience, including both character and wellness elements.

During the program, the students learn all about character enrichment lessons in the Mind Spark Mystery lab and how to become a better 21st century hero. They also work towards a school goal. It is safe to say WSNS blew their school fundraising goal out of the water in just three short days of the 2-plus week pledge period. WSNS also received not only local support but support from all over the world.

As a school, WSNS collected pledges from all 50 states and 10 countries. The last day of the program, students, staff and the community were able to celebrate all their efforts at the big Fun Run event. Every student in the school got to participate in the Fun Run and everyone had a blast.



Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

Photos by Claudia Ferro

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services is here to help in 2019

By Nathan Lamb

I'm not a huge fan of New Year's resolutions, but one incident over my holiday break has me dedicated to doing more in the coming year.

It was Christmas dinner at my father's house, and his in-laws had questions for me. A lot of questions, actually. They know I am communications director at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), and they were hoping to get some direction on how to help a family member who is facing a wide range of aging-related challenges.

I was happy to help – we spoke for probably 45 minutes – because connecting people with helpful information and resources is a huge part of what we do at SCES. But it also drove home to me how often people are unaware of the many resources elder service agencies

provide, with the goal of helping people maintain health and independence in the setting of their choice.

It made me want to do more to raise awareness in the coming year. And in that spirit, here is a partial list of the many programs we provide, many of which are free for eligible applicants:

The Aging Information Center is a free community resource that provides information and guidance on aging and disability issues. Our Elder Care Advisors are experts on aging, caregiving, and disability – and can facilitate access to resources that can help, both within the agency and in the community.

Adult Family Care helps Mass-Health eligible people who cannot live alone receive the care they need from friends and family, by providing training, compensation and ongoing support

for live-in caregivers.

Community Living Options is a private-pay Geriatric Care Management program that often helps families with care planning, care management, downsizing/relocation, hospital-to-home transitions, and more.

Home Care provides services to older residents who need assistance, so they may continue to live independently and safely at home.

Medical Advocates matches older adults with volunteers who become familiar with their medical issues and accompany them on doctor visits.

Medical Escort matches frail older adults with a volunteer who accompanies them to medical appointments.

Money Management matches trained and insured volunteers with older adults who need help paying bills, writing checks, bal-

ancing their checkbooks, budgeting monthly income, and running bank errands.

Savvy Caregiver provides practical training about dementia for family caregivers.

Nutrition Services includes Meals-on-Wheels, congregate meal sites, nutrition counseling, nutrition supplements, and our Brown Bag Program, which provides groceries to low-income older adults once a month.

Protective Services investigates reports of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation and coordinates services necessary to eliminate or remedy the effects of abuse.

SHINE offers free information and assistance regarding health insurance and benefits to older adults, Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities, and their caregivers.

Again, this is just a partial list. Our Aging Information



Director of Outreach and Community Relations at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services Nathan Lamb.

Center can provide a much more comprehensive view of what's available.

I'll close by wishing everyone a happy 2019. And by inviting you to call if you have any questions. Your Life, Your Way, At Home – that's our motto at SCES, and it's what we're here for.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. When was the first AFC Championship game played?

2. What team is the only AFC team to never play an AFC Championship game?

3. What AFC team has won the most AFC Championship games?

4. Who is the Lamar Hunt Trophy named after?

5. What song title is on Frank Sinatra's grave maker?

6. What 1970 TV show had the characters Jack,

Janet and Chrissy on it?

7. What product used the advertising slogan "What's the Worst That Could Happen?"

8. What number does not exist in Roman numerals?

9. Who uses the advertising slogan "I'm Lovin' It"?

10. Which husband and wife team had a variety show from 1971 to 1974?

11. Who wrote Patsy Cline's hit Crazy?

12. What is the lowest point in North America?

Answers on page 23

Somerville's newest firefighters

Last week, five new firefighters were appointed to the Somerville Fire Department . They were Dennis Moynihan, John Blake, John Driscoll, John Mucci and Rafael Flores. The new recruits will begin their training Tuesday. Pictured L to R: Chief of Operations Christopher Major, Rafael Flores, John Blake, John Driscoll, John Mucci, Dennis Moynihan and Chief Charles Breen.

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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, February 6, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

37 Winslow Avenue (ZBA 2018-188): Applicant /Owner, 35-37 Winslow Development, LLC, seeks a special permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing the basement and reconfiguring the interior floor plans. RA Zone. Ward 6.

14 Bonner Ave (ZBA 2018-172): Applicant and Owner, James Gogos, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a dormer on the right side of the ridge. RA Zone. Ward 3.

0 & 20 Inner Belt Rd and 56 Roland Street (ZBA 2018-142): Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owners, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall and the Somerville City Club c/o Frank Dardeno, Jr. Esq., seeks special permits with site plan review per SZO §7.11.1.c (multiple residential dwellings in a BB district), SZO §7.11.5.B.6 (a private, non-profit club or lodge for members only in a BB district), and SZO §7.11.10.b (structured parking in an IA district). A special permit for parking relief is also being sought under Article 9 of the SZO. Multiple variances are also being sought for minimum lot area per dwelling unit, maximum ground coverage, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a seven-story mixed use building that will include 205 residential units, a private, non-profit club or lodge for members only, and an attached shared parking garage. BB / IA Zone. Ward 1.

56 Roland Street (ZBA 2018-143): Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owner, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall, seeks a special permit with site plan review per SZO §7.11.10.5.b to establish a hotel use in a BB district. Parking relief is also being sought under Article 9 of the SZO. Multiple variances are being sought for landscaped area, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a six-story 120-room extended stay hotel. BB Zone. Ward 1.

496-500 Medford Street (ZBA 2018-185): Applicant/Owner, Himgiri Realty Trust, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish four residential dwelling units and relief under Article 9 for parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 5.

50 Oliver Street (ZBA 2018-80): Applicant and Owner, Popjoy, LLC, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure and under §9.13 for parking relief to finish the basement that will add living space to the two first floor units. RB Zone. Ward 1.

233 Willow Avenue (ZBA 2018-134): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, KTA Construction, LLC c/o Frank Amato, seek a special permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to finish a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 6.

24 Garrison Avenue (ZBA 2018-181): Applicant, Lan Qin and Owner, Futureline Development, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming property and parking relief under Article 9. RB zone. Ward 7.

65 Albion Street (ZBA 2018-179): Applicant and Owner, Wendy Derjue-Holzer & Matt Holzer, see special permits to alter a non-conforming property, including extending the non-conforming left side yard setback by extending the basement area. RA zone, Ward 5.


39 Irving Street (ZBA 2018-178): Applicants & Owners, Kent & Ann Greenawalt, seek special permits to alter a non-conforming property including, but not limiting to, demolishing the existing two-family residential structure and building a replacement two-family residential structure within the non-conforming left side yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9. RA zone. Ward 5.

37 Winslow Ave: <http://eepurl.com/geU5Kb>
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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
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OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, February 7, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Community Room of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.**

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15 Temple Street (PB 2018-20): Applicant, Mass Sign and Decal Inc., and Owner, Comar Real Estate Trust c/o Robert Allen, seek a special permit under §6.1.22.D.5 to alter two signs on the building. CCD-55 / RB Zone. Ward 4.

15 Temple St: <http://eepurl.com/geU5Xv>

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman
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RFP 19-59

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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 Somerville Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019** 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:

A proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, submitted by 18 registered voters, to add a new Section 17.8, regarding open space requirements for mid-rise and high-rise buildings.

A proposed amendment to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance regarding Useable Open Space.

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Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair, Somerville Planning Board
Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA. 02114

Docket No. SU18A0095AD

CITATION
G.L.c. 210, §6

In the matter of : Christian Valente Dos Santos

To:
Bruna Valente Bua
Marcelo Dos Santos

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:
Eric Bua of Revere, MA

Requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to
Christian Valente Bua

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT:
Boston
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON:
02/28/2019

Witness: Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Date: January 2, 2019
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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
Correction: Please note meeting time

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

East Somerville Community School located at 50 Cross Street in Somerville. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week Meme Contest

Somerville Prevention Services invites Somerville youth to participate in a Meme Contest to promote National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week, January 22-27. The contest starts January 21 and ends on January 25. To participate, youth should submit original memes to Prevention Services Manager, Matthew Mitchell, at mmitchell@somervillema.gov. The winner of a \$25 Target gift card will be notified on Monday, January 28. Contest guidelines include:

• Drug facts, drug-free, or positive messaging required for submitted memes

• Avoid "Just say no to drugs" or similar taglines

• Submissions will be judged by creativity and alignment with prevention goals/efforts.




CITY OF SOMERVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Legislative Matters on **Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 6:00 PM**, in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Councilor Mark Niedergang, Chair of the Committee, for public input related to the proposed Condominium Conversion Ordinance (#205420).

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at these Hearings. If you are unable to attend the hearings, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearings, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Council.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.
JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#19-53

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

Ash Tree Treatment & Removal of the infected Trees

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing **01/23/2019**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **02/06/2019 1:00PM EST**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 2/11/2019 to 2/10/2020 with 2 one year options to renew.

Prevailing wage rates apply. 5% bid deposit required.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400
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Beacon Hill Roll Call

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program can be found at: https://www.mass.gov/welcome-to-masstrails	for a seriously ill or injured family member, to care for a new child, or to meet family needs arising from a family member's active duty military service.	14-18. the House met for a total of one hour and 46 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 54 minutes.
QUOTABLE QUOTES — <i>By the numbers: Special Family and Medical Leave Edition</i>	HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? <i>Beacon Hill Roll Call</i> tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of January	Mon. January 14House 11:04 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 12:49 p.m
On July 1, the newly created Department of Family and Medical Leave will begin collecting new payroll taxes, from the employer and the employee, that will fund the state's new family and medical leave program.		Tues. January 15No House session No Senate session
.063 — <i>The percent on which the first \$128,400 of a worker's annual earnings are paid by the employer into the new fund.</i>		Wed. January 16No House session No Senate session
40 percent of the employer's share — <i>The maximum amount of money an employee can be required to pay into the fund.</i>		Thurs. January 17House 11:03 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.
12 — <i>Number of weeks of job-protected paid leave to care</i>		Fri. January 18No House session No Senate session
		<i>Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com</i>

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|January 23

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

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

Thursday|January 24
Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
Middle School Writers' Den
3:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Family Game Night
6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|January 25
Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 26
Central Library
Paper Crafting
9:15 a.m.-4 p.m.
Kids' Yoga with Janine2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|January 28
Central Library
Sing Along with Fred & Friends!
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB
Kids' Book Club
6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|167 Holland St, 2nd floor

Tuesday|January 29
Somerville Community Baptist Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.| 31 College Ave.

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

Wednesday|January 30
East Branch Library
Preschool Story Time
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC/ARTS
Wednesday|January 23

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

The Burren
Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Lucas Brothers
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

Thursday|January 24
Sally O'Brien's
Box of Records
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Songs of Resistance|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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
BEX Album Release Party! with special guests That One Eyed Kid, Joe Dunn, and more...
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Daddy Issues
Leggy
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Pangea Band
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
The Loop
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Friday|January 25
Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m.
Hear Now Live presents please don't sleep, Submarina, Shotgun Waltz - \$10 cover / RSVP on Facebook|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi
Jocelyn Limmer CD Release Show! With Special Guest Mary Casiello|7 p.m.
Rip Cord|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville
Boyfriend
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Bull McCabe's
Sawyer Lawson|7:30 p.m.
Evan Goodrow|10 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
Jay Psaros Band *CD Release Party* with special guests JSN Grooves & Friends, Sam Luke Chase Band, Abby Vail, Nico Rivers, and Carlin Tripp
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Copilot
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
B.U.M.P.|9:15 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Out of Range A Capella
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|January 26
Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m.

Sapling, The Very, Mini Beast - \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
The Social No11|7 p.m.
Cover Up |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's
Kong-Thunderfunk
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road
Next Generation Concerts Presents... Punk Rock LIVE with Conduit, Four-shadow, Color Killer, Louzy, and The Negans|2 p.m.

The New Motif – Album Release Party!|8 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
O.N.C.E. in Valhalla
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Phil & the Flying Leap
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
KERPLUNK!
11 a.m.|255 Elm St

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

Sunday|January 27
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo hosts|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Parlour Bells | The Daylilies |3:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Scream Along With Billy
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Sunday Residency: The Late Risers
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Local Elective Official Office Hours
10:30 a.m.|Café
Family Concert
2 p.m.& 4 p.m.|Performance Hall
Show + Tell: a Really open mic
2 p.m.|Café
Cafe Raqs
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|January 28
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Back Room:
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub
We Met Dinosaurs
11 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m.
Vile Creature|8 p.m.

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Dawn Ray'd
Sea
156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|January 29
Sally O'Brien's Bar
industry night featuring DJ Wall
9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|January 30
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Nephrok! Allstars
10 p.m|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Choose Your Own Adventure Karaoke
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Wednesday Residency: Gentle Temper
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 23

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

Thursday|January 24
Central Library
Urban Gardening: a Talk With Lindsay Allen,
the Rooftop Farmer at BMC
6 p.m.- 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

East Branch Library
Family Game Night
6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Saturday|January 26
Central Library
Paper Crafting
9:15 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Yoga Session with Shishir Paramathma Rao
10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|January 27
Central Library
Isha Kriya Yoga Session with Shishir Paramathma Rao
1 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Monday|January 28
Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!
4 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|January 29
East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Smith College School for Social Work Field Seminar
6 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Voices of Somerville: A Poetry Workshop for English Learners
4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7 p.m.Voices of Somerville: A Poetry Workshop for English Learner
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|January 30
Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)
Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
617- 666-5223

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Healthy Steps – Thursdays starting from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

Dollar Days at the Movies – Tuesday, February 26, 12:00 p.m. (Door open at 11:30 a.m.) at the Somerville Theatre in Davis Square. This month’s movie is The Post starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. Cost is \$1 per person. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot contact Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Steps in Time Ballroom Dancing Class - Ralph & Jenny Center - Wednesday February 27t, 10:30 a.m. \$5 per person due at time of reservation. No experience or partner is needed to take the class. Learn the Cha Cha, Rumba, Tango, Foxtrot and Swing to name a few. To join the fun call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – Thursday, March 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dilboy Post located on Summer Street. \$12. Limited seating and transportation. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Twin Rivers Casino – Tuesday, March 26. \$25.00 per peron. Bonus package to be determined. Check in time

is 9:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 9:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino – Tuesday, April 16. \$25 per person. Bonus package to be determined. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time 7:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Atlantic City Boys – Wednesday, September 18 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Blood Pressure Screening – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Upcoming date: January 10th at 10:30 am. Upcoming Date: January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6. 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 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming Date: February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming Dates: January 24, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

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

Tuesday:
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)
\$3 per class (H)
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library.

If interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Arts & Crafts – Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Sonic Liberation Players

Season #3 (2018-2019)

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February 8, 2019, 8:00 p.m.
Third Life Studio

33 Union Square, Somerville

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À quatre folioles–André Cormier (world premiere)

“À quatre folioles” is French for “four-leafed,” in this instance its implies, clover. The piece recognizes a historical correspondence between Brook Watson and Andrew Brown, in which Watson describes the return of the Acadians after the deportation, and their story of perseverance.

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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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Somerville Media Workshops and Events



Free Digital Literacy Workshops
Ongoing; February - June 2019
at Somerville Media Center
Register at www.somervillemedia.org

SMC is offering a set of free digital literacy workshops geared toward audiences who want to improve their ability to navigate and participate in the digital media sphere and greater social economy. This SMC Digital Literacy program will address a wide spectrum of digital inclusion factors like taking full advantage of utilizing smartphones, researching the internet, learning media production, graphic design, building user friendly websites, becoming a community journalist, deepening media literacy knowledge and in general creating media savvy consumers.

Grant Seeking & Writing Workshops
February 6 and February 13, 6:00-8:30pm (not consecutive)
at Arts at the Armory
\$75/each: Register at www.somervillemedia.org

Somerville Media Center is offering two workshops with experienced grant writer and educator Ellen Gugel. The workshops are geared to non-profit professionals, artists and community members who are interested in learning how to research applicable grants and create successful proposals.

Valentine's Day Movie Night & Fundraiser
Tuesday, February 5 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
at Winter Hill Brewery

We are inviting our friends, neighbors, community media producers and our supporters to come drink local beer at Winter Hill Brewery as a way to help raise funds for SMC. That is right! For each beer sold, \$1 will go to SMC and to help support Somerville's premiere Community Media Center. Plus, enjoy the 1926 action romance silent film, "The General," starting at 6:30pm!

February Vacation Youth Camp
Tuesday, February 19 - February 22
at SMC & Arts at the Armory
Register at www.somervillemedia.org

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Full day programming (8:30-5:30) begins at Arts at the Armory with Parkour Generations, and Unruly Splats coding activities followed by afternoon programs including media production here at SMC. Youth who opt-in to SMC in the afternoon will be transported here after lunch via YMCA van. The SMC program will be a “Media Mashup”, featuring a taste of all types of media production, including stop motion animation, podcasting/radio, short filmmaking, and TV Production. Sliding scale tuition is available.

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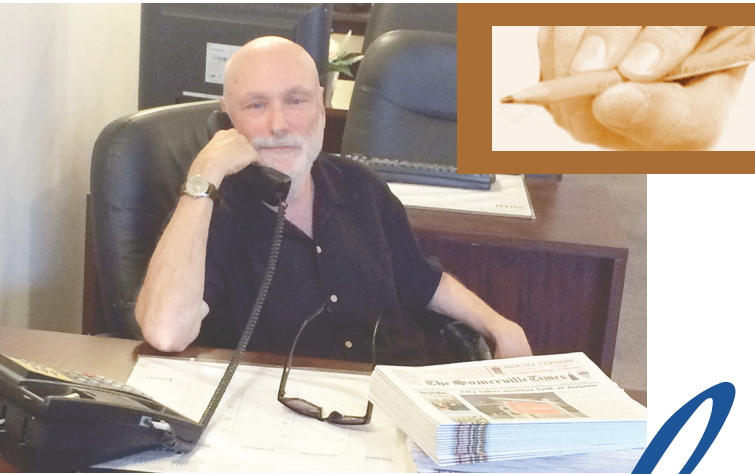
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CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

Wednesday, January 23 8:30am SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 9:30am Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 11:30am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 12:01pm School Committee Meeting - 1.14.19 3:00pm SomerViva em Portugues 6:00pm Meeting for BOA & School Committee 7:30pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 8:01pm BOA-Land Use Committee 10:47pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 11:00pm Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan Thursday, January 24 12:00am The Firstamerican Flag 1:30am Board of Aldermen Meeting - 1.10.19 8:30am Fit-4-Life #2 9:00am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 9:30am Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 10:00am Transgender Day of Remembrance 10:13am HeatSmart CoolSmart 11:30am SomerViva em Portugues - "SomerVision 2040" 12:00pm Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up 12:15pm School Committee Meeting - 1.14.19 3:00pm Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda 7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE Friday, January 25 12:00am Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up 12:15am HeatSmart CoolSmart 12:30am BOA-Land Use Committee 8:30am SomerViva em Portugues 9:00am Middlesex County Update w/Marian Ryan 9:30am Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 11:30am Meeting for BOA & School Committee 1:00pm Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty" 1:17pm HeatSmart CoolSmart 1:30pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 2:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 2:30pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 6:30pm BOA-Land Use Committee 9:15pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 9:30pm Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 10:00pm Meeting for BOA & School Committee Saturday, January 26 12:00am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 12:32am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 1:04am Milk Row Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony 1:30am Housing Lottery - Alloy Condominiums 2:33am Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty" 8:30am Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout 9:00am SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 10:00am BOA-Land Use Committee 12:45pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 1:00pm Meeting for BOA & School Committee 2:30pm First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2019 6:30pm Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty" 6:50pm HeatSmart CoolSmart 7:00pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 7:30pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 8:30pm SomerViva em Portugues 9:00pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 10:00pm Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up 10:15pm Parking Changes on Central Hill Meeting Sunday, January 27 12:00am School Committee Meeting - 1.14.19 3:00am Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 8:30am Fit-4-Life #3 8:50am HeatSmart CoolSmart 9:00am SomerViva en Espanol 9:30am Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 10:30am The Firstamerican Flag 12:00pm Senior Circuit - 2018 Wrap Up 12:15pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 12:30pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 1.24.19 6:30pm SomerViva em Portugues 7:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 7:30pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 8:00pm SomerViva en Espanol 8:30pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 1.24.19 Monday, January 28 12:30am Senior Circuit - January 2019 1:00am Parking Changes on Central Hill Meeting 2:30am The Firstamerican Flag 8:30am Fit-4-Life #5 9:00am SomerViva en Espanol 9:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 11:30am SomerViva em Portugues 12:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 1.24.19 7:00pm School Committee Meeting - LIVE 11:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish Tuesday, January 29 12:00am Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards 1:30am SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 2:30am First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2019 8:30am Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout 9:00am Meeting for BOA & School Committee 11:30am SomerViva em Portugues 12:00pm School Committee Meeting - 1.28.19 6:00pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 7:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 7:30pm SomerViva en Espanol 8:00pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 8:30pm School Committee Meeting - 1.28.19 Wednesday, January 30 12:00am Senior Circuit - January 2019 12:30am Meeting for BOA & School Committee 2:00am The Firstamerican Flag	
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, January 23 9:00am All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 9:30am Our Schools, Our City - Music & Performing Arts 10:00am Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 11:00am SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 12:30pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 2:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 4:00pm Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 5:00pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 5:30pm Our Schools, Our City 6:00pm Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 8:30pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden Thursday, January 24 12:00am Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 12:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 9:00am SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 10:30am SHS Hockey vs Revere 12:00pm Our Schools, Our City 12:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 1:00pm SHS Winter Concert 2:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 3:00pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs MC 5:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 8:30pm SHS Hockey vs Revere 10:00pm Our Schools, Our CityArts 10:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 11:00pm SHS Winter Concert Friday, January 25 12:30am All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 1:00am SHS Boys' Basketball vs MC 3:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 9:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Winthrop 12:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Charlestown 2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Methuen 3:20pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 5:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 9:00pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 9:30pm Our Schools, Our City 10:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody Saturday, January 26 12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 1:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 5:00am Public Domain Theater 9:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 11:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 12:30pm Our Schools, Our City 1:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 2:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 3:00pm SHS Hockey vs Watertown 4:30pm Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 5:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 8:30pm Our Schools, Our City 9:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 10:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 11:00pm SHS Hockey vs Watertown Sunday, January 27 12:30am Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 1:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 3:00am Public Domain Theater 9:00am Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 10:00am SHS Hockey vs Revere 11:30am SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 1:00pm Our Schools, Our City 1:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 4:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 6:00pm Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 7:00pm SHS Hockey vs Revere 8:30pm SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers 10:00pm Our Schools, Our City 10:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 11:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody Monday, January 28 1:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 3:00am SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 9:00am Our Schools, Our City 9:30am Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 10:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 12:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Beverly 2:00pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 3:15pm SHS Hockey vs Watertown 4:30pm All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 5:00pm Our Schools, Our City 5:30pm Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 6:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead 8:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Beverly 10:00pm SHS Hockey vs Swampscott 11:15pm SHS Hockey vs Watertown Tuesday, January 29 12:30am All-City Beginners' Winter Concert 1:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 9:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden 11:00am Kennedy K-3 Winter Concert 11:30am Kennedy School 4-8 Winter Concert 12:30pm SHS Hockey vs Gloucester 2:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 4:00pm Argenziano School Winter Concert 5:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Beverly 7:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Beverly 10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Beverly Wednesday, January 30 12:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Beverly 1:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Somerville Poet Dorinda Hale:

Author of 'Disorientation and the Weather'

Poet Dorinda Hale arrived at my table at the Bloc 11 Cafe with a frosted pastry of some kind and a rich, roasted coffee. Hale, who has lived in Somerville since 1974, was here to talk about her first book of poetry released by the Finishing Line Press, *Disorientation and the Weather*.

Hale is originally from a small town in Vermont, and when she moved to Somerville back in the day she found a neighborhood that was peaceful and quiet, much like her seminal grounds in Vermont.

Hale told me, "Somerville is a good place to be. It is a community I feel very comfortable with." In terms of gentrification of the city she told me, "It's great to see all the new babies around town. Gentrification has been responsible for increasing the value of my home. However, it saddens me how everything is so expensive now. I hope the new influx of people will have the same emotional commitment to the community that I experienced decades ago."

Like many poets, Hale has worked a number of different gigs over the years. In the course of her varied career, she has worked as a manager of a commercial translation project for Kodak, had a stint at a junior college, and worked as a freelance editor. She wound up working steadily in the high tech sector until she was laid off.

After leaving the tech industry she asked herself, "What's next?" She has been writing and publishing for years. Her work has appeared in such journals as the *Atlanta Review*, *The Wilderness House Literary Review*, and elsewhere. So she decided to put together a book, thus this new volume.

I asked Hale about one of her poems in her new collection titled *After Grief*. She uses a repeated line "swell of light" in this highly structured villanelle, which is is a nineteen-line poem with two repeating rhymes and two refrains. Hale said of this poem, "It reflected how I felt at my brother's death, and that 'swell of light' that repeatedly turns up in the poem is all about the connection with the dead."

Hale works with both free verse and rhyme. She said, "I write a lot of free verse too, but I like the challenges of rhyme and formal meter."

I asked Hale, "Why should someone read your collection?" She replied, "Because they will feel better. They will find psychological states that are hard to describe, but are familiar. When confronting pain and expressing pain in the poem, well, it can bring comfort."

Hale told me she will be speaking at the Harvard Memorial Church. She will answer a question posed by the minister of the said church after he



perused her book "What do we owe the world?" And I just bet that Hale has the answer.

AFTER GRIEF

She remains in place, a site
and keeps her body with him
unbroken in a swell of light.

He's leaned away, though not in flight
hears a cadence meant for him
yet remains in place, a site

bold and burnished, hers despite
the keen constraint, the spell of rhythm.
Unbroken in a swell of light

our dead can sing to us, invite
a waning heart to shelter: an interim
that remains in place, a site

where porous love may dwell. What sleight
of hand unveiled this layered scrim
now unbroken in a swell of light

and let the soak of ties outright
claim her, hold him, allow them
to remain in place—a site
unbroken—in a swell of light?

— Dorinda Hale

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Susan Tepper was a TWA stewardess during the Vietnam War years and flew with the troops on the charter flights into Vietnam. Today she is the author of seven published books of fiction and poetry. Her newest title, *Monte Carlo Days & Nights*, is set in the South of France and narrated by a stewardess of a later time period. www.susantepper.com.



Tangled

— First published in *Poetry Salzburg Review*

Scrape my face— find
vines and what I want

leave tangled—
there were countries

cut in sections
viable yet invisible
but for leanings— a shoulder

against a train window

raindrops blinding trees
beyond the reach of
what was cold

You clutched a coat
promised again to be sorry.

— Susan Tepper

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Answers

1. January 1971 (1970 season)
2. Houston Texans
3. New England Patriots
4. Lamar Hunt, founder of the AFL
5. *The Best Is Yet to Come*
6. *Three's Company*
7. Dr. Pepper
8. Zero
9. McDonald's
10. Sonny and Cher, *The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour*
11. Willie Nelson
12. Death Valley, California

WSNS 2018-2019 Winter Concert

The West Somerville Neighborhood School presents Songs of Peace and Community. Enjoy performances about peace and community by the K-6th grade classrooms, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade String & Band Ensembles, 7th and 8th grade Chorus, World Percussion, and Orchestra.

Please contact Mr. Darrell with any questions at adarrell@k12.somerville.ma.us




The winners of The Somerville Times Reader’s Choice results for
THE BEST OF SOMERVILLE 2018

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

Readers choices for 2018

Best Idea in 2018:  Bow Market

Worst Idea in 2018:  Announcing the closure of the Ball Sq. Bridge for a year

Best Somerville Food & Restaurants: 

- Best Breakfast: Kelly's Diner, 674 Broadway
- Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: Ball Sq. Cafe, 708 Broadway
- Best Italian Food: Mortadella Head, 20 College Ave.
- Best Italian Specialty Store: Pepe Bocca, 414 Highland Ave.
- Best Portuguese Restaurant: Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St.
- Best Brazilian Restaurant: Oliveira's Steak House, 120 Washington St.
- Best Chinese Food: China Delight, 524 Somerville Ave.
- Best Mexican Food: Tu y Yo Mexican Restaurant, 858 Broadway
- Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway
- Best Seafood Restaurant: Pescatore, 158 Boston Ave.
- Best Local Deli: Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway
- Best Irish Pub: Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave.
- Best Hamburger: Boston Burger Company, 37 Davis Sq.
- Best Roast Beef Sandwich: Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway
- Best Pizza: MidiCi, 463 Assembly Row
- Best Chocolate: Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St.
- Best Donuts: Union Square Donuts, 20 Bow St.
- Best Donuts Outside of Somerville: Demet's Donuts, 199 Mystic Ave. Medford
- Best Bakery: Modelos Market Café, 501 Medford St.
- Best Pies: Petsi Pies, 285 Beacon St.
- Best Cheesecake: 7ATE9 Bakery, 199C Highland Ave.
- Best Local Coffee Shop: Bloc Somerville, 11 Bow St.
- Best Bar for Bands: Thunder Road, 379 Somerville Ave.
- Best Bar/Entertainment: Lucky Strike, 325 Revolution Dr.
- Best Brew: AERONAUT, 14 Tyler St.
- Best Bar/Creative Drinks: The Painted Burro, 219 Elm St.
- Best local Bar: Olde Magoun's Saloon, 518 Medford St.

Best of Somerville Services: 

- Best Doctor: Dr. Luis Henkel, Primary Care, MGH, 440 Foley St.
- Best Medical Services: Mass General Primary Care Assembly Row, 440 Foley St
- Best Dentist: Dental Arts, Davis Sq.
- Best Electrician: David Falcone
- Best Plumber: Mario, T.J. Sillari, Inc., 99 Albion St.
- Best Law Firm: Law Office of Sean O'Donovan, 741 Broadway
- Best Attorney: Attorney Phil Privitera, 59 Union Sq.
- Best Insurance Agency: Wedgewood-Crane & Connolly, 19 College Ave.

- Best Bank: Winter Hill Bank, winterhillbank.com
- Best Bank President: Sandra L. McGoldrick, Winter Hill Bank
- Best Branch Manager: Lisa Ramos, Century Bank
- Best Real Estate Company: The Norton Group, 699 Broadway
- Best Real Estate Broker/Agent: Donald Norton, The Norton Group, 699 Broadway
- Best Real Estate Rental Agent: Clifton Verdieu, The Norton Group, 699 Broadway
- Best Florist: Wagner Floral Designs, 508 Somerville Ave.
- Best Waiter/Waitress: Mount Vernon Waitstaff, 14 Broadway
- Best Cook: Omar Djebbouri, Ball Sq Café, 708 Broadway
- Best Convenient Store: 350 Market, 350 Broadway
- Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St.
- Best Liquor Store: Winter Hill Liquor Mart, 313 Broadway
- Best Barber: Paul McGlashing, Alibrandi's Barber Shop, 194 Holland St.
- Best Hair Salon: Amal Niccoli, 731 Broadway
- Best Gas Station: Good Gas, 345 Medford St.
- Best Mechanic: Edwin Sola, Good Gas, 345 Medford St.
- Best Auto Body: A Plus Autobody,297 Medford St.
- Best Handyman: Bill Faber, Main St.
- Best Pest Exterminator: Best Pest Control Services, 63 Elm St.

Best of Somerville Municipal Services: 

- Best Somerville Department: Water Dept., 17 Franey Rd.
- Best Somerville Official: Alderman Bill White
- Best Somerville DPW /Supervisor: Rick Willette, Director of Operations
- Best City Employee DPW: Tom Barry, DPW-Highway
- Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: John Long, City Clerk
- Best City Elected Politician: Katjana Ballantyne, Alderman, Ward 7 and Board President
- Best Teacher: Victoria Macrokanis, West Somerville Neighborhood School
- Best Nurse: Ann Moran, former Central Hospital nurse
- Best Police Officer: Lieutenant James Polito, Somerville Police
- Best Firefighter: Mike Avery, Somerville Fire

Best of Somerville Arts/Entertainment: 

- Best Somerville Poet: Doug Holder
- Best Photographer: Claudia Ferro
- Best Commentary Writer: William C. Shelton
- Best Somerville Historian: Bob “Monty” Doherty
- Best Somerville Non-Profit Agency: Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave.
- Best Somerville Charity: Somerville Homeless Coalition, 1 Davis Square

Best Creative idea in 2018: 

The Norton Group Real Estate joining Century 21 North East