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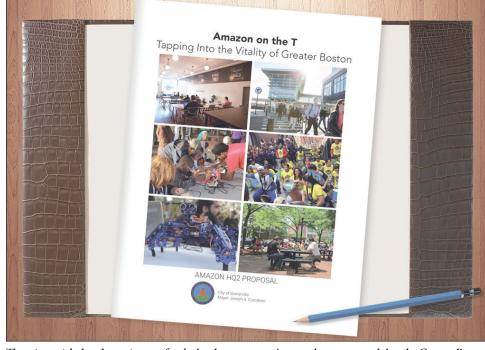


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Boston, Somerville still in the running for Amazon HQ2



There just might be a boom in store for the local economy, as Amazon has announced that the Greater Boston area - including Somerville - is on their short list of contenders for their second headquarters.

By Jim Clark

Last Thursday, it was announced that Amazon had winnowed down its candidates for hosting their second headquarters from 238 to a final 20, with the Boston Metro area - which includes Somerville - making the cut.

Both Boston and Somerville made individual proposals to the online retail giant, and both ended up among the 20 contenders set to be scrutinized for the final phase of site selection. Amazon has announced that it will be making that final decision later this year.

Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone waxed enthusiastic after hearing the news, saying in a statement on Facebook, "I know Amazon can be a polarizing issue, but the Somerville bid has made the final 20 cut for HQ2. We put in a different sort of bid - emphasizing why they should want to be part of what we're doing rather than the other way around, and Continued on page 4

Co-Incidence Festival brings the sound of 'music' to Union Square

By Tom Rose

From the clink of a spoon to the roar of a fire engine, the human ear picks up millions of sounds a day, but it takes an experimental mind to call these various sonic vibrations music. And this week in Somerville, at the Washington Street Art Center, a group of such curious minds has gathered to do just that.

They are here to participate in the second annual Co-Incidence Festival, a gathering of experimental composer-performers for ten days hosted by Non-Event, to expand the definition of art, music and the traditional concert performance.

The festival kicked off Friday with a Welcome Concert in Union Square and further along Washington Street with performances from guest artists Marilyn Arsem, Sarah Pitan, Jennie Gottschalk, and this year's resident artist Joachim Eckl, who performed his piece Sound Bridges. The Austrian Continued on page 16



The Co-Incidence Festival's Artist in Residence, Joachim Eckl, whose performance piece "Sound Bridges" can be enjoyed in Union Square daily through this Friday.

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Everyone is invited to the next Somerville Democratic City Committee General Meeting next Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m. at the Somerville High School Library, 81 Highland Ave. With special guest speakers: Jimmy Tingle, Candidate for Lt. Governor, William Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth; and Jeremiah Thompson, Field Director for the Campaign to Re-Elect Senator Elizabeth Warren. All are welcome. *********

Happy birthday this week to the following: Big time happy birthday to our own Dorothy DiMarzo, who gives us all those delicious recipes every other week. Dorothy is a great lady, with a fantastic sense of humor and our own Somerville "Julia Child." We wish Dorothy the very best of birthdays this week. Check out her recipe for Ricotta Pie in last week's paper or on our website. Another popular birthday person this week is Philip Ercolini, from East Somerville. We wish him a very special birthday. Another East Somerville graduate to FLA is James Robertson. We wish Jimmy the very best as well on this his birthday week. Happy birthday to Katie Lathasha Harris, who is also celebrating this week. Katie is a Somerville lady and is also a teacher at the **Prospect Hill Academy**. We wish her the very best of birthdays as well. Finally, to Nancy Huber Coutoumas, who is celebrating this week as well. We wish her the very best. To everyone else who is celebrating this week that we may have missed, we wish you the very best of birthdays as well.

Our condolences to the family and many friends of Gerald"Jerry" Saint Fleming, who passed away this week at MGH. He had many things ailing him and passed quietly. Jerry leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Mary. He was very well known in political circles both here in Somerville and around the state. His sense of humor and strong will and loyalty to his many friends over the years is hard to find today. Jerry was a good friend of ours here. We don't have the arrangements yet, but we know it's going to be at Doherty's Funeral Home here in Somerville. We will post the details on our website as soon as we get them.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City seeks improvement on snow removal procedures

Not just the city says:

It's not just the city that does things like this it's the private contractors they hire. I walk along Washington st. everyday and after the blizzard I walked from sullivan square T stop to Union square when two trucks from carli fence buried the already shoveled sidewalk with snow again. The city needs to tell this company to slow down when plowing. You can't tell people they have to shovel the walks and then bury them again after they're shoveled.

billy says:

First place they shovel right after a snowstorm or during with full force is the hockey rink . last time I counted about 10-15 workers and 3-4 plows and snow blowers. they push all the snow from the rink turn around right in front of the house that's across from rink covering the driveway. the mound is huge then the owner of the house gets stuck digging out. Carlli Fence is terrible they need to slow down and not throw all the snow onto shoveled sidewalks. I remember one time when I was shoveling the sidewalk I noticed that the Carli fence worker kept driving around the block but wouldn't put his plow down then once I went inside I watched him come around the corner at full speed and throw all the snow back on my side walk.

Matt C says:

If you want more services, be willing and able to pay for them. This stuff doesn't come for free.

#thanksnothanks says:

Thanks for the tip, Matt C, but I already pay for the maintenance of the roads and public ways as well as for public safety, which includes snow and ice removal. I pay for them through state and city taxes, property taxes, excise taxes, residential parking permits, and guest parking permits, along with all of the other miscellaneous fees collected by the city. It's not our fault if the Mayor chooses to spend that money frivolously on street festivals, road races, developers, etc.

Matt c says:

I've never heard of a town or city in the state that plows residential sidewalks... I'd love to know who does and what the pay in property tax.

Jim G. says:

The point is being missed. We're not debating whether residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks, we're calling out the city and private contractors for slopping snow back onto sidewalks while plowing and not taking responsibility for it. This is wrong.

Genie Geronimo says:

If by "back onto sidewalks" you mean you put your sidewalk snow on the street to begin with then you should be ticketed. But for a 36" wide access path all the street snow should be ON the sidewalk if the city is doing its job properly. That way people can walk on sidewalks and cars can park safely.

MarketMan says:

Matt C: There are places that do that. Maybe not in MA though. In any case, it would be cheaper and safer and more consistent for everyone to pay into a fund that clears all sidewalks. Imagine if we expected each resident to clear the road section in front of them.

Matt C says:

Marketman – put together a ballot initiative – I'm sure it would pass

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Eat chili and help raise money for victims of domestic violence

By Emily Blackwood

When Respond Inc. was founded in 1974, domestic violence didn't exist in the judicial system.

"Back then they didn't even call it domestic violence," said Respond Inc.'s Chief Programs Officer Amanda Reichmuth. "It was within your rights to abuse your spouse."

Today, the nonprofit serves more than 150,000 members of the community with its emergency hotline, domestic violence shelter and prevention and education programs. Reichmuth says they're able to help even more victims of abuse by partnering with police departments to collaborate on cases where the victim is at the highest risk of being killed.

"We had a client who wanted to participate in her abuser's trial, but was very fearful," Reichmuth said. "On the day of court, she said if we weren't going, she wasn't either."

But she did go, and the attorneys told her that if she hadn't showed up, her abuser probably wouldn't have plead guilty.

"By her being there she was

able to express about how the abuse had affected her. She got to get up there and let him know that she wasn't broken. She was moving on."

Getting to that point is a different process for every victim of abuse. Reichmuth said the situations Respond Inc.'s clients are in are often far more complicated than people realize.

> "There's no perfect recipe for how someone can be safer"

"There's no perfect recipe for how someone can be safer," she said. "People just don't have a firm grasp on how multifaceted the abuse can be."

Respond Inc. is able help so many people escape domestic violence because of community support. Events like the upcoming 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off help raise money to fund the educational programs and shelter



Volunteers such as Cristina Ruiz and Sandra Lee from last year's event will be at the ready, helping to make the 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off a raging success.

for the victims.

Four local chefs will compete for the coveted Chili Cook-Off Trophy by winning over the taste buds of the celebrity judges. The event also features

and, of course, a hot sauce tasting contest.

Tickets cost \$25. The event runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 and will be held at

spicy drinks, spicy ice cream Holiday Inn Boston Bunker Hill, 30 Washington St.

> For more information visit www.respondinc.org. For crisis support, call RESPOND's hotline at 617-623-5900.

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Somerville attorney receives **Lifetime Honor from Prince Hall African Grand Lodge 459**

On December 8, 2017, Somerville attorney Philip Privitera was named an Honorary Lifetime brother of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall African Grand Lodge #459 at its 226th Annual Communication in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Founded on July 3, 1776, the Most Worshipful African Grand Lodge #459 changed its name officially to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in 1847 out of respect for its founding father, abolitionist, and first Grand Master, Prince Hall.



Attorney Phil Privitera and Yves-R. Maignan, the 71st Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Master for Massachusetts.

There are now approximately 5,000 lodges and 47 Grand Lodges who trace their origins to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, jurisdiction Massachusetts.

Annually, Privitera participates in the Memorial Day rededication of the Prince Hall Cemetery in an area of Arlington located in the outskirts of present day Somerville. Privitera was twice invited to be a guest speaker at the annual Memorial Day ceremony.

Upon receiving the Prince Hall Lifetime Honor, Phil Privitera commented that it was one of the most touching moments of his life. He further reflected that he aspires to be a founding member of a joint lodge where a person can be a brother of both Masonic Jurisdictions simultaneously (i.e. the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Freemasons) without receiving a special dispensation or the hallowed distinction bestowed upon Privitera.

Phil Privitera is the presiding Worshipful Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Mystic Valley in Arlington, Massachusetts, and a familiar face at Somerville's King Solomon's Lodge at 125 Highland Avenue.

For more information on Prince Hall Freemasonry see go to www.princehall.org or to the Massachusetts Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry website at www. massmasons.org.

WINCE IN CIRI By Jim Clark

He'll be in the basement, if not at Dunkies

Police officers were dispatched to a Perkins St. residence last Thursday on reports of a felony breaking and entering.

Upon arrival, the officers spoke to the reporting party, the victim of the breaking and entering, who told them that when he came down to the basement to his laundry from the washer to the dryer, he noticed that approximately half of his laundry was missing.

He reportedly told police that he proceeded to look around the basement and noticed the suspect, later identified as James Mento, standing in the corner.

The victim asked Mento who he was and he reportedly stated, "I'm Jimmy. I am visiting the guy on the third floor." The victim said he informed Mento that he was the tenant on the third floor.

Mento then reportedly made an advance toward the victim, putting him in fear and making him feel that he had to defend himself. He was able to push Mento away from him, and retreat.

According to the victim's account, Mento ran out the door in an unknown direction.

While searching the area, police located two duffel bags, as well as drug paraphernalia and a hood that matched the victim's description of Mento's coat.

The officers also noticed several bags of Dunkin' Donuts trash and napkins. Other officers notified the responding officers that they found a male matching Mento's description at the Dunkin' Donuts on Cambridge St. in Charlestown.

The responding officers drove the victim to the Dunkin' Donuts, where he positively identified Mento as the intruder in his basement.

Mento was placed under arrest on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a class C drug.

At the station, Mento was read his Miranda rights and he reportedly told police that he understood his rights and would be willing to talk with them.

According to reports, Mento stated that he met a woman at Sullivan Station and she told him about the basement that he could stay in. Mento reportedly told police that the woman stays there as well and he only knows her by her first name.

Mento reportedly said that he only went to the building that morning and that he didn't break in, that he was only trespassing.

When asked if he has permission to be in the home, Mento reportedly admitted that he did not.

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Arrests:

Kion Thomas, of 118 Devon St., Dorchester, January 15, 6:01 p.m., arrested at Bonair St. on a charge of attempt to commit a crime.

Donese Ball, of 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, January 15, 7:30 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of assault and

Carlos Ramirez, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, January 16,

10:08 a.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of larceny over \$250 and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Luis Rodriguez, of 330 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown, January 16, 6:29 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and attaching wrong motor vehicle, and on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Marvin Alvarez-Hernandez, January 17, 8:56 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of trespassing.

David Blake, of 112 South Hampton, Roxbury, January 17, 7:14 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, witness intimidation, possession of a class A drug.

James Mento, January 18, 8:49 a.m., arrested at Perkins St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering, and on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a class C drug.

Joseph Barry, of 23 Boulevard Rd., Arlington, January 20, 12:33 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Richard Wheeler, of 9 Chester, Cambridge, January 20, 3:19 p.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of malicious wanton defacement of property and false fire alarm.

Matthew Callahan, of 17 Charnwood Rd., January 20, 9:37 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of resisting arrest, malicious wanton defacement of property, and possession of marijuana.

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Boston, Somerville still in the running for Amazon HQ2

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tying in public transit. Obviously that caught their attention."

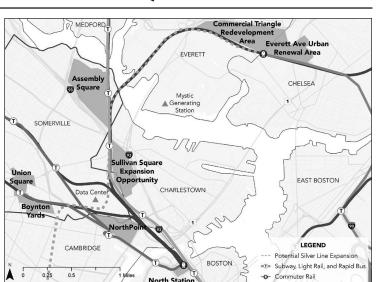
The mayor went on to state, "Commercial growth is one of the three key elements to our long range community plan, along with new housing and increased open space. Just making this cut alongside a slew of major cities reaffirms just how attractive a business location Somerville has become. It's not a matter of if we can achieve our desired commercial growth (which shifts the local tax burden away from residents), it's a matter of who and how soon. Unmistakably, businesses are looking to locate in transit-oriented, vibrant urban areas like ours."

The remaining 19 cities selected for further consideration are Columbus, OH, Dallas, TX, Denver, CO, Indianapolis, IN, Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, Montgomery County, MD, Nashville, TN, Newark, NJ, New York City, NY, Northern

Virginia, VA, Philadelphia, PA, Pittsburgh, PA, Raleigh, NC, Toronto, ON, Washington D.C., Atlanta, GA, Austin, TX, and Chicago, IL.

Amazon intends to invest over \$5 billion in the city it ultimately chooses. Some 50,000 high-paying jobs are expected to be created in the process.

While some consider Somerville and Boston's chances for selection to be marginally feasible, many others remain optimistic.



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Somerville receives \$98,000 in state grants for police and fire

Last week, Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Public Safety Secretary Daniel Bennett announced that 14 police and fire departments have received \$3,015,000.00 in state grants to assist municipalities in maintaining public safety and emergency response core services. These funds may be used to restore, retain or hire police and fire personnel or for overtime if needed to provide adequate shift coverage to maintain appropriate staffing levels.

"Our administration values the work that our public safety partners perform each day in cities and towns across the Commonwealth," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Through these funds, we are pleased to support the essential role that local law enforcement plays in making Massachusetts a safer state for all."

"Support through the MUNI program allows our partners in local law enforcement to effectively carry out the vital roles they take on every day," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We are proud to award this year's grants to help cities and towns in Massachusetts better serve their residents by maintaining their public safety staffing needs,"

The Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant (MUNI) program assists eligible municipalities to maintain public safety and emergency response services by helping them address police and/or fire department staffing necessities. Nine municipalities submitted applications on behalf of their police departments and five municipalities also requested funding for their fire departments.

SHS students intern while renovating their own school

By Mario Sousa

Suffolk Construction has recently accepted Emily Sabatino and Jennifer Cremone as interns for the renovation of the new high school.

These two Somerville High School seniors from the Residential Carpentry program will be pursuing their career interests in Construction Management through this internship for the remainder of the year.

Both non-traditional students have participated in the Carpentry program since freshmen year while continu-



ing a rigorous academic course load at Somerville High.

This opportunity will allow Emily and Jen an opportunity for career training and experience as these seniors prepare for their future in Construction after high school.

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Somerville student apologizes for 911 calls

As a joke, a few students recently made prank calls to 911. After Officer Isaacs made his way over to the school, he was able to locate the parents of the students and speak with the students about the importance of 911 for emergencies. A student was so sorry for the prank calls he made, he wrote Officer Isaacs and the department a letter of apology, seen here.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of January 15-19. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

NET NEUTRALITY

Senate 39-0, approved the creation of a 7-member Senate committee to review the Federal Communications Commission's December 14th ruling that repealed a 2015 Obama-era net neutrality regulation. The ruling overturned the regulation that required Internet service providers to treat all data on the Internet the same and barred them from blocking or slowing down traffic or offering "paid fast lanes." The committee's is charged with making recommendations and/or filing legislation that would protect Massachusetts consumers.

The members of the committee were quickly appointed and Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) will lead the effort.

"This special committee will give the Senate a chance to learn about the difficulties our constituents and businesses may face with the federal government's wrongheaded net neutrality repeal," said Senate President Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). "It is my hope that we can respond to the federal government in a way that best serves the residents of the commonwealth."

The first public hearing of the committee is in Room 437 of the Statehouse at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6. (A "Yes" vote is for creating the committee.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

COST OF COLLEGE (S 2184)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House 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 federal government, to assist with the financial part of 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 said 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 argued it is difficult to compare costs when they are presented in a different way by each school.

"This bill represents an inexpensive solution that, starting in the 2019-2020 academic year, would help students find the colleges that will graduate them on time and with as little debt as possible," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell). "Given our knowledge-based economy and the increasing costs of earning a degree, the commonwealth needs to empower young people and their families with easily digestible data so that students can best position themselves to pursue careers free from unnecessarily burdensome student loans."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ILLEGAL HUNTING (S 2248)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would increase penalties for illegal hunting, also

known as poaching.

Provisions include increasing the fine for hunting bears or bobcats with the aid of a dog or bait from a range of \$300 to \$1,000 to a higher range of \$1,000 to \$5,000; raising the prison sentence from up to six months in prison to a year in prison; and increasing penalties for serial poachers who repeatedly break the law.

"As a former environmental police officer, and as an avid outdoorsman, I recognize that poaching is not only a concern for animal protection advocates and conservationists, but also law-abiding hunters," said sponsor Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury). "Poachers cheat the system and gain an unfair advantage over lawful hunters. This bill will give law enforcement officers new tools to prevent poaching and to hold offenders accountable for their criminal acts."

The measure also makes the Bay State a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a reciprocal agreement among 45 other states that allows state law enforcement agencies to share information with the other states.

It recognizes the suspension of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses in all states that are members of the compact. Any person whose license is suspended in a member state would also have his or her license suspended in all other member states in which that conviction would be a violation resulting in suspension.

The Senate approved a similar bill in 2016 but the House never acted on it.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REVIEW SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICIES OF THE SENATE (S 2262) - The Senate approved the creation of a 9-member committee to review the sexual harassment policies and procedures of the Senate. The committee, chaired by Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem), has until May 15 to report its findings and make recommendations.

"The Senate has a responsibility to its members, its employees, and to all those who do business here to ensure that all are given the fullest protections from workplace sexual harassment," Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler said in a statement. "I have full confidence that Sen. Lovely and this committee will make certain that the Senate's sexual harassment policies are modern, comprehensive and thorough."

CROSSBOW HUNTING (S 2249) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would repeal the current law that allows only permanently disabled hunters to use a crossbow if their disability precludes them from using a conventional bow and arrow. If the bill is signed into law, Massachusetts would join 32 other states that currently allow crossbow hunting for non-disabled individuals. A crossbow is mounted horizontally on a stock and fired with a trigger unlike a regular archery bow, which is held vertically. Crossbows don't require the strength needed to use a regular bow.

Supporters said the bill is designed to help seniors and younger people who don't have the strength to shoot a

regular bow and arrow but are not disabled and under current law are not allowed to use a crossbow. "I appreciate the support for moving this forward," said sponsor Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer). "Crossbows have been used for years and this commonsense change will allow sportsmen, who have been unable to hunt, due in part to father time, get back outdoors and do what they love."

Opponents said a crossbow is more powerful than a regular bow and arrow and argued that expanding their use increases the possibility of accidents, injuries and even death.

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS (S 2246) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a proposal that would allow only certified and licensed real estate appraisers to appraise property for real estate transactions. Current law allows a person who is not certified as a real estate appraiser to appraise real estate in connection with non-federally related transactions for compensation.

"This bill is primarily about consumer protection", said Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). "Current law allows unlicensed and unregulated individuals to provide real estate appraisals to unwary consumers in a number of significant transactions such as estate settlements, divorce, or in litigation. This bill will ensure that such appraisals are provided by a professional who has met the appropriate education and training requirements and is accountable to the licensing board."

A similar measure was approved by the Senate and House in 2016 but it died awaiting further action in the House.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPROVES BILLS

- The Education Committee gave a favorable report and recommended passage of several bills including:

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS IN SCHOOLS (S 251) - Creates a grant program to finance the costs of purchasing and installing water bottle filling station equipment in school buildings, playgrounds and athletic fields. The measure recommends the program be funded with at least \$2 million but the money is still subject to legislative approval.

Provisions include requiring schools that apply for grants to test for lead and copper and install a filtered filling station when elevated levels of those chemicals are present; requiring that grants be prioritized for school districts serving low-income communities that often have less access to safe drinking water than wealthier districts with newer infrastructure; and encouraging the proliferation of bottle filling stations in public buildings.

"The habits that children make can stick with them their whole lives," said sponsor Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton). "Something seemingly as innocuous as a soda or sweetened juice can cause dental and health issues over time, and the kids who drink bottled water are contributing to harmful plastic pollution. I filed this bill in order to ensure that children not only have access to safe drinking water in their schools, but that the water comes from a sustainable source. Water bottle filling stations are an inexpensive way to engage children in issues of healthy hydration and environmental consciousness while helping them create healthful habits that last a lifetime."

FINANCIAL LITERACY (S 249) - Requires the state to develop and allow cities and towns to

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institute a program to teach financial literacy to students in pre-kindergarten to grade 12. The topics covered would include understanding banking and financial services, loans, interest, credit card debt, online commerce, renting or buying a home, saving, investing and planning for retirement, balancing a checkbook, state and federal taxes and charitable giving.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (H 2021) -

Promotes local control, increased funding and effective training of School Resource Officers (SROs). These officers are police officers and other law-enforcement officers who work directly in schools and provide law enforcement and security services to all public-school students.

Supporters said studies show that students who feel safe in school are more focused in class, have higher academic achievement and have fewer absences.

Provisions include creation of an SRO Training Program with the focus on topics including adolescent development, school building security and conflict resolution; strict limits on SRO involvement in traditional school discipline issues, including non-violent disruptive behavior; and an increase in some motor vehicle violations in order to increase funding of SROs which is totally funded out of existing fines.

"This bill clarifies local agreements between schools and police, funds critical SRO training, and promotes a positive school environment," said House sponsor Rep. Jim Cantwell (D-Marshfield). "We entrust our SROs with securing the safety of our children and schools, and so we have a duty to provide these officers with the tools they need to be successful."

Ben Thomas, a legislative aide to Cantwell, is the co-author of a national report "School Resource Officers: Steps to Effective School-based Law Enforcement," on which Cantwell's bill is based.

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"School Resource Officer (SRO) programs that are implemented and sustained through an organized and comprehensive process can help prevent school-based violence, connect at-risk students to needed services, divert youth from juvenile court; and create safe, secure and peaceful school environments," concluded the re-

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special Amazon Edition

Amazon announced that Boston and Somerville made the cut from 238 to 20 in Amazon's high stakes search for the city in which to build its second headquarters, create an estimated 50,000 jobs and boost the local economy.

"Choose Boston and next year when you leave your tiny \$4,000-a-month apartment only to sit in two hours of traffic trying to make your way to an overburdened [Logan] airport, you'll be wishing you were in New Hampshire." — One of New Hampshire's zingers aimed at the Bay State as part of the Granite State's pitch for the headquarters back in October. New Hampshire did not make the cut.

"This is a great statement about the quality of life, the quality of the workforce and the quality of the people and the institutions that make up Massachusetts." — Gov. Charlie Baker.

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

During the week of January 15-19, the House met for a total of three hours and 18 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 37 minutes.

Mon. January 15	No House session No Senate session.
Tues. January 16	House 11:03 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Wed. January 17	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 18	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Fri. January 19	No House session

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

No Senate session

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

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

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	27	\$997,000	\$897,000				
2 unit, 12 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	20	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000				
2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$1,125,000	\$1,165,000				
3 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	30	\$1,189,000	\$1,189,000				
3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	26	\$1,200,000	\$1,210,000				
2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	66	\$1,248,900	\$1,130,000				
2 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	18	\$1,400,000	\$1,340,000				
16 unit, 47 total room, 24 total bedroom 5+ Family	11	\$5,000,000	\$5,400,000				
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Elder Services Board elects new officers for 2018

By Nathan Lamb

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge.

The agency operates under a local volunteer board of directors, which recently elected new officers for 2018. The new officers are:

President: Susann Wilkinson (Somerville) holds an MSW and MPH, and has done a wide range of organizational consulting, specializing in health and human services, for clients such as the Veterans Health Administration and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. An SCES board member since 2009, Wilkinson also helps facilitate the community-based initiative, Saying Put in Cambridge-Somerville.

Vice President: Elizabeth Aguilo (Cambridge) is executive director of Paine Elder Services in Cambridge. Aguilo holds an MSW and previously worked at SCES and the Cambridge



The Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services board of directors recently elected new officers: (seated, from left) Vice President Liz Aguilo, President Susann Wilkinson, Clerk Leslie Hergert, and Treasurer Roma Mayur. Also in the photo are board members, from left, Lois Simon, Susan Pacheco, Henry Parker, Jan Mattimoe, Neal A. Winston, Edna Stamp, Ellen Ellis Pearline Hines Mel Simms, Lily Owyang. Not pictured: Kathryn Erat, Laura Ramsay, and Anna Rebelo.

Health Alliance. She has served on the SCES board since 2006.

Treasurer: Roma Mayur (Cambridge) is Vice President in the Business Banking Group of the Cambridge Trust Company. In addition to financial studies, she also holds an MSW. Appointed by the Cambridge Council on Aging, Mayur has served with the board since 2000.

Clerk: Leslie Hergert (Somerville) holds a doctorate in administration and social policy.

During her career as an educator, she specialized in professional and organizational development to transform learning experiences for middle and high school students. She was appointed to the board in 2016.

For more information about Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

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and speak to the Assignment Editor

Treasure Hunting with Bob

BADAMS



Everything must go

I sell everything eventually and the beauty of what I sell is, it isn't perishable. If I don't sell it in a week, it won't go bad or out of styleit's already 50 to 200 years old. It just gets more antiquey (is that a word?).

Sometimes, if the item has a good easily

searched for name or description (Tiffany, gold, diamond, etc.), I'll post it on eBay. It has to be findable because of all the millions of items on eBay. Otherwise, it'll just get lost. eBay offers a service where they'll notify you if something gets posted for sale. It's a great service. You don't have to be searching constantly, they'll send you an email notifying you.

I recently listed a pair of Sheffield tureens made by a well-known manufacturer in the early 1800's. So, anyone wanting a pair of tureens will get an email in a few hours of the posting. I bought them at the Goodwill for \$13 for the pair (how they ended up here in Somerville is a mystery to me).

I'll start the items on eBay as an auction. If it doesn't sell after a 5-day auction, I'll relist it as a buy it now with a 10% discount and a make-me-an-offer listing. If I get no offers,

I send it to auction at Everything But The House. If it is a karat gold item, I usually send it off to the refiner and be done with it. Sometimes if it doesn't pass muster at eBay, I'll send stuff off to a consignment shop. It all depends on the item.

I don't do this one at a time, I'll wait until I get a few boxes of stuff before I bring them to auction or consignment. So, I sell about 50% of the things I originally list on eBay, which charges the least (13%) of any auction, but you have to do all the work. Consignment is 50%, eBay is 40%. If it's too beat-up for me to sell, I'll donate it to a local second-hand chain (Savers) where I get a 30% coupon to buy more stuff with. It's a wicked circle.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #145

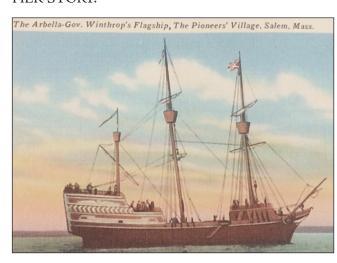
Somerville - Her Story

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Through the years, much has been said about the heroic men who touched or stirred the hills of Somerville.

- Myles Standish was the first European to explore her elevations.
- Paul Revere began his famous ride through East Somerville and over Winter Hill to Lexington.
- George Washington's troops raised the first American flag on Prospect Hill.
- Marine Sergeant Henry Hansen was one of the flag raisers at Iwo Jima.

The city also boasts an impressive list of heroic women and how some men recognized them. Here is part of HFR-STORY



- The lead ship, bringing the first puritans and the Massachusetts Charter to the Mystic shores was named after one of its passengers. Her name was Lady Arbella, daughter of the Earl Of Lincoln. The ship's name, originally called the Eagle, was changed in her honor.
- Anne Adams Tufts was considered one of America's first heroines. After the Battle of Bunker Hill, she tended to many wounded American soldiers in her Winter Hill home. Following the siege of Boston, she also nursed prisoners brought here regardless of their uniform.
- Betty Davis, one of the biggest Hollywood legends to grace the silver screen, lived across from Teele Square's Firehouse Engine Six on Westminster Street and later on College Avenue near Davis Square. She coined the name "Oscar" for the prestigious actor's award; and at one time, she was



the most highly paid female in the country.

- Tallulah Bankhead, daughter, niece, and granddaughter of three United States senators, stood firmly on her own talent as an actress. She performed like many other stars at the Somerville Theatre.
- Former Somerville brothers, Charles and Joseph Revson, founded the Revlon Cosmetics' empire, which was based on the aesthetic likes and dislikes of American woman.
- New Year's Day, January 1, 1906, was the date the Fuller Brush Company opened its cellar door on Windom Street near Davis Square. Initially inspired by ideas and purchases of Somerville women and beyond, Alfred Fuller's company became a household name. In 1950 Lucille Ball stared in the film "The Fuller Brush Girl" which some say credit the beginning of our love of Lucy.

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Dear Little Black Boy and Girl Project

By Genevieve Bien-Aime

For the past month, inside the Somerville Media Center, Essence bestselling author, Tia Hines, and media producer, Crystal Chandler, have been steadily filming men, women, boys and girls of all ages for a project they're collaborating on called Dear Little Black Girl & Dear Little Black Boy.

Hines was working on her sneaker restoration project under her non-profit, Black Girl Karate, and needed sound bites, images and positive affirmations for black children. An internet search led her to the poems aptly title Dear Black Boy and Dear Black Girl by Derryck Potten, a Nevada based poet. She shared the poems with Chandler, whom she had brought on board for the sneaker project, and immediately they both knew they would be embarking on a new project together.

"When Crystal and I get to-

gether, we start talking and our brains start going," Hines commented when viewed this past Sunday at the Somerville Media Center. "I read the poem to her and she [Chandler] was like 'Oh, yeah! We have to do that."

Within a week's time, Chandler took the lead as producer and had booked use of the main studio as the project's home base. She also put out a call to action on her social media asking for volunteers to participate.

For adults, she and Hines requested that they read the poems from a teleprompter, while also asking parents for permission to take b-roll (or background footage) of their children. In addition to reading the poem, volunteers are given the opportunity to share their own specially prepared affirmations.

While interviewing Hines, a young man by the name of Wansley Francois was in the



Crystal Chandler (L) photographs Wansley Francois (R) after reading for the Dear Little Black Boy project.

— Photos by Genevieve Bien-Aime

studio reading lines for the project. After his session wrapped up, I asked him about why he chose to take part, and he said, "I've been itching to do something and actually get involved in the community. This project takes the cake because it allowed me to say something that is going to be shown to other people. I'm grateful."

Wansley also shared his affirmation with me out loud. He recited, "Dear Little Black Boy, You were born to rule. To conquer. To question the status quo. You were born a lion, so roar. Let it be known. You are a king." Lastly he added, "My affirmation was something really personal to me, because I've been trying to say some of these things to myself quite often."

When asked what the overall vision for the project was Chandler replied, "The goal of the project is to really flood the internet with positive affirmations, words and images for little black boys and girls because there isn't enough of that. We have a lot of negative messages embedded into American society, especially for black children. With this project we want to combat a lot of those negative images and messages."

Since filming began the weekend of December 30, more than one hundred people have signed up. With one final weekend left for filming before the project goes into editing mode, Hines and Chandler are still taking volunteers.

For more information or to learn how you can be a part of it, visit www.thecrystallens.com/ dear-little.

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Creative Director, Tia Hines, (L) and Producer, Crystal Chandler (R) smile for the camera. The sneakers pictured are samples from Hines' sneaker restoration project.

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CPA community meeting, January 24

The Somerville Community Preservation Committee invites all interested community members to hear about the FY 2018 Community Preservation Act (CPA) historic resources and open space/recreational land project proposals before the Community Preservation Committee, and offer feedback on which deserve to receive funding, at two community meetings in January. The second will be held on Wednesday, January 24. at 7 p.m., and will be held in the community room at the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) at 259 Lowell St. Parking is extremely limited at the VNA, so please make arrangements to walk, bike, or carpool if possible, or use street parking. Written comments on the applications will also be accepted through Thursday, February 22, 2018. The applications are available online at www.somervillema.gov/CPA2018. Email comments to kstelljes@somevillema.gov. For more information, contact Emily Monea at 617-625-6600 x2118 or emonea@somervillema.gov.

COMMENTARY

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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.

15% fewer crashes, but...:

In 2017, 15% fewer crashes were reported on city-owned roadways, which was a marked decline from the previous year. By the numbers: there were 636 crashes in 2016 and 538 in 2017, or 98 fewer crashes this year. But while any decrease is encouraging, it is still early to draw any certain conclusions from this drop. Crash reports tend fluctuate year-to-year. The 2017 total also follows a spike in accidents in 2015 and 2016. So we need to continue to monitor this over the long-term. We also can't allow ourselves to settle for the old standard of simply striving to decrease crashes overall. We also need to eliminate the kinds of crashes that do the most harm. This will be no simple task, but

it's possible.

Somerville is a member of the VisionZero movement, which means our ultimate goal is to have no traffic-related fatalities or serious injuries on City right of ways. This is vital to public safety. In 2017, 12 persons were seriously injured on our right of ways, and in recent years that number has been as high as 24. While we will never be able to eliminate all accidents, we can strive to ensure that when accidents do happen, that our community members have the best chance possible to walk away without serious harm. Strategic traffic calming, design changes, and infrastructure investments are our key tools—along with data analysis. Over the longterm, we should have good insight into whether our specific interventions, such as the traffic pattern changes in Union Square, are working, or not. The VisionZero credo is that traffic deaths and serious injuries are not inevitable. I hope you'll join us in working to help prove that.

\$5 monthly Hubway memberships for SNAP participants:

As part of an effort to increase transportation equity, Somerville and several other Hubway communities recently launched the 'SNAP Card to Ride' program. The program provides \$5 monthly and \$50 annual memberships for Hubway bike sharing to people over the age of 16 with a household EBT card. Registration is available at www. thehubway.com/SNAP. We are also looking into ways to expand this program to other low-income individuals in the future.

These new Hubway users, along with other Hubway members, will also soon have even more locations and safe routes where they can hop on a Hubway bike and ride in Somerville. To further boost opportunities for residents and visitors to choose cost-effect bicycle transportation within Somerville, the City plans to add nine new Hubway stations and two additional miles of protected, lowstress bike lanes in 2018.

\$10 million dollars for STEM programs in Somerville and Cambridge schools:

It's easy to focus solely on the staggering number when you get a significant grant like the \$10 million that the Biogen Foundation recently committed for STEM programming in Somerville and Cambridge. But think about this in terms of a much smaller number: one, as in

one student and one spark. This 4-year award will fund nonprofits to collaborate with our two school districts on creative science, technology, engineering, and math programs. That means that as our students explore these areas through innovative approaches and with a range of educators, the likelihood that they'll experience that spark that game-changing moment where you discover a passion, a deep curiosity, or determination to learn more - just shot up. I'm looking forward to these programs creating aha moments for our future researchers, doctors, and inventors. We often talk about education in aggregate terms such as whole schools or districts, but it's good to remember that what we are trying to build each day in our schools is the potential of individual lives. We're fortunate to have Biogen as a committed partner in that effort.

Oodles of families:

Ok, "oodles" is clearly not an official number, but oodles of families is the best way to describe the big turnout for the library's recent Drag Kings, Queens, and Friends Storytime event where beloved Boston area drag performers and friends read from

their favorite children's books like "It's Okay to be Different" by Todd Parr. Library Director Glenn Ferdman reports it drew "the biggest crowd we've ever had in our auditorium." As another person described it, "Everyone I know with a toddler was there." You just have to love Somerville for its welcoming, warm, and often fun-spirited embrace of diversity in all its forms as well as the community's consistently strong support for and celebration of our LGTBQ neighbors and friends. We should all also be proud to have a library that puts on such creative, inclusive programming. Next up? A craft brewing workshop with Aeronaut Brewery. Really. At the library.

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 monthly 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 http://www.somervillema.gov/datafarm/.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Somerville Elected Officials in Ward 5, Ward 6 and At Large,

I want to make you aware that as another challenging winter has come upon us with bitter cold conditions, and again the Benjamin Brown School Building is encountering challenges. This time the issue is with the heating systems. A few weeks ago as temperatures dropped into the teens the heating system in a first floor classroom broke down (2nd Grade - Mrs. Lynch Class.). The two second grade classrooms had to share a classroom for the day, which as you know is a very challenging and disruptive situation. I immediately contacted the principal that morning and expressed my concern regarding the potential damage that could be caused by freezing pipes. This should be a standard concern from anyone with experience in building facilities and construction. Luckily the issue was resolved within a day and the building experienced no damage.

This past Tuesday, January 16th the

temperature in a 2nd Floor Classroom (5th Grade - Ms. Lynch) on the opposite side of the building dropped and the situation was not addressed as promptly. I was told by staff that the room experienced freezing temperatures all day on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning as was to be expected the sprinkler lines froze causing a burst pipe and significant damage to the classroom. It is perplexing why the City of Somerville did not bring in portable heaters or find alternates ways to keep the building temperatures from dropping to freezing levels to avoid this building failure and allowed the damage to happen. Also note that the team brought in to stop the leak had problems finding the valve to stop the water which did not allow them to stop the extent of the damage. The water leak affected the classroom below (1st Grade - Ms Voigt). As you can imagine in a school that is already tight for space, it has been very disruptive to relocate 2 classrooms to other spaces: the art room and the music room. The art room apparently is extremely overheated and

students come in with fans and summer clothes under their winter coats.

All these events have happened and other than a call on Wednesday night from the school principal and a follow-up e-mail last night from him, we have not had any updates or information on the matter from the City. I am told the heating system is still not working properly and failures continue to happen, which means potential damage could happen again and displace and disrupt the entire school just as in 2015 when the girls bathroom roof collapsed. It is concerning that every time we encounter a harsh winter the Benjamin Brown School Building is challenged and experiences damages. It is hard not to think the City of Somerville is being negligent with regards to the maintenance and upkeep of this building and is putting its children and staff at risk.

I would like to ask our elected official to inquire about the conditions of the Benjamin Brown Building and demand a full report on its conditions with recommended repairs from a third party.

(Do note that any Architectural or Engineering firm will not do, you need a firm that has experience in existing buildings.) The report should include recommended repairs and a timeline as to when they should happen. Perhaps this report already exists.

In the meantime the City should host a meeting with Benjamin Brown School parents to give us a full report on recent events and what is their plan of action. The lack of communication leads one to believe the City is being purposefully negligent and has no interest in the Benjamin Brown School and its students, faculty and families; or has any concerns about the school's safety with regards to the building conditions.

Thank you in advance for your help and your prompt action on this issue would be greatly appreciated. Our children's well being is potentially at stake and we hope that you take this matter seriously.

Beatriz Gomez Somerville

COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times



It's a frustrating situation. The mere fact that one has to dig out after a whopper of a snowstorm is bad enough, but when it just keeps coming – oh, the misery!

Compound that misery with the unfortunate realization that city or privately contracted snow plows have piled the stuff right back onto your freshly scraped clean sidewalk - it's enough to send you right up the wall.

In actuality, it sends you right back outside, with shovel in hand, duty bound to clear the path and make way for more of the white terror to strike down its wrath.

Is it fair? It doesn't seem so. The city requires - under penalty of fines - each resident to make sure the sidewalks outside their homes are shoveled after a significant amount of snowfall. Even if the people clearing the streets accidentally – we

hope – throw some of it back onto your walkway.

No, it doesn't seem fair at all. Especially for those who find it hard to do the initial clearing in the first place. The elderly and disabled in particular would be hard pressed to keep up with it during the severe winter storms that often hit the city. Some hire the more able-bodied to clear their sidewalks, but few can afford

to keep paying for that time after time, just because of a few careless or uncaring snow plow operators who somehow manage to put the stuff in the wrong place.

We hope that the city takes a good look at the issue – as they have indicated that they would – and find some reasonable solution to a very real problem for some of our residents.

It's only fair.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Out of the MGH and coming along fine is our famous local barber, Tony Alibrandi. He's back home now and we hear he's itching to get back to work at the shop. We hope that will happen soon. A lot of his customers miss him. But fear not. Paul, his able bodied assistant is handling everything. He's doing a good job, but even Paul wants Tony back to work.

A speedy hurry up and come home – this time for longer – to former **School Committee** lady from Ward 6, **Julie Tarpey-DiPasquale**, who is back in MGH. We hope she's on the mend.

Another one in and out of MGH is **Dan O'Meara**, a great guy. We hope he's back home soon with **Joan**, his lovely wife, and back to see his friends at **Sally's**.

In and out of MGH is our good friend Charlie Chisholm. On top of all the stuff that's going on with him in rehab, he caught an infection and was sent back immediately. Now we hear he's in Danvers at Hawthorne Hills rehab. Hopefully, he comes home to enjoy his new house in Stoneham soon.

Best wishes for a quick recovery to Kathi Fee, who recently underwent major surgery and had a slight relapse, but is now home again and recovering. We wish her the very best for getting back on her feet again real soon. Kathi is the wife of Eamon Fee. Both are great and kind hearted people.

Demets Donuts in Medford is getting very busy, but those donuts and the large variety are like the old Day's Donuts, huge and tasty. Almost a sin facing you when you come in for just coffee. It's hard to not get that jelly or lemon, not to mention the coconut donuts. *The Somerville Times* is available every Wednesday at the donut shop. Stop in, get a coffee and few of those delicious donuts, or maybe the real – and we mean real – egg sandwiches, from real eggs.

Very nice to see **Katie McDaid** back on the job. We didn't realize it's been many months since we saw her last. She's very nice and in our opinion she's a total professional and always was in her capacity in the **SPD**. We are glad she's back to the job she loves.

 Times on our good friend and attorney Edwin Smith of Somerville. A story done by Bill Shelton on Ed and his lovely wife Martha French, who are involved with Habitat for Humanity. Last November, they spent a couple of hot weeks in Yogyakarta on the Indonesian island of Java. They are a great couple. Check out the awesome display on Highland and Sycamore, Martha's creative touch and her beautiful little museum. We think they make all of us here proud that such great and caring people like Ed and Martha are part of our community. The story is good reading.

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

Somerville is looking for **crossing guards**. Crossing Guards provide essen-

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Non-profit organizations in Somerville are invited to apply for grants from the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF). The TNSF collects donations from faculty and staff at Tufts University throughout the year and then awards small grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts' host communities. All of the TNSF funds go to nonprofit organizations

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nizations. In this

Director of the Nave Galleries announces closing of Nave Annex

Dear friend of the Nave,

Last year, we wrote to tell you that we were going to slow our pace in 2017 to think through our plans for the Nave in 2018. It is with mixed feelings that we announce that we will close the Nave Annex in Davis Square at the end of January.

Back in 2013, we had no intention of opening an additional space. But, like all good things, an unexpected opportunity came up and we decided to go for it. We told ourselves that it would be just be special projects space. Our heads said that we would probably only be there for six months. Our hearts wished for a least a year.

January 25 will mark our five-year anniversary

Since that fateful day five years ago, we have shown an astounding 51 exhibitions at the Annex, in addition to hosting numerous performances of all sorts, artists talks, a fundraiser or two, and in the past year, several political action events.

We have done this while continuing to program exhibitions at the main Nave, and partnering with city agencies and other arts organizations to produce the Phone Art Box Project, Squeezebox Slam accordion festival, the Somerville Toy Camera Fest, and our annual Wrap Around fundraiser for the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

None of this could have happened without the amazing support of our community, which you are part of. More than anything else, we want this mes-

sage to be a message of thanks for both the financial and personal support that our community has contributed over the past five years.

We are grateful to our landlord, Michael Ahern, for supporting the Nave throughout the years and generously providing the space to us at a reduced rate. However, the constant struggle as an all-volunteer organization to program the space, envision ways for a sustainable infrastructure and figure out how to meet the monthly rent on the gallery has become an impediment to us growing as an arts organization. Our plans this year are to:

Take time out and reorganize

Create a formal board

File for 501c3 status (thank you to Somerville Community Access Television for serving as our

fiscal sponsor for more than 10 years) Program the Nave Gallery in Teele Square throughout 2018

Continue to advocate for accessible visual arts space in Somerville

We look forward to this year of new beginnings even as we say goodbye to the Annex. If you have the time and interest in being involved in a more formal way as we move forward, please be in touch.

With most sincere thanks,

Susan Berstler Director of the Nave Galleries













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SPORTS

SHS Girls Basketball update





Somerville High School Girls Basketball hosted Malden on Tuesday, winning each game played. The Girls Freshman team won with a final score of 37–15. Junior Varsity prevailed with an impressive 48–37 total, and the Varsity team edged out Malden 47-45. — Freshman photos by Nick Sturniolo

Ms. Cam's Dlio #612

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What state is known as the Bluegrass State?

worked at the Denison House in Boston?

- 2. What was Janis Joplin's nickname?
- 3. What movie did Paul
- Newman take out a newspaper ad to apologize for his performance in it?
- 4. At which Super Bowl did the Red Hot Chili Peppers perform?
- 5. How many toes does an ostrich have?
- 6. What game was Monopoly derived from?
- 7. What city did Amelia Earhart live in when she

- 8. What was Norman Bates's hobby in the movie Psycho?
- 9. By what name is Robert Zimmerman better known?
- 10. In what year was the first Tarzan novel published?
- 11. Where did the name of the casino game Roulette come from?
- 12. What musician issued bonds in his name for people to invest in in 1997?

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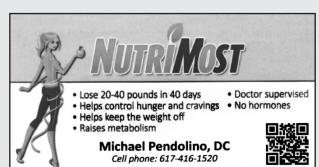
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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION**

> **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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

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The Tufts University Department of Music presents Across the Sapphire Ocean, featuring violist Scott Woolweaver, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Friday, February 2, at 8:00 p.m. Tufts faculty Scott Woolweaver performs high romantic British works for the viola, with Janice Weber, piano and Tufts students Julia Moss and Sam Graber-Hahn, viola. Pieces include sonatas by York Bowen, Sir Arnold Bax, Gordon Jacob, and Benjamin Dale.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

The Tufts Department of Music offers a flexible and eclectic academic program leading to a Bachelor or Master of Arts degree in music. Students concentrate in composition, ethnomusicology, musicology, or theory, while having the opportunity to explore all these disciplines, as well as the areas of music cognition, linguistics, sociology, and anthropology of music.



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artist's piece is to occur for one hour, for seven consecutive days in Union Square and is executed by pairs of performers creating "sound bridges" across the square via connecting sounds - which can be anything from a hum, to a screech to a bang on a pot or pan. Each consecutive day of the performance, the number of pairs increases by one.

Throughout the week, various discussions, rehearsals and performances will

be occurring spontaneously at the Washington St. Art Center, where artists will gather daily at 10:00 a.m.

Eckl's final performance will be this Friday in Union Square, and followed by a Finale pot luck dinner and performances at the Washington Street Art Center on Saturday. For more information on the festival, a full list of visiting artists, plus dates and times of performances, visit www.coincidencefestival.com.

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way, TNSF supports not only community organizations but also the work of the many Tufts students, staff, faculty, and alumni who volunteer with them. Interested organizations should contact the Government and Community Relations office at

Tufts University at (617) 627-3780 or obtain an application at http:// go.tufts.edu/TNSF. Individual grants will be made in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. Applications are due by Friday, March 2, and awards will be announced before April.

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Section 00.11.13 **ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBTRADES

NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

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

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA

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

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Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

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

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

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

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Additional Sets may be purchased for \$25.00.

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

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

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

Questions or requests for an appointment to see the work site should be directed to Anthony DiGiovanni at anthonyd@sha-web.org or 617-

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

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8. Stuffing birds - taxi-

11. From a French word

12. David Bowie - Bowie

meaning little wheel

dermy

9. Bob Dylan

10. 1912

Bonds

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Ms. Cam's

1. Kentucky

3. The Silver Chalice

4. Super Bowl XLVIII

5. Two toes on each foot

6. The Landlord's Game

7. Medford

2. Pearl



Section 00.11.13 **ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUBTRADES

NONE

All Bids should be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

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

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

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

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

Address: Hagan Manor 268 Washington St, Somerville, MA

Instructions: Meet outside of building main entrance.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQ # 18-47

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

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A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained online at: http:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing and by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. on or after: Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Sealed applications will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at which time such applications will be opened. The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the proposal process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang, Procurement Analyst, with any questions at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov.

Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **JOSEPH A. CURTATONE**

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

The hearing schedule will be as follows:

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

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

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board and Land Use Committee at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@

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

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

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

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

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ADVERTISEMENT CITY OF SOMERVILLE **Purchasing Department**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NOTICE TO TRADE CONTRACTORS M.G.L. c. 149A Project Somerville High School; Project No. RFQ 18-48

Project Location: 81 Highland Ave. Somerville MA For questions concerning this RFQ, contact the project

OPM, PMA Consultants at sburke@pmaconsultants.com Pursuant to M.G.L.c.149A, §8, the City of Somerville, acting through its Purchasing Department, located at 93 Highland Ave., 02143, hereinafter referred to as Awarding Authority, hereby requests statements of qualifications (SOQ) from trade contractors for the Somerville High

School Construction Project; Project No. RFQ 18-48. The following are

the trades and estimated costs for which SOQ are being requested:

Trade contractors (estimated values) to be pre-qualified: Masonry \$9,817,387, Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron \$1,883,069, Waterproofing, Dampproofing and Caulking \$1,245,378, Roofing and Flashing \$3,298,063, Metal Windows \$1,620,155, Glass and Glazing \$1,201,038, Tile \$2,029,882, Acoustical Tile \$1,640,059, Resilient Floors \$1,397,529, Terrazzo \$1,681,150, Painting \$797,581, Elevators \$730,000, Fire Protection Sprinkler System \$3,290,574, Plumbing \$7,223,015, Heating, Ventilation & Air-Conditioning \$21,630,884, Electrical \$15,069,173.

Project overview: The work includes phased construction and renovation of a 378,221 SF occupied and historically significant high school (78% new, 22% renovation) located at 81 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. Phases 1 and 2 building construction will span from spring 2018 to summer 2020; Phase 3 site improvements from summer 2020 through spring 2021. The estimated cost of construction for the building is \$201,592,000 including Construction Management fee. The total anticipated construction duration from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed is 36 weeks

Bidding process and deadline: This request for qualifications (RFQ) process is being utilized to pre-qualify trade contractors. All trade contractors who achieve a score of 70 points or greater and meet the listed mandatory requirements found in the RFQ will be prequalified and, thereafter, invited to submit a bid on the proposed building project pursuant to a Request for Bids (RFB) for trade contracting services. Respondents' names will be posted but there will be no public opening of responses to this RFQ.

Request for Pre-Qualifications (RFQ) and Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) are available online at www.Projectdog.com. Enter Project Code 823160 in the project locator box and select "Acquire Documents" to download documents or to order hard copies. New users to Projectdog.com must first select Sign Up to create an online account. Contract documents may also be viewed, but not removed, from the offices of Projectdog, Inc., 18 Graf Road, Unit 8, Newburyport, MA 01950, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The SOQ in response to this RFQ shall be signed under pains and penalties of perjury. The SOQ must be received electronically via Projectdog.com on or before February 13, 2018 at 12:00 P.M. All responses submitted after this time will not be accepted.

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

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

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

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

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville Times on 1/17/18 & 1/24/18.

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

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

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

Atlantic City - Wednesday, January 31 to Friday, February 2 - \$189 per person double or \$259 per person single - Includes: motorcoach transportation, 2 nights lodging, \$25 slot dollars, 2-\$30 meal credit and 2 casino show tickets. For additional information please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Powers Music School Neighborhood Concert Series - Thursday, February 1 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our

Holland Street Center. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov. St. Valentine's Day Celebration - Monday, February 12

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located on Washington Street. \$10 - 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. Made possible through the Somerville Police and Fire Departments.

A Driving Symposium, with Lunch & Bingo - Tuesday, February 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Hear from our panel of guest speakers about staying safe behind the wheel. Followed by lunch and bingo. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are February 21, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

GROUP INFORMATION

The Moonlighters – aka Somerville's Swinging Singing Seniors. Mondays, 10 -11 a.m. at Holland Street Center.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday January 24

Central Library Reading Tutor

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

Thursday January 25

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave Lego Club! 3:30 p.m.-5p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday | January 26

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Teen Empowerment Event 2:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday January 29

Central Library

Sina Alona

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

Tuesday January 30

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave **Central Library**

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday January 31

Central Library Reading Tutor

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

MUSIC | ARTS

Wednesday January 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Melted Chapstixxs, Morning Hum, The Cazbats

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Stace Brandt

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Thursday|January 25

Sally O'Brien's

Asa Brebner & The Naked 'I's, Trick

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

The Burren

Front Room

Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm

Backroom Series: Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Bull McCabe's**

Be Nice Brass Band

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

Thunder Road

Helen, Carissa Johnson 8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Octave Cat **Swimmers**

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Big Time Company

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew

7 p.m.|255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday January 26

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room: Erin Harpe & the Delta Swingers Vinyl Release Party!|7 p.m. Young Love and the Thrills | 10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Greg Luttrell

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

Ioshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Reformed Whores, Christa Weiss

(Comedy)|6 p.m.

Fifty-Four – For The Love of Disco

with resident DJ Brian Halligan|10

379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Dewpoint

The Van Burens, Whistlebot

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Ghost Town

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Nuda Veritas: Reagan Esther Meyer

7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

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

Saturday January 27

Sally O'Brien's

255 Elm St

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Motherpluckers, Elm Grove \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room: Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.

Erica Leigh, Special Guest Ella Mc-Donald|7 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

Kong - Thunderfunk 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casev's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Lizards (Phish Tribute) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Punk Rock Aerobics - A benefit for Girls Rock Campaign Boston! 12 p.m. Ian Moore 7 p.m.

Abbie Barrett 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Molasses Flood Benefit Concert for Cosecha|2 p.m. DJ Stow|8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Broad Appeal 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Super Hunger Brunch at Foundry on

Elm|11 a.m. Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday January 28

Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m.

Front Room

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

p.m. Los Goutos 9 p.m.

Back Room Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nollaig Casey and Arty McGlynn|4

Ian Fitzgerald w/Special Guest Rachel Sumner 7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Sunday Night Live Music

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Game Night

Thunder Road Americana Sundays with Greg Klyma with Members of Honey Talk

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

Highland Ave

Cafe Rags 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave|191

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Gentle Temper 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday | January 29

Sally O'Brien's Bar Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy |7 p.m.

Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Marley Monday with The Duppy

The Burren

Front Room:

Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session:9:30 p.m. Back Room:

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia

Thunder Road Learson Peak featuring members of

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

The Indobox, lespecial, and guests 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory

Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday | January 30

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

PA's Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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

Thunder Road

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

The Comedy Studio Presents: Boston

Stands With Puerto Rico

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m.

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

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

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday January 31

AniMAtic Boston

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

3589 The Burren

Back Room

Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: Donal Clancy 7:30

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

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The Nephrok Allstars 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Jay Allen's Mess-Around

7:30 p.m.|56 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Evan Murphy & Danny Erker 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Comedy Punch 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday January 24

Central Library

Central Library

Arts at the Armory

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

Thursday January 25

Fair Housing Commission Public Meeting 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Metro Mayor's Regional Housing Partnership Meeting 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Safe Communities Act Letter Writing

5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave **East Branch Library**

Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library**

Reception

1491 by Charles Mann 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Small Press Collection Opening**

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

East Branch Library Drop In Knitting

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

East Branch Library East Branch Book Group

Friday January 26

Saturday January 27 Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48

mory|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Holland St

Family Groups

Sunday January 28 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday January 29 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library

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

Heart-Felt: Stitch your own sweetheart pouch 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday January 30

Central Library

Central Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

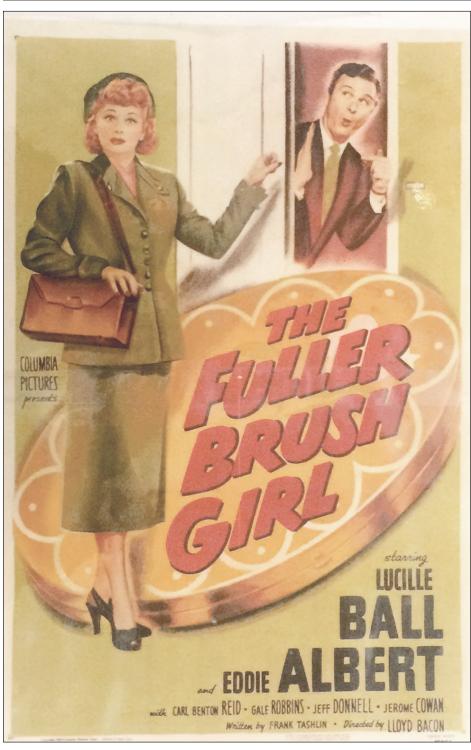
Wednesday January 31

Central Library Fabricators Meetup 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

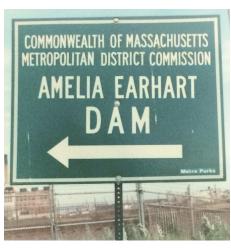
Historical Fact

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• Mary Sawyer Tyler championed many causes, such as aid to Somerville Civil War soldiers, and worked to save Boston's Old South Church from destructive developers. Thomas Edison's first recorded words on his phonograph were "Mary had a little lamb." The heroine of this poem, little Mary Sawyer, grew up to become Mrs. Mary Sawyer Tyler and was a long-time resident of Somerville.

• The Amelia Earhart Dam and its con-



ning tower honor the female aviator. She accumulated speed, distance, and altitude records too numerous to list, and her status in female aviation was unrivaled. This memorial in Somerville honors her amazing feats. Once the loftiest structure in the area, the height now bows to the new Assembly Square and soon to be Wynn Casino down river in Everett.

+ Elizabeth Peabody was considered the first American female lecturer. She was brilliant, daring, and ahead of her time. She advocated for cleaner hospital operating rooms and medical equipment that reduced infant mortality and began the first English speaking kindergarten in the United States. Originally formed in Boston, the Elizabeth Peabody House was founded in her memory and came to Somerville's Winter Hill over a half century ago.

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Groundwork Somerville's 2018 Maple Syrup Project

Groundwork Somerville launched the 2018 Maple Syrup Project on Sunday. There was a great turnout of all ages to help tap nine sugar maples on Tufts University's campus.



If you missed it, not to worry: you can sign up to help collect sap this month by emailing josia@groundworksomerville.org. You can also come to their next maple event on February 19, Maple Brunch at The Independent.

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Wednesday, January 24

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:00am	Wide Angle	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:30am	Signs of Life	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston		
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Thursday	, January 25	5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	10:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Reeling Review	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
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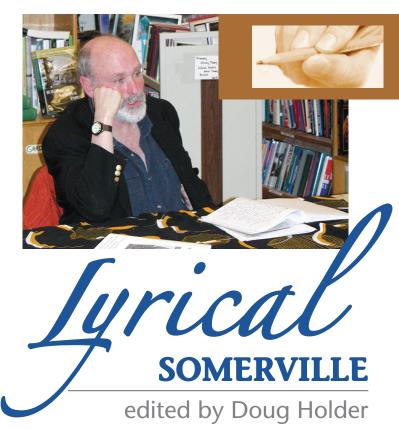
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And now for a little prose/poetry - flash fiction - or whatever you want to call it. Michael C. Keith is the author/coauthor of 30 book volumes and dozens of articles on the subject of radio and broadcast studies. In addition to his non-fiction titles, Keith has published over a dozen creative works, including an acclaimed memoir, The Next Better Place, a young adult novel, Life is Falling Sideways, and several short story collections; most recently Slow Train and Perspective Drifts Like a Log on a River. Mad Hat Press will publish his next story collection, Let Us Now Speak of Extinction. His fiction has been nominated for several awards, among them the Pen/O.Henry Award, the Pushcart Prize, the National Indie Excellence Award, and the International Book Award. He is professor emeritus at Boston College.

The Dinosaur Was Still There

The first time George was on Larry Corbin's cable show, "Writers Talk," he was asked what short story writers he most admired. To what he later attributed to nerves, he drew a blank and sat looking like a deer in the headlights. Bloody shit!! he grumbled to himself, frustrated by his inability to come up with any name other than John Cheever, who he hadn't read in nearly 20 years. "Ah, let me think ... sorry. Jeez, I just can't seem to ..." Finally, Corbin chimed in. "Let's move on. Many of your stories are reminiscent of the work of Augusto Monterroso. What is it about his fiction that attracts you?" Again, George was at a loss for an answer. Who the hell is Augusto Monterroso? he wondered, his anxiety level surging. Hoping to avoid looking like a complete fool, he tried to bluff his way through the situation. "Well, he has a rich voice . . . and economic style . . . that resonate perfectly with his . . . innovative plots and themes. Oh, my God, what bullshit! "As I'm sure you know," said the television host, "he's the author of what's considered one of the world's shortest stories. To quote, 'When he awoke, the dinosaur was still there.' Certainly economical . . . as you say." When Corbin moved on to another subject, George was more than a little grateful. When the program was over, he apologized for his embarrassing mental lapse and left the station believing he'd never be invited back. Hoping to redeem himself two years and a new story collection later, he contacted Corbin, asking to come back on "Writers Talk." To his surprise and relief, he was booked. It was his plan to reference his inability to answer the host's question about his favorite writers during his first appearance and then rattle off the names of several. With that aim in mind, he brought a crib sheet in the event he suffered from another bout of temporary amnesia. A few minutes into the interview, George cited his earlier gaff and enumerated the monikers of his literary inspirations: "Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy . . ." It wasn't until he saw the strange look on Corbin's face that he realized he was reading from the list of serial killers he'd been researching for a new story.

— Michael C. Keith

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Affairs Run in the Family by Lee Varon (Finishing Line Press, 2017)

Review by Julia Carlson

Lee Varon's book, Affairs Run in the Family, is an exploration of and testament to the fragile feelings of the author's memories of her Southern upbringing and relationship with her grandmother. When the husband of the grandfather's mistress attempted to murder him, her grandmother's life was forever changed. And then, there were also the events of the civil rights era, which played out during the author's childhood and left a deep impression on her. Those complex feelings are explored as the author attempts to reconcile these events and their consequences to her grandparents, family, and herself. In Court, Varon describes her grandmother at the trial of her husband's aggressor:

"You wear your grey tweed threaded with lavender smoky silk stockings, sensible shoes. Nothing too flashy....

Let Mrs. Harlot paint herself wear her flared skirt her pink cloche skirt in discrete perfume...."

"You have been with him teaching him slowly to hold a cup sip water..."

And her grandfather in After the Affair:

"After the affair, he cursed the bullet embedded in his

After the affair, he never saw her green eyes After the affair, all they had were firefliessmall lanterns of longing scattered between them."

Varon is on point describing her childhood confusion about the mixed messages she received from her grandmother, a Southern woman who carries on despite the shame of her husband's indiscretion. We meet the steely will and fight for respectability of this woman done wrong, in both her judgement of her husband's mistress, and other aspects of her Southern life. Varon's desire for her grandmother's love are especially poignant in the poem Blister:

"Every summer of her love dreaming in a circle of fire...

I wanted her to love me forever but what will I do for her love? Skate out over the black ice."

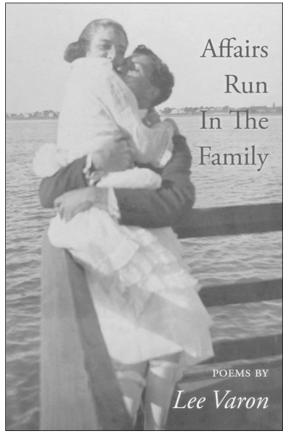
all the while acknowledging that her grandmother's character did not sit quite right with her.

In 1959 With My Grandmother, waiting in the bus station with Grandmother, they are sitting across from a black woman:

"You don't know the black woman across from us.

You lean over, loudly whisper, "Honey, everyday I thank God

I wasn't born a colored person."



I try to fold my ticket

into a schoolyard fortune teller, to lean against the blonde oak bench

become invisible."

Varon's poems deal with her experience of the negative aspects of the South during her childhood. In her poem We Sat Every Night, Varon describes how her 11-year-old mind tries to make sense of this:

"The government says colored people can vote, Nana. Why are whites against it?

People up North are always criticizing us southerners but the colored are still treated with more respect here than most anywhere else....

"Where is that anywhere else?"

When I argued with you you chalked it up to my tainted Jewish blood something I couldn't help..."

Varon's descriptive, lyrical language evokes many flavors of the South: pecan pie, crab cakes, burnt sugar cake, lavender, cedar, cinnamon, honeysuckle scent a hot night, the sound of birdsong In her poem After, written about her mother's death, Varon writes:

"....I watch birds fall from the sky and shake

their wings in the dying sun. Vireo, Thrush, Cedar Waxwing. The magnolias have just begun to spread pink gauze over deepening

green, as your face returns in the luster of dark wood..."

There are many more excellent poems in this fine collection and it's well-worth reading more than once. I was taken back to that time when church bombings and Freedom Riders dominated the evening news, and recalled the same question I had: Why do grownups do these awful things? A longer compilation of these poems was awarded the Sunshot Poetry Prize and will be published in 2018, and I look forward to reading it.





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