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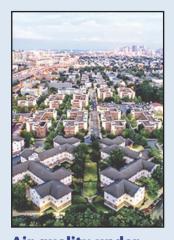
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City to study feasibility of legal safe injection facilities



So-called safe injection facilities offer drug users the ability to take advantage of a clean, medically supervised environment, thus eliminating many risks while additionally offering support for getting clean.

By Jim Clark

An order was put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen requesting that that the Director of Health and Human Services report to the Board on the feasibility of situating a safe injection facility in

Safe injection facilities are legally sanctioned, medically supervised facilities designed to provide a hygienic and stress-free environment in which individuals are able to consume illicit recreational drugs intravenously and reduce nuisance from public drug use.

They are part of a harm reduction approach towards drug problems. The facilities provide sterile injection equipment, information about drugs and basic health care, treatment referrals, and access to medical staff. Some offer counseling, hygienic and other Continued on page 4

Chili Cook-off for a good cause

By Jackson Ellison

Chefs all over Massachusetts came together on Thursday, January 24, at the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill to compete in the Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off presented by Respond Inc. The goal of the cook-off was to help raise money for Respond's mission of putting an end to domestic violence.

The chili cook-off had four different awards: best classic, best vegetarian, most creative, and audience favorite.

The cook-off had fourteen teams, all wanting to win, but also wishing to bring attention to such an important cause. Matt Alvey, a chef from the Somerville restaurant The Independent believes the chili cook-off really brings the community together.

"We've been involved since the start of this, and it's a really good cause. It's a fun event and you get to meet all your neighbors and eat a bunch of chili," said Alvey.

Chef Patrick Lord, from Stella's Restaurant and Wine Bar in Salem, Continued on page 7



The Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off held at the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill last week brought out the best of chili chefs to compete for bragging rights, while helping to raise funds for Respond Inc.

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Stay safe during this week's extreme cold. Take a few minutes to review Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)'s extreme cold safety tips: http://mass.gov/mema/ cold. Also be careful when using space heaters. Make sure to keep them away from anything flammable and use appropriate outlets.

Happy birthday to the following this week: Happy birthday to our own Denise Cosby, a local real estate agent here. Happy birthday to one of Somerville's new startups in the real estate business, Albert Azatyants. Albert is the successful broker/ owner of Branch Out Realty on Somerville Ave. at Bow St. Happy birthday to our old friend and a great guy, Jeff Cappello. Another great person celebrating this week is Pat Moran Quinlin. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Another local Winter Hill lady who is celebrating this week is Maria Nella Nunes. We wish her the very best, and if you're on Harvard and Mystic stop in at McCarthy's and wish her a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Sheila Howe. We wish her the very best on this her birthday. And finally, we wish Naomi Landers a big time happy birthday this week. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city who is celebrating this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

We hear through the **Somerville grapevine** that several potential candidates will be throwing their hats in the ring for Councilor. We guess some are seriously looking at both water bills and the tax bill. Going up every year!

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

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Preparing for the worst

Bob Ross says:

Shouldn't there already be a plan, or plans, in place, instead of all this last-minute scrambling? Easpecially now that we have had our first signficant snowfall of the season. It seems to me any painting should have been done months ago. Not that paint on the roads will make the thousands of detoured vehicles disappear.

Gaspar Fomento says:

I think that's part of the point of the article. Aldermen have been asking for these measures to be taken and nothing has happened. Time to lean on the relevant city departments – * cough – Transportation and Infrastructure etc. - cough *

#iwasn'tbornyesterday says:

The Aldermen ignored this, as did the city administration and relevant departments, until last summer. You can't advocate for something and then are either ignorant or lying when you say you didn't know this would happen. They didn't know the trains would require hundreds of trees to be clear cut? They didn't know large areas of the city would be shut down and transformed forever? Again, they're either stupid or they're lying.

Gaspar Fomento says:

What planet are you on? The extent of the problems arising from the bridge closing weren't even known until last summer, and the Aldermen have been trying to get things ready from the very beginning. It's certain city departments * cough * cough * that are dragging their feet. Sounds like you were born yesterday.

Response to: Public hearing on condominium conversion ordinance, Jan. 31

Dan R says:

I thought that we don't have a board of aldermen anymore?

Jim G. says:

The name change takes place at the end of the month.

Response to: Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. **Curtatone**

Larry Duffy says:

Speaking as warden in one of the city's election precincts, I really strongly urge everyone to return this census form every year that you live here. It's how your voting status stays up to date. If you somehow fail to send it in and you still live here and show up on election day, we can handle it and you can vote, but it takes time and paperwork for both you and the election workers: we have to see an ID and you fill out an affidavit, etc. In odd-numbered years like this one, we generally only have municipal elections (for mayor, aldermen, and school committee), but you should maintain the option of easy bureaucracy-free voting by returning the census form even if you aren't sure you'll turn out this November. If you lose the paper form, or want to check your status, just call or stop by the Election department in the lower level of City Hall — the whole building has convenient Thursday evening hours till 7:30. Voting matters!

Response to: Our View of the Times – January 23

Daniel M Kimmel says:

Good advice. I would only add don't forget the businesses in Ball Square who will take a big hit. Make a point of patronizing them.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Life in the Jimmy Del Ponte

Somerville 101 - A Primer



Originally published August 26, 2009.

Here is a little Somerville history for you newcomers - some of it is a review from former columns and supplemented with reader comments. It concentrates mostly on the Davis Square, Powder House Park and Ball Square area - because that's where I have lived for the last 54 years.

There used to be three Junior High Schools in Somerville - the Western on Holland Street (now owned by Tufts University), the Southern on Summer Street (now a dog park), and the Northeastern on Marshall Street (now townhouses).

Somerville also had a Trade High School in East Somerville - "Muzzy" was the principal. The Apollo Cake Company was also in that area of the city. Ball Square used to have a roast beef place called Lambros - across from where Harold's Luncheonette was (now Kelly's).

My band (The Tool) had a 45 titled Spark'em Up - and it was in their jukebox. Savel's five and dime store was also in Ball Square, as was Mitchell's Variety at the corner of Josephine and Broadway. The Willow Jazz Club thrived for a while, but cool jazz riffs weren't all that was being blown in there - the Feds shut it down.

BoBo's Chinese Restaurant was also in Ball Square. There was a little store (I've heard) near Harold's that was one of two places in Ball Square you could book some action.

There used to be a variety store we called "Oscars" at the bottom of Liberty Road. The Royal White Cleaners on Cedar Street used to be a Dairy Queen.

It used to be dangerous to walk through Powder House Park when the tough guys took it over in the 70s. Beltram and Son Locksmiths used to be where Nellie's Wildflowers is on Holland Street.

Some of the stores in Davis Square were: Parke Snow, Gorin's, The Children's Shop, Grants, Woolworths, Fanny Farmer, Thom McCann, Highland Shoe, Speedy Pizza, and Kay and Chips Restaurant. You could go to Kay and Chips after the bars closed for

breakfast and a brawl.

Goff's Auto Store, The Bargain Center and Ming Toy Chinese Restaurant once graced the Rosebud end of Davis Square. The police officer that everyone loved in Davis Square, who always had beaming smile, was Al Collins. Pasik's Furniture Store in the square did not sell tiny beds they were shortened versions just for the window display.

One of those huge beautiful houses near Powder House Park on Broadway was where a real family doctor lived. His name was Harry Goldenberg MD, and he made house calls (complete with black bag), and gave shots in the butt. When he wasn't holding a needle, he was a very nice man. Another house on Powder House Boulevard next to Doherty's was moved all the way over to Highland Avenue near the Hospital - it's actually on videotape someplace.

Some of our Mayors were: S. Lester Ralph, James Brennan, William Donovan, Larry Bretta, Mike Capuano, Dot Gay and Gene Brune. Mary Sogliero ran for mayor but never made it. Joe's last name is pronounced Curta-tony, not Curta-tone.

That big house on the hill, that has its Fluff was invented in Somerville.

own driveway between Morrison Avenue and Hall Avenue was once owned by Burton Faulkner, of Faulkner Brothers Oil - they used to have a watch dog name Gretchen.

Before they did away with the "blue laws" you either had to drive to New Hampshire to get beer on Sunday or go to a few choice stores and bars for an illegal six-pack. These establishments also sold booze after the liquor stores closed at 11 pm. The proprietor of one of these joints in East Somerville also kept a shotgun in plain sight.

Country and Western music could, at one time, be enjoyed at Johnny D's and at Khoury's State Spa. Yee- ha John Penny!

This next point is very important -Somerville has only two "L"s in it - do not, under any circumstances, add an another "L" after the S, even in jest (hopefully you catch my drift). If someone from another town does this, be offended, become belligerent and defend your city - in a civil manner of course.

Somerville's official colors are blue and red, as in the song Somerville Leads the Way. Also, don't forget to feed the meters - and if anyone asks you, marshmallow

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By Jim Clark

Don't bring a stick to a knife fight

Police officers were dispatched to the Dunkin' Donuts on Broadway last Saturday morning on reports of a fight in progress, possibly involving a knife.

Upon arrival, the officers found a large crowd of people in the parking lot who had stopped to observe the commotion.

A man known to the officers as Victor Rodriguez, of Lynn, approached them and reportedly said that he had just been in a fight with another man.

According to police, Rodriguez appeared to be intoxicated, due to his slurred speech and a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

Rodriguez told the officers that he had been in an altercation with a male in the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot. He reportedly alleged that the man had cut his sweatshirt with a knife. Rodriguez showed the officers an abrasion on his sweatshirt that appeared to be from wear and tear, not a cut that would be inflicted by a cutting instrument.

A witness approached the officers, stating that she had taken a picture of the man who had fled the parking lot. The officers then gave the description of the subject out over the radio, and a short time later was notified that another police unit had located the suspect at the intersection of Pearl and Jasper Streets.

The officers went to that location where they met with the suspect, who had already been handcuffed, and they read him his Miranda rights.

The suspect reportedly told police that he was in the area of Foss Park, across the street from Dunkin' Donuts, when he witnessed a 30-year-old Hispanic man verbally assaulting a 60-year-old man.

The suspect said that he tried to stop the man from harassing the older man, at which point the man turned his attention towards him. An altercation allegedly broke out, and a group of four men and a woman surrounded him. The 30-year-old

man allegedly made threats to kill him.

During the altercation, the woman reportedly picked up a large stick and struck the suspect in the side with it. The 30-year-old man took a knife from another person on scene and allegedly threatened him

The suspect said that he then fled across the street towards Dunkin' Donuts while the group chased him. In fear for his life, the suspect armed himself with a broken piece of glass from the ground, then fled the area, until he was apprehended by the police.

I police officers found the suspect's statement to be believable, so they removed the handcuffs, then returned to Dunkin' Donuts to investigate further.

Upon arrival, they spoke with a woman, Emma Wile, who stated that the suspect had punched her in the face. The officers found no signs of injury to Wile's face or person.

Upon watching playback of the store's surveillance video, the officers observed the former suspect apparently fleeing from someone as he ran into the camera's view in the Dunkin' Donuts parking lot, followed by Wile.

Wile reportedly charged at the suspect, and was joined shortly thereafter by Rodriguez, who appeared to have an object in his hand, which at one point he drops, then picks up again. Rodriguez reportedly brandished the object in a way that suggested it was a weapon.

Next, the former suspect appeared to stand his ground a couple of times, but ultimately fled up Edmands St.

A witness on scene reportedly told police that Rodriguez and another man had instigated the fight, and that Rodriguez had brandished a knife. The former suspect further stated that before police arrived on the scene, Rodriguez had handed the knife off to the third unidentified

man, who left the area.

Rodriguez and Wile were both handcuffed and placed under arrest. While Rodriguez was being placed in the back of the prisoner transport, he reportedly became combative and physically struggled with officers.

During the struggle, Rodriguez reportedly slammed an officer against the frame of the transport unit door. Additionally, Rodriguez kicked another officer in the shin. He was subsequently sprayed with a burst of pepper spray in an attempt to control him.

Rodriguez was booked on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest, and on warrant charges of assault and battery on a police officer, sexual conduct for a fee, and resisting arrest.

Wile was booked on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

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Arrests:

Tarcicio Infante, of 138 Pearl St., January 21, 11:09 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

William Pires, of 64 Derby St., January 24, 8:33 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of possession of a firearm within 500 ft. of a dwelling, carrying a firearm without a license, and armed assault to

Manuel Cordero, of 820 Mass Ave., Cambridge, January 24, 1:02 p.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on charges of witness intimidation, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

Meghan Breslow, of 56 Parsons Ave., Lynnfield, January

24, 4:46 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Emmanuel Deoliveira, of 15 Rhode Island Ave., January 25, 3:26 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop or yield.

Emma Wile, of 12 Montgomery Ave., January 26, 11:01 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

Victor Rodriguez, of 175

Boston St., Lynn, January 26, 11:01 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest, and on warrant charges of assault and battery on a police officer, sexual conduct for a fee, and resisting arrest.

City to study feasibility of legal safe injection facilities **CONT. FROM PG 1**

services of use to itinerant and impoverished individuals. Many programs prohibit the sale or purchase of recreational drugs. Many require identification cards. Some restrict access to local residents and apply other admission criteria, such as only allowing injection drug users, but generally in Europe they do not exclude addicts who consume by other means.

Speaking in favor of the study, co-sponsor of the order Ward 4 Alderman Jesse Clingan told the Board, "There's been a rash of overdose deaths in the city in the last month. I just think that we need to look at whatever tools we have in the toolbox. What I

would say about safe injection facilities is I think the misconception out there that the public has is that active users are getting high, like these are shooting galleries. But these are actually medical facilities where most people are using to get well, they're not using to get high."

Clingan went on to explain that the facilities help to prevent overdose deaths and that there has never been a death in a safe injection facility.

"Most of these users don't have positive interactions," Clingan explained. "A lot of the time because of the behaviors of addiction. They burn bridges. So oftentimes the compassionate harm reductionist at work in these facilities, the nurses, are really the only positive interaction they can have. And oftentimes will spring people to get into recovery. To get help."

Clingan pointed out that such facilities also provide a touch point for users to get medical care.

"It would just make sense on a lot of fronts," said Clingan. "I've talked to some of the folks over at the Cambridge needle exchange. They've been doing a lot of outreach in the city. It's a lot of activity around Sullivan Square, a lot of activity in Davis Square. They're signing up new people. They have a new mobile unit. But they're actually working with the Board of Health now. They're not allowed to give out syringes in Somerville, so they can't actually exchange needles. So a lot of times people have to go over to Cambridge."

Clingan pointed out that syringes are being found in public parks and other parts of the city. Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin, another co-sponsor of the order, also spoke in favor of looking into the possible benefits of such a program.

"Unfortunately, opiates are still in the news," said Mc-Laughlin. Even a decade after these problems started. And the problem has not subsided at all. And I think this sounds outlandish. It sounds like kind of counter-intuitive to assist somebody in using drugs. How is that going to help? But there's been 75 studies since 2014 that has indicated that this actually helps. This gets people in treatment. At the very least it prevents disease, and it prevents needles being spread around."

McLaughlin summed up by saying it's time to be thinking outside the box and consider any possible solution.

The entire Board signed on to the order, which passed without objection, and it was referred to Director of Health and Human Services for further study.

Public's assistance sought on anniversary of shooting death of Shawn Clark

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and law enforcement authorities are requesting assistance from the public on the sixth anniversary of the murder of a store owner in Malden on January 29, 2013.

Shawn Clark was shot six years ago while working at Patriot Skateboards at 804 Main Street in Malden. Since the incident occurred, Malden Police and Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office have continued to investigate the circumstances of Clark's death. Authorities have made some



progress, but no one has been charged in connection with the crime.

Once again the Middlesex District Attorney's Office is releasing video surveillance from the store from the day the murder occurred in an effort to identify two suspects who were involved in the incident. The video can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7BrfVRr2ro&feature=youtu.be. Please note in particular the facial and bodily appearances of the suspects and the clothing that they are wearing.

Based on the video surveillance inside the store and witness interviews, it is believed that two males entered the store shortly after 12:30 p.m., on January 29, 2013 and a confrontation ensued with Shawn Clark, the proprietor. Clark was shot multiple times by one of the two males. Both males then fled the scene.

Investigators believe the murder of Shawn Clark can be solved and are hopeful that over the passing of these six years someone who knows something may decide to come forward and speak to detectives. On occasion with other crimes, a citizen has come forward with a small detail which may not appear to have significance to the person but which has opened doors for detectives and sent them along a path that has led to an arrest.

The Massachusetts State Police and Malden Police Department continue to investigate this shooting and urge members of the public with information that they believe may be helpful to the investigation may contact Massachusetts State Police at (781) 897-6600 or Malden Police at (781) 397-7171.

District Attorney Marian Ryan sworn in for second term



Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan took the Oath of Office on January 2. District Attorney Ryan was joined by Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller, Judge Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, State Senator Jamie Eldridge, State Representative Cynthia Creem, Reverend Albert M. Faretra and Rabbi Susan Abramson. After Mayor Fuller administered District Attorney Ryan's Oath of Office, District Attorney Ryan swore in approximately 150 Middlesex County Assistant District Attorneys. Representatives from police, fire and town officials from across Middlesex County were also in attendance.

Former Somerville cop arrested on multiple charges

Alex Capobianco, a former Somerville Police officer, was placed under arrest by Medford police after finding him passed out in his parked vehicle. Police said that they found drugs, drug paraphernalia and materials commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Capobianco was arraigned in Somerville District Court Monday on charges that include operating under the influence of drugs and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. He was released on his own recognizance and ordered to not use drugs. His next court appearance will be in March.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: The final count is in and the numbers show that a total of 6,122 pieces of legislation were proposed by the state's 160 House members and 40 Senate members by last Friday's deadline for consideration in the new 2019-2020 session Representatives filed 3,947 while senators came up with 2,175.

That deadline is not etched in stone as many bills are filed over the next two years and are admitted late by a required two-thirds vote from the House and Senate.

There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE - Last Tuesday, January 22, was the deadline by which candidates for the Legislature were required to file their final fundraising and spending report for 2018 with the Office of Campaign and Finance.

Beacon Hill Roll Call has examined the campaign finance reports for the current 40 state senators and reports the dollar amounts for local senators.

TOTAL RAISED IN 2018

The senator who raised the most money in 2018 was Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) who raised \$458,009.

Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) raised the least amount of money — \$6,085.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$26,767

TOTAL SPENT IN 2018

The senator who spent the most money in 2018 was Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) who spent \$357,468.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) spent the least amount of money — \$8,592.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$9,724

TOTAL STILL IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

The senator with the most amount of money still in his or her campaign coffers is Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) who has a balance of \$890,463.

Sen. Rebecca Rausch (D-Needham) has the lowest balance — \$734.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$55,456

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EQUITABLE COVERAGE IN DISABILITY POLICIES – In a ceremonial signing, Gov. Charlie
Baker signed a bill that prohibits insurers that offer
disability insurance from charging higher premiums
or otherwise setting terms and conditions of coverage
based solely on gender.

"Women's rights groups have been working to eliminate gender discrimination in insurance since the 1970s when Massachusetts adopted the Equal Rights amendment to our state constitution," the bill's House sponsor Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton) stated. "Slowly and incrementally, Massachusetts has eliminated gender disparities in most insurance products including automobile, homeowners, health and annuities. Today we have eliminated the unfair practice of charging women more than men for the same disability protection. Many thanks to the large coalition of groups led by the Massachusetts

Commission on the Status of Women, the Legislature, and the governor for insisting that Massachusetts continues to lead when it comes to ensuring equality for all."

"On the long march to gender equality, the passage of this bill is another step forward," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), the bill's sponsor in the Senate. "Thank you to Rep. Balser and the advocates who worked tirelessly for many years to pass this legislation. It will improve fairness and lower insurance premiums for tens of thousands of women in Massachusetts."

DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR ILLEGAL IMMI-

GRANTS – A bill that would give immigrants the right to apply for the standard Massachusetts driver's license is among the thousands of proposals filed for consideration in the 2019-2020 session. Co-sponsors Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn) and Reps. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield) and Christine Barber (D-Somerville) say the measure would improve public safety and potentially increase state revenue by giving all qualified immigrants the right to apply for a driver's license.

"This is a straight-forward issue with a common-sense solution," said Crighton. "These immigrants are our neighbors, our constituents. I can't imagine the fear they face every time they need to get in a car. It's time Massachusetts join the 12 other states that have already passed this humane and common-sense law."

"[The bill] is simply good public policy," said Farley-Bouvier. "Think about it: If you get in an accident, don't you want the other driver to have car insurance? This bill is about public safety, our economy and protecting our immigrant friends and neighbors. This is more than a bill—it's part of a movement to fix our broken immigration system."

NATIONAL GRID FINED \$750,000 - The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) imposed a \$750,000 penalty on National Grid for inadequate storm preparation and power restoration during the October 29, 2017 windstorm that affected over 330,000 National Grid electric customers in 166 communities. The DPU said that National Grid

failed to comply with proper guidelines and regulations as well as the company's own Emergency Response Plan.

"The Department of Public Utilities is committed to ensuring electric ratepayers across the commonwealth are provided with a high level of service, especially during times of extreme weather events," said DPU Chair Angela O'Connor. "Following a comprehensive investigation which focused on preparations before the storm, restoration efforts after the storm and communications with affected communities, the department found that National Grid's storm response did not meet existing protocols and did not provide the required restoration efforts to its ratepayers."

As part of its investigation, the DPU found that National Grid did not properly classify the severity of the storm, and as a result, fewer resources were available for customers and communities which ultimately affected the restoration efforts. Additionally, the DPU found that the company did not adequately communicate with its customers or public officials. These communications problems hampered restoration efforts and, among other things, kept customers from having accurate information about expected restoration times.

DRIVING HIGH - Gov. Baker filed legislation to im-

plement the recommendations made by the Cannabis Control Commission's Special Commission on Operating Under the Influence and Impaired Driving. Creation of the commission was part of the controversial law to legalize recreational marijuana.

Several of the recommendations simply treat marijuana-impaired driving the same as drunk driving. A driver suspected of driving under the influence of marijuana who refuses to take a chemical test for impairment would lose his or her license for a minimum of six months, the same as the current penalty imposed on a suspected drunken driver who refuses to take a breathalyzer test.

Driving with unsealed packages of marijuana in the vehicle would be treated the same as a person under current law who drives with open containers of alcohol in the car.

Other provisions include adoption of a law authorizing courts to take judicial notice that ingesting THC, the active chemical in marijuana, can and does impair motorists; development of educational materials and programming on drug impairment to share with trial court judges; and directing the Municipal Police Training Committee to expand the training of drug recognition experts, and allow them to testify as expert witnesses in civil and criminal cases.

"Today's proposal includes important changes that will make Massachusetts safer and improve how police officers train for detecting the influence of intoxicating substances like marijuana, how they interact with motorists who show signs of impairment, and eventually how these cases are tried in a courtroom," said Gov. Baker. "Our administration views these improvements as the next deliberative step for the commonwealth and the Cannabis Control Commission to continue implementing the legalization of recreational marijuana safely and responsibly, and we look forward to working with our colleagues in the Legislature to pass this bill into law."

"With the legalization of adult-use marijuana establishments here in the commonwealth since 2016 and with the recent approval by the Cannabis Control Commission of new licensees this past fall, it is absolutely essential that police officers stand ready to address the potential dangers posed by some motorists who choose to operate a motor vehicle while impaired after consuming marijuana," said Brian Kyes, Chelsea Police Chief and President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – Response to Gov. Baker's filing of a \$42.7 billion fiscal 2020 budget.

"We applaud Gov. Baker for his efforts to address the vaping epidemic that Big Tobacco has brought on our youth. While we would like to see a higher excise tax on all electronic cigarettes and other vaping products than the one the governor proposes, this is a great first step in the discussion." — Tobacco Free Mass' Executive Director, Gwendolyn Stewart.

"I am encouraged to see so many of the Senate's shared priorities included in the governor's budget proposal, such as implementing the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, reining in prescription drug prices, reducing health care costs for low income seniors and lifting the cap on kids." — Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Framingham).

"Gov. Baker's proposal to force certain drug manufacturers

Beacon Hill Roll Call

continued



rers to pay additional, supplemental rebates on incredibly effective drugs that MassHealth deems too expensive sends a message across the industry that government is going to punish success and that only it can be the final arbiter of drug pricing." — Massachusetts Biotechnology Council President and CEO Bob Coughlin.

"Our environmental agencies support a robust economy and a healthy public. We commend the governor for recognizing the important work these agencies do every day amongst growing responsibilities to address the effects of climate change." — Elizabeth Henry, President of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

"Gov. Baker's budget proposal charts a fiscally responsible path for the commonwealth by limiting spending increases to 1.5 percent over projected fiscal year 2019 levels and depositing another \$297 million to shore up the state's Rainy Day Fund account. Both steps are

prudent given the downturn in revenue numbers we've seen so far for the month of December and the first half of January." — House Republican Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading).

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

end of an annual session. During the week of January 21-25, the House met for a total of five hours and 32 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and nine minutes.

Mon. January 21 No House session No Senate session

Tues. January 22 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:04 a.m. Senate 11:40 a.m. to 11 43 a.m

Wed. January 23 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. January 24 House 11:04 a.m. to 4:33 p.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 2:14 p.m.

Fri. January 25 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Chili Cook-off for a good cause CONT. FROM PG 1

participated for his third straight year, and has had success with his past chilies.

"The last two years I've won the veggie chili [award] so that's why I've come back to try to win it again this year," Lord said, "but I brought another [chili] along as well, I've brought a beer-braised beef short rib."

One Brick Boston helped put the event on, One Brick is an organization that provides volunteers to other non-profits. Graham Porell, who is involved with One Brick Boston explained the goal of the organization.

"The idea is to create a community of volunteers, so it's a great way to give back, a great way to try new things, and a great way to get to know other people," Porell said.

This was the third year that One Brick helped put on the Chili cook-off, Porell says Respond is a great organization with an important cause. "I think it's a critical time to have organizations like them, helping women who are dealing with domestic violence issues," Porell said.

Janeen Blake, the president of the board of directors for Respond, addressed the room, and thanked everyone who has helped raise money for the charity.

"Respond cannot do the work that they do without your support" said Blake, "It really takes a community to get everything done."

Blake also made it known that any contribution, helps the victims of domestic abuse.

"Your contributions no matter how big or small, they really go to help Respond to shelter, to support, to educate, and to empower all survivors of domestic violence," said Blake.

At the end of the night the winners were announced: Dakzen won most creative, Harvard Gardens won best classic, the Holiday Inn won best vegetarian, and Sound Bites won crowd favorite.

The event drew over 150 guests.



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

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

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

WSNS Winter Concert: Songs of Peace and Kindness

The West Somerville Neighborhood School Winter Concert, Songs of Peace and Kindness, took place on Sunday, January 27, in the WSNS Gymnasium. All ages performed from the Smile program through Grade 8.

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Eagle Feathers #171

Auld Union Square

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

As far as historic cities are concerned, Somerville doesn't have to tip its hat to any other. It is a small city with a large population. Through the years, it has been the home to many notable firsts.



- The first Governor of Massachusetts, John Winthrop, lived here, as well as his son the first Governor of Connecticut, John Winthrop, Jr.
- The first ship built in Massachusetts, The Blessing of the Bay, was the for-runner of our Navy and was launched on the Fourth of July, 1631.
- Our first president, General George Washington, flew the first American flag on Prospect Hill.
- * America's first millionaire, Elias H. Derby lived on Temple Street in Ten Hills.
- The first outside telephone line and early calls went from Charles Williams' electrical shop at Ten Court Street, Boston to his home at One Arlington Street, Somerville.
- · And the list goes on!



Historic Union Square is the first and largest of Somerville's trading districts. She is Somerville's chronicle. Resting in the shadow of Prospect Hill, she has been witness to much, from incidents along her marshy trails of yesteryear, to the congested streets of today.



British soldiers, before their march to Lexington, checked their gear and filled their canteens from the small pond at today's Walnut and Bow Streets location. On their retreat back to Boston, they briefly stopped again, this time to nurse their many wounded. Bunker Hill bound troops mustered and marched through here, and

Civil War troops trained here.

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Study to investigate indoor air quality in affordable housing near busy roadways

A first-of-its-kind study led by Tufts University researchers, in collaboration with Somerville officials and citizens, will measure indoor air quality and comfort in multifamily housing developments near busy roadways. The study will develop recommendations for the design and operation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to create a protective indoor environment that restricts residents' exposure to transportation-related air pollution.

New multifamily, affordable housing, particularly in densely-populated areas like Greater Boston, often is built near roadways and interstates, where some of the only remaining developable land is located.

However, living close to major roadways and highways is associated with elevated risk for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. The study, to be conducted over the next three years, will have a special focus on near-roadway multifamily housing in Somerville, including buildings in the newly-constructed Assembly Row neighborhood, nestled between I-93 and the Mystic River and surrounded by heavily-travelled roads.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the study will be led by John L. Durant, Ph.D, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering in the Tufts School of Engineering. Neelakshi Hudda, Ph.D., research assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, and Doug Brugge, Ph.D., professor of public health and community medicine at the Tufts University School of Medicine, will work in key roles.

"As communities encourage developers to construct more affordable housing to meet demand and promote inclusion, it is important that they consider maximizing both indoor air quality and personal comfort in terms of heating and cooling for their residents," said Durant. "Our study will quantify this problem, propose solutions that



could help guide developers to better designs, and inform public policy discussions."

Together, Tufts researchers and collaborators aim to develop a guidance document for multifamily housing designers and builders.

As the most densely-populated city in New England, Somerville is well-suited for this research. Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone chaired the Metro Mayors Coalition, which pledged to add 185,000 new housing units to the region to address the greater Boston housing crisis and curb displacement. As of 2016, Somerville requires new housing developments of 18 or more units to make 20 percent of those units affordable, one of the highest rates of affordability in the country.

Research team members from the community include Ellin Reisner, Ph.D., and Wig Zamore of the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP), a group of

Somerville residents focused on improving transportation and reducing air pollution in the city; Somerville Housing Director Michael Feloney; and HVAC expert Mike Zimmerman from Allied Consulting Engineering Services, Inc.

Courtesy of Tufts University

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MONDAY February 4

7:00 pm Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy 10:00 pm Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae

TUESDAY February 5

9:00 pm Industry night featuring DJ Wall

WEDNESDAY February 6

8:00 pm Free Poker, lots of prizes!

THURSDAY February 7

7:30 pm BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays

FRIDAY February 8

6:00 pm Bucky Bear & The Bearly Seen 9:00 pm Hear Now Live & TinyOak present The Othership's Funk'd Fridays with guests Terrafunk \$10 cover

SATURDAY February 9

6:00 pm Tom Hagerty Band 9:00 pm Dave Wells, Bonus Cat - \$10 cover

SUNDAY February 10

4:30 pm The Natural Wonders 9:00 pm Christian McNeill & **Tim Gearan Depression Sessions**





Marijuana, Vaping & Youth: A Discussion for Adults

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

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Planting the Seeds for a Greener Somerville: Growing our Parks, Trees and Open Space



By Joseph A. Curtatone

It may not feel like spring outside, but inside City Hall we have big ope n space and tree canopy plans that are getting ready to blossom. In a city like Somerville, green space doesn't happen by accident. Not only are we the most densely populated city in New England, but we're a former industrial city and we've somehow managed to cram 105 miles of roadways inside 4.1 square miles. Now we have community organizations working with talented people at City Hall to constantly push for a greener future here in Somerville.

We've been making progress. We've renovated 46 of our 61 city parks during the past 15 years. We now have Baxter Park along the Mystic in a spot that used to be a post-industrial wasteland. 98% of our residents now live within walking distance of a park. We re-opened Lincoln

Park last year and it's a true city commons. We have community gardens, dog parks and some of the best playgrounds you'll find anywhere. But there is plenty more to do.

Currently we're working on Prospect Hill and the Allen Street Playground. The State is preparing to give Foss Park a much-needed update. We recently completed Winter Hill and Argenziano playgrounds, and the Healey, Brown, West Neighborhood School, and portions of the East Somerville Community School yard and Capuano field are next. The new high school will have an actual on-site playing field, which sounds a little like science fiction to those of us who graduated from Somerville High. Yet it's a key part of that project. This year, we will also submit a funding request for the Somerville ArtFarm to move this project forward as a groundbreaking blend of arts and open space on a site that used to house an incinerator that spewed filth into our local air.

The work itself can be expensive. Since 2012 we've added 15 acres of new open space at a cost of \$2.3M per acre. Like I said, green space doesn't just happen by accident in Somerville. It takes careful deliberation and

community input to get it right.

So, to keep the momentum going, we just founded the Open Space Acquisition Task Force. In 2019, they will get to work identifying every opportunity to be greener. People need to grow food, play sports, climb, play, slide and relax. Wildlife needs habitats. Pollinators need proper plant species. Our community needs stormwater management. Some people say cities can't provide all of that. Our approach to open space is proving those people wrong.

A key part of the transformation of our former industrial sections of the city will be adding new open spaces. We're in the early stages of siting and designing a new park in Union Square. We'll be reclaiming pieces of Boynton Yards, Brickbottom and the Inner Belt in the future. Someday we're going to take down the McGrath overpass and turn it into a street-level boulevard, lined with greenery and trees. Over the next decade, the amount of green and public spaces in the eastern portion of our city is going to increase exponentially.

We're also putting increased focus on our tree canopy. Make no mistake, last year was a difficult one for trees in our city. We're battling the emerald ash borer beetle. The MBTA's Green Line extension required them to remove of a large number of trees from the existing rail bed. Our Somerville High School project likewise needed a number of tree removals. There was no getting around it.

However, together with the City Council, we are continuing to grow and protect our tree canopy through every part of Somerville. Their approval of another urban forestry position means that in 2019 we will double our capacity to keep our tree canopy growing and our existing trees healthy.

We've already intensified our efforts. The past few years, we pla nted more than 300 new trees annually. That's more than four times the pace of previous years, and we will only accelerate our work from here as we complete our new Urban Forest Management Plan in 2019. Among our top priorities: We'll be identifying the areas with the lowest tree cover and planting there in order to reduce ambient temperatures during the summer months and lower energy costs.

We'll also be making sure the cover around our schools, senior centers and recreational areas is what it needs to be. Some of this is tied in with new parks. We have 150 new trees in Lincoln Park and we'll have 40 net new trees on Prospect Hill when that project is completed. Also, as we've been doing for years, we're going to be making sure the neighborhoods with the least tree cover get prioritized for new plantings. There are tangible quality of life gains that come with living in tree-lined neighborhoods. We want that for everyone.

Meanwhile, we want to ensure the Green Line rail corridor is as green as the trains. In 2019, our staff will continue to work with the MBTA to ensure the corridor is planted and reforested to the greatest extent possible. Ideally, when you're riding the train or walking or biking along the Community Path extension, you should be looking at trees and greenery – and wildlife should be able to find habitat there.

And we're now updating our SomerVision community plan. So, if you've got creative ideas about how we can add to our open spaces and expand our tree canopy, that's an ideal place to get involved. This is nothing less than a community transformation we're attempting to engineer. Your time and your talent can go a long way toward making that happen.

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

Non-profit organizations in Boston, Grafton, Medford and Somerville are invited to apply for individual grants from the Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) until March 1, 2019. Awards will be made in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 and will be announced by the end of March.

Eligible organizations serve one or more of Tufts University's host communities in some way and have had a Tufts faculty member, staff member, student or member of the alumni actively involved as a volunteer in the past year. In this way, TNSF supports not only local organizations but also the work of the many Tufts affiliated volunteers.

The TNSF is fully funded by donations from Tufts University faculty and staff through the annual Tufts Community Appeal (TCA), an internal fundraising campaign. All gifts to the TNSF go directly to non-profit organizations through grants.



2018 recipients of Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) grants pose with Tufts University President Anthony Monaco and members of the TNSF board. (Anna Miller/Tufts University)

Last year, 36 organizations in Tufts' host communities received TNSF grants. The funds supported a wide range of programs and projects in each community including robotics supplies for Parts and Crafts in Somerville, classroom technology upgrades for the Columbus School in Medford, irrigation improvements for Community Harvest in Grafton, and travel funding for Boston Self-Help's power wheelchair soccer team in Boston.

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

COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times



The chances are probably better than even that if you asked just about anybody in the city these days if it's cold enough for them you might catch a punch in the nose. So don't risk it.

The record breaking low temperatures aren't really a laughing matter, so please take the official warnings and tips seriously in order to stay safe and healthy.

The Massachusetts Emergency Man-

agement Agency (MEMA) has some useful tips that we should all pay close attention to. Here are a few:

Dress in several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing instead of a single heavy layer. Wear a hat, mittens (not gloves), and sturdy waterproof boots to protect your arms, legs, hands and feet. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs. Follow recommended safety

precautions when using space heaters, a fireplace, or a woodstove to heat your home. Keep a fire extinguisher handy. Wrap pipes in insulation or layers of newspapers covered in plastic to prevent them from freezing. Let a trickle of warm water run from a faucet to keep water moving through your pipes. If your pipes freeze, open all faucets all the way, remove any insulation, and heat the frozen pipe

with a hair dryer or wrap with towels soaked in hot water. Never use an open flame to thaw pipes. Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, and those who may need extra help.

More useful tips are available at http://mass.gov/mema/cold. Let's watch out for ourselves and each other.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

The Somerville Office of Prevention and the Somerville Health & Human Services Department invite you to join in a World Café style presentation of the 2018 Somerville High School Student Health Survey results on Thursday, **January 31**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Somerville High School Culinary Arts Bistro (use atrium entrance). The results will be presented in the form of an interactive game, facilitated by youth from Somerville Positive Forces 100 (SPF100). The Student Health Survey was administered to all Somerville High School students in February 2018, and anonymous answers were compiled into an analytical report and compared with state and national averages in various student health categories including alcohol use, drug use, bullying, physical, mental and sexual health, overall school environment, and school services. A survey will be administered to Somerville middle school students in this spring. *******

The Medford High School Mustangs and Somerville High School Highlanders girls and boys basketball teams will continue their rivalry at the 3rd Annual Tufts Classic on Sunday, January 20, at the Cousens Gymnasium on

Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus.

The girls' game will tip off at 12:30 p.m., and the boys' game will tip off at 2:00 p.m. This is the only time Medford and Somerville will meet all season. For the first time, the winners of each game will receive a "Tufts Classic" trophy, which will stay in their possession until the next Tufts Classic. Event staff will be accepting donations for food pantries in Medford and Somerville. Fans are asked to bring nonperishable food items to support those in need in both cities.

Enjoy the sounds of the season and help Somerville Public Schools celebrate the outstanding work of their student musicians and music educators. Learn more about Music and Performing Arts at the Somerville Public Schools in their latest production of Our Schools, Our City (https://youtu.be/nRg_nB-pV18). Upcoming concerts include: Thursday, January 31, 9:00-10:00am: Healey Winter Concert, featuring students in grades 3-8. To be held in the school cafeteria. Thursday, January 31, 9:15am: Argenziano School MLK Celebration Concert, featuring students in 5th through 8th grades and band students. Concert

will take place in the school cafeteria.

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

Share your thoughts on proposed changes to Somerville's condo conversion ordinance at a public hearing on Thursday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m., at Somerville City Hall, or via email to BoardofAldermen@somervillema.gov and cityclerk@somervillema.gov. Proposed changes to the ordinance would, among other things, increase the notification period for informing elderly, low- and moderate-income tenants, and strengthen provisions for a tenant's rights to purchase. Learn more about the full list of proposed changes to the existing ordinance and find a detailed FAQ document, timeline, and other information at somervillema.gov/condo-conversion. Please submit any feedback by Friday, February 8.

The Somerville School Committee is hosting a second public hearing on the proposed Powderhouse Studios Innovation School on Wednesday, February 6, 6:00pm at the West Somerville Neighborhood School. There will be a presentation about the plan and then public comment. Visit www.somerville. k12.ma.us/powderhouse-proposal for more information.

The 17th Annual Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night takes place on Thursday, March 21, from 6:30 -11:00 p.m. at the Tufts University's Cousens Gym. Join the fun and support a great cause. The Brian Higgins Foundation's goal is to help children with special needs and their families have a fun quality of life. Along with a fun and friendly trivia competition, the evening includes a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, numerous raffles to win, a light dinner and a cash bar. Donations are tax deductible. Enter a team for \$250, or purchase an individual ticket through PayPal and join an existing team. Registration deadline is March 1. Learn more about this event and the Brian Higgins Foundation at http://www. thebrianhigginsfoundation.org/.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event was on Monday, January 28, at the East Somerville Community School,

The celebration was emceed by Marcus Santos, and featured musical performances by El Sistema Somerville and the Somerville High School World Percussion Ensemble, as well as readings by the winners of the student essay contest. A keynote address was given by Aba Taylor, a social justice educator, facilitator and orga-

The event was organized in cooperation with the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Department, Somerville Public Schools, and the Somerville Human Rights Commission.



































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Save the date for Elder Fair 2019

By Nathan Lamb

Elder Somerville-Cambridge Services (SCES) invites exhibitors, sponsors, and the general public to save the date for Elder Fair 2019.

The free annual health and wellness expo will showcase a wide range of services and programs for older adults, caregivers, and people with disabilities on Wednesday, April 10.

Now in its 20th year, Elder Fair offers a mix of health screenings and opportunities to connect with organizations that help maintain safety, independence, and well-being, explained SCES Director of Outreach and Community Relations Nathan Lamb.

"Providing options that help people maintain independence in the setting of their choice is central to our mission at SCES, and we see Elder Fair as one more way we can connect people with helpful resources," said Lamb.

Roughly 350 area older adults

and caregivers attended Elder Fair 2018, and Lamb anticipates another strong showing

"The community has really embraced this event," said Lamb. "There's something great about bringing everybody together, to celebrate Aging in Place and the people we serve."

Some 6 3 agencies and vendors hosted exhibits at Elder Fair last year. The expo will also feature several SCES programs, such as:

The Aging Information Center, which provides free information and guidance on aging-related issues. SCES Elder Care Advisors will be on-hand to answer questions, and they can also provide information about agency programs that provide in-home care, Meals on Wheels, elder abuse prevention, and more!

Adult Family Care, which helps MassHealth eligible people who cannot live alone receive the care they need from friends and family, by



The Elder Fair health and wellness expo drew more than 60 exhibitors to the Holiday Inn in Somerville last year. Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services is looking forward to hosting Elder Fair 2019 on April 10.

providing training, compensation, and ongoing support for live-in caregivers.

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

Potential sponsors and exhibitors are invited to contact Margarida Mendonca at 617628-2601 ext. 3106 for more information. The deadline for completed registration is March 1.

Elder Fair 2019 will take place at the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill (30 Washington St. in Somerville) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10.

Elder Fair is free and open to the general public. Older adults or caregivers with questions about Elder Fair are invited to call 617-628-2601, ext. 3618.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, 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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- 1. What was the highest scoring Super Bowl game?
- 2. What was the most watched Super Bowl in American history?
- 3. What team has lost the most Super Bowl games?
- 4. What company makes the Vince Lombardi Trophy?
- 5. How many Super Bowl games have gone into overtime?
- 6. Who was the first player to say the advertising tagline "I'm going to Disney World"?

- 7. What Patriots player has the nickname of "Minitron"?
- 8. In what year was the first Corvette built?
- 9. What was the first TV series Betty White produce?
- 10. Where did Led Zeppelin first perform Stairway to Heaven in public?
- 11. What is Mageirocophobia a fear of?
- 12. Farina is the Italian word for what?

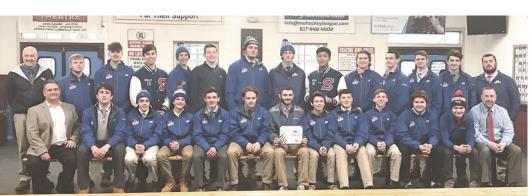
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Highlander hockey team earns MIAA Educational Athletics Achievement Award



The Somerville High School Boys Ice Hockey Team was recently awarded the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Educational Athletics Achievement Award, in recognition of their outstanding community service work this year. Aside from their commitment on the ice, Somerville ice hockey student-athletes have dedicated their off-ice time to giving back to the community in a number of ways. From serving veterans and seniors at the Mayor's Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Somerville Council of Aging, to helping at a local toy drive and running a toy drive with the Lynn Jets that donated toys to the Mystic Learning Center and to the Lynn Community Center, Highlander Ice Hockey players have played an important role in making a positive difference in the lives of their fellow Somerville community members. The MIAA acknowledged their leadership in demonstrating the five pillars of MIAA Educational Athletics at a special recognition event on Wednesday, January 23rd. MIAA's five pillars serve as the criteria to achieving excellence in a school's athletic program and include the following.

- Wellness empower students to make healthy life choices
- + Sportsmanship respect for self, team, opponents, officials, rules, and the game itself
- + Coaches' Education provide resources for teacher-coaches who serve as curriculum instructors of educational athletics
- Leadership promote the power of positive influence that student-athletes and teacher-coaches share as role models
- Community Service recognize the privilege of athletic participation and the responsibility of giving back to the community

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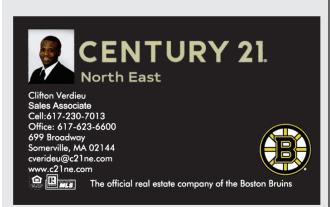
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GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

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

0 & 20 Inner Belt Rd and 56 Roland Street (ZBA 2018-142): Applicant, CPC-T Innerbelt, LLC c/o Criterion Development Partners, and Owners, Paradigm Direct Roland, LLC c/o Kevin McCall and the Somerville City Club c/o Frank Dardeno, Jr. Esq., seeks special permits with site plan review per SZO §7.11.1.c (multiple residential dwellings in a BB district), SZO §7.11.5.B.6 (a private, non-profit club or lodge for members only in a BB district), and SZO §7.11.11.10.b (structured parking in an IA district). A special permit for parking relief is also being sought under Article 9 of the SZO. Multiple variances are also being sought for minimum lot area per dwelling unit, maximum ground coverage, floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, minimum front yard, and minimum rear yard. The proposed project is to construct a seven-story mixed use building that will include 205 residential units, a private, non-profit club or lodge for members only, and an attached shared parking garage. BB / IA Zone. Ward 1.

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

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

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

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

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

65 Albion Street (ZBA 2018-179): Applicant and Owner, Wendy Derjue-Holzer & Matt Holzer, see special permits to alter a non-conforming property,

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 1/23/19 & 1/30/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 19-61

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

On-call repairs / replacement and maintenance of Doors

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 02/13/2019 at 1:00PM EST at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

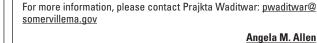
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A 5% bid deposit is required. Prevailing wage applies to this procure-

For more information, please contact Prajkta Waditwar: pwaditwar@

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB # 19-54

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 1/23/19 and 1/30/19

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties by the Planning Board and the Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 2019 has been rescheduled to March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

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

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

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.

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Attest: Michael A. Capuano, Chair, Somerville Planning Board Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, City Council Land Use Committee To be published in the Somerville Times on 01/30/2019 and 02/06/2019

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville** Licensing Commission on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the Entertainment by Devices License for 82A Broadway LLC d/b/a Tapatio Mexican Grill, 82 Broadway, Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Christopher Allen Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant

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

Docket No. SU18A0096AD

CITATION G.L.c. 210, §6

In the matter of: Crystal Valente

Bruna Valente Bua Luciano Oliveira

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

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Date: January 2, 2019

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RFP# 19-ESG1 CD The City of Somerville, Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD)

invites sealed proposals for the 2019-2020 HUD Action Plan for the: **Community Development Block Grant Program Emergency Solutions Grant Program.**

Community Development Block Grant Program. Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number RFP # 19-PS1 CD Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Bid Number RFP # 19-ESG1 CD

Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be picked up at the OSPCD, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Third Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning at 8:30 A.M. Monday February 4, 2019.

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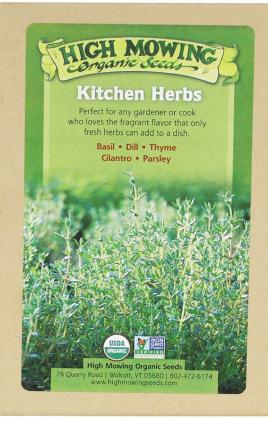
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Healey School 7th graders learn how to bring poetry to life



Seventh grade students at the Healey School learned how to bring poetry to life through an inclass poetry workshop with Spoken Word Poet, Anthony Febo.

Read all about how students in Ms. Emma Daniels' English Language Arts class gave voice to their food-focused poetry in this recent blog post: http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/blog/bringing-poetry-life-healey.

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For the Commission

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday January 30

East Branch Library

Preschool Story Time 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broad-

Thursday|January 31

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting

3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland

Friday | February 1

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-yearolds

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Monday February 4

Central Library

Sing Along with Fred & Friends! 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West at TAB

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

Tuesday | February 5

Somerville Community Baptist Church

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

Central Library

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

Wednesday February 6

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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Thursday|January 31

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The Red Room: Twin Peaks Tribute

Julee Cruise Director, Paige Chaplin, The Mystery, DJ Heather D of Backpacks & Magazinea 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's

Ali McGuirk First Fridays|1 9:30 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Duppy Conquerors – A Bob Marley Tribute Band 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

First Friday Flamenco with Flamenco Boston! 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Saturday February 2

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Test Meat, Jakals, Justine and the Unclean - \$10 cover // Facebook|9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

The Band the Time Forgot 7 p.m. Rip Cord |10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Kids Union Dance Party|2:30 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

The Macrotones Air Congo 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Molasses Flood Benefit Concert for Cosecha

1p.m.-4 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety Show 9 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café

Somerville Songwriter Session 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday | February 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Post-SuperBowl Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan Depression Sessions |10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

The Burren Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bian-

chi|7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & **Bluegrass**

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Pretty Saro**

1 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday February 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Jimmy James Trivia 8:30 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Arts at the Armory

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

Tuesday February 5

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

The Burren

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Ghetto People Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

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Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Wednesday February 6

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

The Burren

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

Kathleen Parks & Brad Bensko Single Release 7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

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

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville 156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Open Mic with Mike Morrissey 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday January 30

Central Library

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Thursday January 31

Central Library

Ciampa Manor

(Upstairs Parlor).

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

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

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday February 2

Winters Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Arts at the Ar-

mory|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards**

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

Sunday | February 3 Getting Cozy @ the Library 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday February 4 **Central Library**

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.- 5 p.m. Chess Night

7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland

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

Tuesday February 5

Central Library

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

Wednesday|February 6

Central Library Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft

12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

CENTER SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

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

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

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

TTY: 866-808-4851 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Twin Rivers Casino – Tuesday, March 26. \$25.00 per peron. Bonus package to be determined. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 9:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming Date: February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

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

Adventure Group - Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

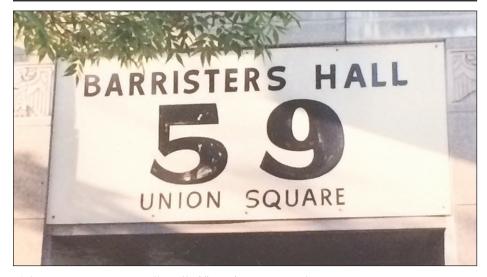
Arts & Crafts - Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Historical Fact

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The Square was originally called "Sand Pit Square" in reference to her sandy soil, which supplied the sand for local glass and brick works. Upon the construction by firefighters of a flagpole in her center and leading up to the Civil War, she was called Liberty Pole Square. During the war, the Square served as a recruitment center and has since been known proudly as Union Square.

Some Union Square points of interest include:

- The World War I Memorial honoring Somerville's heroes of the "War to End All Wars."
- + The Prospect Hill mural on the outside wall of Barristers Hall, often referred to as Somerville's Gateway Mural.
- On Washington Street, the Revolutionary War mural in the former Post Office building and the James Miller

Memorial stone.

- + The former Schrafft's Building boardroom that was recreated at The Independent restaurant.
- The Milk Row Cemetery and the first Civil War Memorial built in America with public funds are located here.
- The Congregational Church at Bow and Walnut Streets built by Harvey P. Hood founder of HP Hood & Sons.
- The old Middlesex County Court House and the long-established Somerville Journal building near the base of Walnut Street. These sites hearken the soul of old Union Square
- + The two old police stations and the long-standing Flemish-bond style brick firehouse that commands the view of the center. They are old Union Square's

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Somerville Media Workshops and Events





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Grant Seeking & Writing Workshops

February 6 and February 13, 6:00-8:30pm (not consecutive) at Arts at the Armory

\$75/each: Register at www.somervillemedia.org

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

Valentine's Day Movie Night & Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 5 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Winter Hill Brewery

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

February Vacation Youth Camp

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

This February Vacation, get out of the house and get active with an exciting new partnership sponsored by the City of Somerville featuring parkour, coding, dance, and creative media production!

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

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7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
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8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
9:00am	Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B"
9:30am	SomerViva en Español - DACA y TPS
11:30am	The Firstamerican Flag
1:00pm	BOA - Land Use - Public Hearing
6:30pm	BOA Meeting w/School Committee
Thursday	y, January 31
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8:30am	Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan
9:00am	Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing
11:30am	SomerViva en Español - DACA y TPS
12:00pm	Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B"
12:30pm	Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish
1:00pm	Organizational Meeting for BOA
	& School Committee
2:30pm	Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing
6:00pm	BOA Public Hearing: Condo Conversion
Friday, Fo	ebruary 1
12:00am	Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B"
12:30am	School Committee Meeting - 1.28.19

Sit & Be Fit Fibromvalgia Workout

BOA Meeting w/School Committee

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Wednesday, January 30

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& School Committee Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty' 9:40pm 10:00pm Immigration Info Session - 12.9.18 11:11pm HeatSmart CoolSmart 11:14pm Transgender Day of Remembrance 11:30pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education" Sunday, February 3 12:00am BOA Public Hearing: Condo Conversion Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 8:30am SomerViva en Español - DACA y TPS 9:00am 9:30am Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing 11:30am SomerViva en Español - DACA y TPS 12:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:30pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 1:30pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 2:00pm Organizational Meeting for BOA & School Committee 6:00pm SomerViva em Português Aldermen at Work - JT Scott 6:30pm

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Wednesday, February 6 Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:00am 12:30am BOA Public Hearing: Condo Conversion

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9:00am	WSNS Winter Concert				
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12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead				
2:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Gloucester				
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr Kennedy School				
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Plainpoem

And so it falls to me this evening, moments ago and even yet mid-sentence on a two-day task, occupied, endeavoring to feel the blueness of the snow, its height beneath the Douglas firs, to see the walkers tread upon the air it seems, and how the cold and color of it all, the bristling pines, the lights, the silence through the windowpane are given me to hallow as I can, with words, and while it darkens, still

- Mark Stevick

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- 4. Tiffany & Co.
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- 11. Cooking
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'On the Meaning of Human Being'

by Richard Oxenberg

On the Meaning of Human Being By Richard Oxenberg Political Animal Press, Toronto www.politicalanimalpress.com ISBN: 978-1-895131-30-7 — 248 Pages

Review by OTS Correspondent Dennis Daly

Not since Saint Thomas Aquinas channeled Aristotle by way of Boethius in Summa Theologica has philosophy and theology met in such an unexpected and enlightened way. Richard Oxenberg in his new book, On the Meaning of Human Being, Heidegger and the Bible in Dialogue, uses a framework employed by the estimable (and somewhat infamous) Martin Heidegger to get at the ethical basis of humanity and the relevance of religion in the twenty-first century.

The first half of the Oxenberg book sets up his secular and foundational approach as well as developing a tool box of helpful terms and delving philosophic concepts. His choice of Heidegger seems at first rather odd (more on that later) and then ... and then ... not so much. Being and Time, Heidegger's breakthrough work of phenomenological investigations, is clearly up to the task. Oxenberg manipulates Heidegger's perceptions masterfully, architecturally structuring his own original arguments from them with deftness and certainty.

Human Being, as defined by Heidegger/Oxenberg, exists as more than an entity. It is rather a subject connected to objects which are influenced by pretty spooky forces. Oxenberg explores this complex world with verbs that signify value such as "care" and "matter" as in "we care about things" or "things matter to us." Each object is an object because of a subject's concern. According to Oxenberg this concern is basic to Being. In his dialectic Being exists not only in a space-time dimension, but also in a qualitative or axiological dimension. The values intrinsic to this dimension are inseparable from Being itself. Humans derive meaning from mattering. Goodness mattered to Plato and Aristotle and also matters to Judao-Christianity and the basis of these sets of beliefs match up in uncanny ways.

Oxenberg deals with the estrangement of theology and philosophy forthwith and without hesitation. Rene Descartes is quickly fingered as the evil genius and historical bad guy and his philosophical dualism, although spectacularly successful in mechanistic living, entices questioning seekers down the wrong rabbit hole in mankind's search for meaning and truth. According to Oxenberg/ Heidegger Cartesian facts are nothing more than abstractions of our "caring about things." When humans set their sights on an object (a desk, a chair, a friend, themselves) they do so for the sake of something. Subjects project that value onto their object and this defines meaning. The subject cannot be separated from the object, and thus this is not a subjective process. Nor can this be considered objective. It is a process of projection that extends into the future and back to the past, and it must be understood as a whole.

Heidegger calls his re-envisioned human being Dasein or Being-in-the-World. Each Dasein can be described as Being-towards-Death, that is, authentic being, or Das Man, that is, inauthentic being. Later on Oxenberg describes yet another mode of existence he terms Being-towards-Life offered by Judeo-Christianity. Soren Kierkegaard points out man's alienation when confronting death in his arguably authentic life. Anxiety causes this Being, a being lost to existential despair, to seek eternal life to fulfill himself. Eternal, by the way, is not necessarily defined in temporal terms. Oxenberg goes to great lengths to describe its qualitative fabric.

Curiously, early in the book Oxenberg states that modern scientific thought deliberately "seeks to discount the subjective concerns of the observer in an effort to provide a strictly "objective" account



of reality." He argues that this viewpoint results in a distorted understanding of Being. Oxenberg is right on both counts, of course, if he is referring to Newtonian science and mathematics and I think he is. But he would not be right if he were referring to the bane of Einstein's original and elegant theoretical inclinations (God does not play dice with the world) - quantum physics. In fact it is impossible to read Oxenberg's description of Heidegger's phenomenological ontology without one's mind wandering into the realm of quantum mechanics (think Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principal and the Double Slit Experiment). In this quantum world the observer by his very observing alters his object. Also in this world exotic particles demonstrate invisible connections over space and time. This spookiness, begging for theological answers, finds its equivalent in Heidegger's concepts and buttresses, in an architectural sense, Oxenberg's theological explorations.

Heidigger, who in his life purported to seek authenticity with the same zeal that Aristotle sought goodness, joined the German Nazi Party before World War II. His supporters argue that he did so for career purposes and never became an active party member. Maybe. Oxenberg does rehash those sorry facts in a brief and unsatisfying attempt to understand Heidegger's disastrous move. In fairness, Oxenberg had no choice, his use of Heidegger's analytic necessitates some kind of explanatory comment. Ignominy can't be ignored in the midst of righteous exploration.

In the second half of the book Oxenberg creates a rapprochement of sorts between philosophy and religion. He aims to accomplish this by explicating the Old and New Testaments with the use of Heidegger's already developed hermeneutical tools. Heidegger would not have approved. That said, Oxenberg's approach I think succeeds, and succeeds startling well at that. His understanding of language raises up Jewish and Christian traditions to a connective level of philosophical symbolism. His coverage includes the iconic stories within Genesis as well as the biblical Jesus Christ. His analysis of the Christ as messiah and the appellations of the Son of Man used by Christ himself and the Son of God used by the Christian faithful hit the mark. The human spirit seems to transfigure into the Spirit of God, a oneness more often acknowledged by mystics, traditional Buddhism, and other eastern religions.

Oxenberg makes no claim for Christian exclusivism, but he does argue for the "existential disposition" of Christ's revealed teachings. The Spirit of Christ becomes for Oxenberg a mode of Being-in-the-World that gives the slip to the proponents of existentialism (Jean-Paul Sartre, Camus, et al) and seeks the goodness of love and community. Religious beliefs for Oxenberg seem to merge in a rarified metaphorical and transcendent, but no less real philosophic, realm. Paul Tillich, Thomas Merton and others have followed similar lines of reasoned mysticism. Keep in mind that Aristotle identified contemplation as the highest form of happiness. In any case, Oxenberg is in good company.





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