

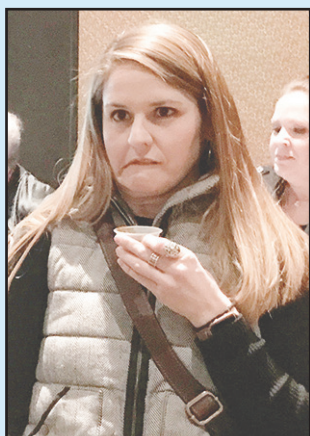


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City officials seek to improve Inspectional Services reporting



"One Call to City Hall" has not always been effective when it comes to reporting illegal construction activities to the city's Inspectional Services department, according to a number of unhappy residents.

By Jim Clark

Discussion took place at the most recent regular meeting of the Somerville Board of Aldermen regarding reporting procedures related to unauthorized or bothersome construction activities after hours and during weekends.

Co-sponsor of the agenda item, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, outlined several concerns brought forward by residents concerning a lack of ability to get Inspectional Services personnel to stop these activities at these times.

"There is still no reliable way for neighbors to get in touch with someone - an Inspector or an administration official - who can send an Inspector out at night or on a weekend, when Inspectors are generally not working, or on a holiday, when something is going on in a neighborhood, in a building, that's making a lot of noise or work that should not be allowed to go on on a holiday or Sunday is

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Somerville High students are putting 'Pippin' on social media

By Emily Blackwood

Highland Theatre Company's upcoming production of *Pippin* will be unlike any production of *Pippin* anyone has ever seen - at least, theatre arts teacher Charles Jabour hopes so.

Directed by Jabour and put on by over 40 students of Somerville High School, the musical details the journey of a young prince searching for his own meaning and significance. Originally written in 1972, Highland Theatre Company is bringing it into the 21st century with the use of social media on stage.

The specifics, of course, are only accessible by those who purchase a ticket to one of their four performances.

Pippin is the first production put on by Highland Theatre Company, a student-run organization started by Jabour with the goal of getting more of the school involved in theatre.

"Theatre used to exist in different buckets within the school," he said.

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Over 40 students are participating in the Highland Theatre Company's production of *Pippin*.

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

Happy birthdays this week to the following: Happy birthday to great lady and friend, Maria Nella Nunes. We hope she has a great birthday. Maybe her husband Bruce will cook for her? Happy birthday to Patricia Moran-Quinlan, another nice lady from Winter Hill. We hope she has a great day as well. Happy birthday to Sheila Howe, yet another great lady here in Somerville. We wish her the very best of birthdays this week. Happy birthday to our own Denise Cosby, local real estate agent/author and nice lady. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to our good friend and former Winter Hill guy, Jeff Cappello. We hope he has a great day. To all those celebrating this week who we may have missed, we hope you have a great day as well.

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

We've been watching the Board of Alderman meetings, and it is definitely a different board. It seems as though at first glance they might want to read the charter which outlines their job and responsibilities. The benefit of being older is looking back at previous Boards. This Board sort of reminds us of the ones in the late 60's and 70's under then Mayor

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Somerville and five other cities file amicus brief on tax ballot measure

TheoNa says:

To be fair the amendment should be titled the “Unfair Share Amendment.” What it does is discriminate against a particular class of people based upon their success. People with higher incomes already pay more in taxes than people with lesser incomes and receive a lower percentage of services than those who pay less. All this will do is drive higher income people to change their residence to another state, just as they did in Connecticut and other states that tried this approach. As the expected revenues will not come in, the government will then redefine the threshold to a lower income level which will eventually impact the middle class.

Matt says:

I think 4% is a big jump, it's rather see smaller steps and the way, more similar to federal taxes. We should also fully implement reverse filing at a state level.

Response to: Somerville seeking residents to serve on Central Hill Campus parking working group

ritepride says:

The Administration should practice what it preaches. The mayor touts that the residents use the ‘T’, so too should those employed by the city working on Central Hill. Judging by the fact that the city wants residents given priority for jobs in the city thus we all must feel that the mayor is in compliance and that all the employees assigned to Central Hill are residents and that they do use the ‘T’. Thus there should be no need for a “Parking Group”. Brings to mind when S. Lester Ralph took office and called all the Dept. Heads, of the out going administration etc. to a meeting before they left and collected city owned property; credit cards, keys to city vehicles, etc. Some of said Dept. Heads inquired as how they would get home and the incoming mayor replied, “Well you all are suppose to be city residents – take the bus”. Ah Somerville...you gotta love it and laugh.

Maggie says:

You are so right. Mayor Capuano required his department heads to be Somerville residents also. We keep hearing how we should all take buses and trains, unless you work at City Hall. Would love to know how many city employees are Somerville residents. City Hall keeps taking over more and more public areas for his staff to park. They might as well close School Street as a public way as it is all set aside for City Hall parking. Most of the parking at the high school concourse is also City Hall parking. Another pet peeve.....why are spaces at City Hall designated only for elected officials? Maybe if they had to drive around the building 3 times looking for a space they would get it.

Response to: Obituary: Gerald Saint-Fleming

Courtney O'Keefe says:

I am so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. He was a great soul and I so appreciated his advice and support when I served as Alderman. Somerville is a little less without him.

Response to: Obituary: The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week – January 24

Barbara Mangum says:

Great article. Thank you, Bob and the Times for publishing!

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

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John Connolly

Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with JJ

By JT Thompson

JJ has created a thriving cultural center in an originally off-the-beat-en-path area just outside Union Square, with Cusine en Locale, a locally sourced catering company, and ONCE Ballroom, a space for bands and events. We meet in the lounge above ONCE, which is a lovely, cheerfully cluttered area with a pool table, beaded curtains, and colorful 50s chairs salvaged from Lanes and Games.

JJ has long, dark hair streaked with blue and purple, and short bangs above intelligent eyes. A black, short sleeved shirt and a few tattoos on her upper arms. Her face lights up with a sweet, delighted smile about things she loves; for things she’s less pleased with, she has a knowing, sardonic smile – the kind of smile that comes with a raised eyebrow and a sense of grim amusement at the bullshit that people can get up to.

JJ is both playful and no non-sense. Her manner is relaxed, but there are strong currents of energy in her; curiosity, passion, a strong work ethic, civic engagement, mischievousness. This is a person who gets a lot done and, you get the sense, has fun doing it.

JJ grew up in Cambridge, in a family “that has similar beliefs as me, similar practices. Home cooking. Home growing. We

always had a food garden. And they were very patriotic and proud of what can be accomplished here in the US. My father was a brilliant lawyer, a general counsel, so he handled lots of different kinds of cases.

“He’s very non-judgmental, good at looking at all sides of things. In the Reagan era, he told us, it’s our flag too. That the flag sometimes gets coopted as a conservative symbol. But it belongs to everybody. Including Puerto Rico, including the Virgin Islands.”

JJ went to school at Shady Hill, “which has a mandate for diversity. Lots of scholarships to keep it diverse. But I experienced more diversity from our travels to other countries. Never on tours or anything like that, we did house swaps, went and stayed.

“Greece, other countries with Latin based languages, where it was easy to travel with kids. I learned that everybody’s a stranger in someone else’s place. Americans need to go see what that’s like – see what’s not normal there. I’ve been in countries where people think I’m an idiot because I can’t communicate.”

JJ’s family was in the Brixton district of London during the riots in the early ‘80s. “Talk about racial tension. Those riots were provoked. Brixton burned for a long time.”

A lot of JJ’s musical sense de-

veloped during that time – “the Sex Pistols, The Clash, The Beat, The Specials. Crass – who were super political. They were practically not even music, just spoken word with sound.”

Politics and music are still close allies for JJ; at ONCE, along with the many bands that come through, she hosts rallies and benefits. But her love of music also goes back to her earliest, pre-political childhood.

“I was obsessed with music from the time I was little. I slept with a radio, Top 40 radio was in my head all the time. I can sing the lyrics to songs that came out when I was three.”

From Shady Hill, JJ went on to college at Tufts’ Museum School program and afterward “I went on a walkabout basically. I think everyone should. Drove through the South, across the country, ultimately landed in Portland, Oregon and stayed there for nine years. Then wandered again for a couple years. Martha’s Vineyard for four years. Then went back to Cambridge, and started a personal chef company.”

“I had always loved to cook. And as a chef, nothing is more important than travel. Among my friends, I always made the food, always did an ‘orphan Thanksgiving.’”

After five or six years, JJ shifted the business toward catering.

“I needed a commercial kitchen. That brought me to Union Square. It was like coming home – I’d lived at 108 Central Street during college. I’ve been running Cuisine en Locale for 13 years now, since right at the beginning of 2005. And we’re still around. Do you know how unusual that is?”

“My father said about businesses that you should close early and often, but I’ve stuck with Cuisine through thick and thin. We have a mandate to do local food – even oil and salt! Somerville might be the only place we could do that.”

“When I moved to Union, the square was not really being developed yet, there wasn’t much activity. We’re part of the gentrification here, but also part of the new businesses that have made this a special, magical, artistic place. Somerville was already great, but we’ve added a lot. When Highland Kitchen opened, nobody knew what was going on up here. They blazed a trail. They were independent, they bucked the system. We didn’t go into the belly of the beast, didn’t try to open a place



Cusine en Locale and ONCE Ballroom creator, JJ.

on Newbury Street.”

“There’s not a lot of foot traffic up here, it’s not on the T. It was a real risk. I really tip my hat to Highland and other businesses that take that risk. They were pioneers.”

“And Union Square is my square. If I’m going into town, it’s Union – bloc 11, the post office. Grooves is a really important business. Workbar is investing in the community. I love Ricky’s, I buy a ton of plants and soil there, I really count on him. My most important distributor is Metro Pedal Power, Wenzday Jane is one of the most brilliant business owners I know.”

I ask JJ what she loves about her job, and she laughs.

“Which one! I love to cook. I love it. I love buying food from farmers. I write big checks to them, that makes me happy. I love employing people. I love people’s reaction to our upstairs lounge. I love cooking for weddings. I love feeding people. I love my farmers, I’ve been working with some of them since we started doing this 13 years ago.”

“I think of a meal as being like a band’s set. The dishes are like songs, you choose the order. A ten course production is like an opera.”

“And if you want to do a political action, join a CSA. They use that money to get seeds and buy equipment. It’s like a small business loan, and they’re paying you back in food. Farmer’s markets are important too, but it’s a different kind of support – they

can’t count on it. The weather makes it uneven, people don’t go to farmer’s markets when it’s raining. Join a CSA!”

The other half of JJ’s professional life is ONCE Ballroom, a big open space with a stage and a low key bar off to the left. A few chandeliers hang from the ceiling.

“We don’t make a profit on the shows. That goes to the bands. What we do, I think of as making revenue, making enough to pay the bills and keep things going. The staff, rent, electric, the water bill, the licensing fees. We’re keeping it going, and I love doing it.”

“You described your father’s and your family’s patriotism. What do you love about America?”

“It’s a beautiful country. So many parts that I think of as being one of the most beautiful places in the world. Puerto Rico is heaven. The Badlands are magical. Oregon is in my soul. The fog in San Francisco. The way the houses are painted. The flat prairie of Minnesota. Kansas in the dark. I could go on. I’ve gone traveling so many times. I love the lights of Las Vegas as you fly in, going on for miles and miles in the desert. I could easily live in Truro on the Cape. I love our architecture – the Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Illinois.”

“We’ve got bomb music. So much great music. I love the traditions of music – rock and roll. A lot of that came out of the plantations. Continued on page 17

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

'Sunglasses Bandit' brought in at last

Somerville police received a call on Sunday from the Loss Prevention Officer at Saks OFF 5TH at Assembly Row, reporting that a male party had just stolen multiple pairs of sunglasses, and that the suspect was heading East on Grand Union Blvd., in the direction of Home Depot.

According to the Loss Prevention Officer, the suspect is known to them as Darryll Lydon, and has stolen sunglasses from Saks on at least ten occasions. The Loss Prevention Officer told police that Lydon typically walks into the store, heads directly to the sunglasses display,

grabs as many pairs as he can, and runs out of the store in under one minute.

Police were told that during the current incident, Lydon had entered Saks and grabbed about eight pairs of sunglasses and exited the store in approximately 30 seconds, causing the store's theft detection sensors to go off in the process.

Police soon located a male matching Lydon's description walking along Grand Union Blvd., in between Foley Street and Revolution Drive, before turning and heading into the Bank of America ATM nearby.

Police watched as Lydon at-

tempted to draw money out of the ATM, but appeared to be unsuccessful, and then make his way into Home Depot.

According to police records, Lydon has a history of narcotics abuse, and has been known to pull hypodermic needles on loss prevention officers who have tried to stop him.

The officers on scene located Lydon inside the the Home Depot, then he repeatedly insisted he was never in Saks and had been trespassed the last time he was caught for stealing sunglasses in December of 2017, according to police.

Lydon reportedly made state-

ments that he usually takes about twelve pairs of sunglasses at a time, and has a problem with both stealing and narcotics.

Lydon reportedly told the officers that he had not stolen sunglasses from Saks since the December incident.

Police conducted a frisk of Lydon and located a Sheffield folding knife in the right front pocket of his jeans, which is in violation of a city ordinance.

Police did not locate any sunglasses on Lydon's person, but suspected he had ditched them when he saw them following him on Grand Union Blvd.

As Lydon was being detained

for the theft, police received a call from Assembly Row Security Officers who said they witnessed the incident on camera and saw Lydon duck between two parked cars, appearing to fidget with his clothing. Assembly Row Security checked the area where Lydon had been, and located eight pairs of Saks sunglasses, with sensors still attached, underneath a parked car. The total value of the stolen sunglasses amounted to \$743.90.

Lydon was subsequently placed under arrest for violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, larceny over \$250, and trespassing.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Christopher Carreiro, of 34 Florence St., January 23, 8:40 a.m., arrested at Lincoln Ave. on charges of attempt to com-

mit a crime, possession of a burglarious instrument, felony daytime breaking and entering, and larceny from a building.

Amahri Brodie, of 1325 Blue Hill Ave., Boston, Janu-

ary 26, 10:06 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Romel Abraham, of 9 Port-

land St., Lynn, January 27, 10:59 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation.

Darryll Lydon, of 7 Wis-

consin Ave., January 28, 12:15 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, larceny over \$250, and trespassing.

City officials seek to improve Inspectional Services reporting

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happening," Niedergang stated at the meeting. "We've had many discussions about this. We aldermen sometimes get called by some distraught neighbors saying 'they're jackhammering concrete, it's eight o'clock Sunday morning and they're not supposed to be working on Sunday morning, can we get an Inspector out there?'"

Niedergang pointed out that aldermen can sometimes get Inspectors to respond by calling city staff directly, but residents can only call 311, and that seldom yields results.

"They call 311 over and over again, and somehow Inspectors don't get sent out," said Niedergang. "That's a problem I had hoped would be fixed by now, but I have not yet heard of a system set up so that any neighbor who suspects that an illegal building activity is going on in their neighborhood should be able to get in touch with somebody who can send an Inspector out to check that situation out."

A second issue brought up by Niedergang concerns the opinions of many residents that live close to controversial building projects that Inspectional Services does not monitor the construction work carefully enough and does not levy fines on developers who are repeat law breakers quickly enough.

Additionally, Niedergang pointed out that there have been accusations that

there has been a lack of consistency on the part of Inspectors in interpreting the building code and that mistakes are common. "This is creating confusion in the community and also among some developers," Niedergang said.

Superintendent of Inspectional Services Goran Smiljic was in attendance at the meeting and made himself available for questions and discussion on these matters. In response to the issue of reporting unauthorized construction activities, Smiljic assured the Board and others present that ISD did recognize that there was a problem with communications, particularly during nights, weekends and holidays, when Inspectors are not on call.

Smiljic stated that meetings had taken place between himself, the Mayor's Office, and the Chief of Police in order to establish a protocol for effectively dealing with 311 calls at these times.

"Sometimes there is a gap in communication," Smiljic said. "It's not that we don't respond, it's just that we don't receive the complaint itself and that can sometimes be a problem."

Smiljic assured the Board that police and ISD will be working together to respond to citizen complaint via the 311 system.

Further discussion on this and related matters was deferred to the Housing and Community Development Committee.

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City honors Chief Patrick Sullivan III



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Somerville man arrested on drug charges

By Jim Clark

A Somerville resident, Alessandro Capobianco, was arrested on drug charges Sunday evening in Wakefield. Police stopped Capobianco's car after noticing that the vehicle's headlights were

not on. During the stop, police found several Class E and Class B prescription drugs, as well as quantities of marijuana, allegedly packaged for distribution. Capobianco was placed under arrest on the scene and later released on bail.

OBITUARY

Gerald Saint-Fleming



Gerald Saint-Fleming of Somerville January 23, 2018. Beloved husband of

41 years to Mary (Crotty) Fleming. Loving father of Michael Fleming and his wife Jillian of Sudbury and Katey Fleming of Somerville. Dear brother of Paul and Bette Fleming and the late William "Bill" Fleming. Cherished grandfather of Parker, Spencer and Charley. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gerald's memory to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 84916, Boston, MA 02284. For more information please visit www.doherty-funeralservice.com.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of January 22-26.

Senate sessions and atmosphere in general have been more toned down in recent weeks and some senators and their staffs say there is still a dark cloud over the Senate because of the resignation of former Senate President Stan Rosenberg. He resigned following a Boston Globe story which alleges that his husband, Bryon Hefner, groped three men and kissed another one against his will. The story also included claims that Hefner has said he speaks for Rosenberg and talks about Senate business with legislators and their staffs.

The Senate Ethics Committee has begun the investigation of the sexual assault charges against Hefner, whether Rosenberg violated any rules of the Senate and if Hefner did have any influence over what happens in the Senate.

In a much-needed lighter moment at a recent Senate session, Senate Clerk Bill Welch mistakenly addressed Sen. Bruce Tarr as Sen. Bruce Lee. Twice. It got lots of laughs.

The late Bruce Lee was an actor, film director and martial artist who died in 1973.

\$1.7 BILLION HOUSING PACKAGE (H 4134)
House 150-1, approved and sent to the Senate a bill funding various state programs to construct and preserve affordable housing in the Bay State.

Provisions include \$400 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that funds a myriad of programs including help for first-time homebuyers \$600 million to rehabilitate and modernize existing public housing; \$60 million for disabled persons and seniors to renovate and modify their homes; and \$100 million for innovative and alternative forms of rental housing including shelters for survivors of domestic violence, housing for seniors and veterans; transitional and permanent housing for the homeless; housing for recovering drug addicts; and \$45 million for grants to non-profits for early education and out-of-school time program facilities that serve low income children.

Tax incentives include extending several existing tax credits including credits for companies that invest in affordable multifamily rental projects; credits for individuals who donate to community development corporations; credits for developers in Gateway Cities to construct or rehabilitate properties and create affordable and market-rate housing; and a credit to clean up contaminated sites known as brownfields.

“With the passage of this bond bill, we renew our commitment to affordable housing,” said House Speaker Bob DeLeo. “I’m particularly proud of the provisions that support housing for those with disabilities and improve facilities used for early education and care.”

“Individuals and families need access to safe housing, quality child care and jobs that allow them to support themselves,” said Michael Durkin, President and CEO of United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. “But high housing costs, a lack of affordable housing production, and low wages create significant barriers to opportunity and jeopardize our future workforce and economy. The Housing Bond Bill is essential to efforts to produce, preserve and modernize affordable housing in communities across the state.”

“Massachusetts ranks in the top three of per capita debt in the country,” said Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover), the lone member who opposed the package. “Our overall debt has increased from \$19 billion to over \$26 billion dollars since 2009. The overall debt per person in Massachusetts has grown from approximately \$23,000 in 2010 to over \$32,000 in 2016. Our overall spending is unsustainable. My job is to protect the hardworking taxpayers and families of my district and that is exactly what my vote does.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$1.7 million housing package. A “No” vote is against it).

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote

ABOLISH ARCHAIC LAWS (S 2260)
Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill repealing an 1800s ban on all abortions, a ban on contraception use for unmarried women and a requirement that all abortions after the 12th week of pregnancy be performed in a hospital. It also repeals laws punishing adultery and masturbation.

“I am so proud that, at a time when there are renewed threats nationally to providing comprehensive health services to women, the Massachusetts Senate voted unanimously to adopt this bill,” said Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). “We stand with a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body, including the right to complete control over her medical care, and decisions about contraception and abortion.”

Creem also said that just because these laws are not currently enforced does not mean they could not be enforced in the future. She noted that there is discussion in Congress about an attempt to reverse the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case that legalized abortion nationwide.

“We are living in a time when leaders at the highest levels of power in our country are demeaning women and attempting to roll back their rights,” said Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). “Massachusetts must affirm its commitment to protecting women’s rights to essential health care and expunge these dangerous laws.”

“The Massachusetts Senate is unwavering in its commitment to women’s health care,” said Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “This legislation continues our commitment to women and sends a strong message that this commonwealth will continue to move forward in improving the health and well-being of all our citizens.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALLOW VOTER REGISTRATION ON ELECTION DAY – Secretary of State Bill Galvin proposed legislation to allow Massachusetts voters to register and vote on Election Day. Under current law, voters must be registered at least 20 days before an election in order to be eligible to vote in it.

“Allowing voters to register on Election Day is the next step in our successful effort to expand access to the bal-

lot,” Galvin said. “Over the past few years, my office has worked to bring online voter registration, pre-registration and early voting to Massachusetts. This is yet another way to make it easier to cast a ballot for any eligible citizen who wants to vote.”

“Secretary Galvin is again saying one thing and doing another,” said Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim, who is challenging Galvin for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state. “Although he purports to support enabling residents to register to vote on Election Day, he is actively trying to overturn a Superior Court decision that would allow for it. Likewise, he says on one hand he wants to increase voter turnout, but he schedules the primary for the day after Labor Day.”

LAST WEEK'S PUBLIC HEARINGS

Several bills were the subject of public hearings last week on Beacon Hill including:

FLY FLAGS AT CONDOS (H 3986) - Bans condo associations from prohibiting a unit owner or resident from displaying the American flag, the flag of Massachusetts and military flags within an area over which the unit owner or resident has exclusive control.

STIPEND FOR STATEHOUSE INTERNS (H 1420) – Gives a \$1,000 annual stipend to each of the interns who work for the state’s 160 state representatives and 40 state senators.

CENTRALIZE JOB POSTINGS (H 3620) - Centralizes the posting of all state job openings before they are filled by requiring that they be placed in the state-wide employment computerized referral system.

PREPARE FOR NUCLEAR DISASTERS (H 4096) - Increases from 10 miles to 20 miles the radius around a nuclear power plant in which the state’s Department of Public Health is required to conduct environmental monitoring. Another provision provides for the stockpiling of thyroid-blocking agents for use by cities and towns within the expanded radius.

NO TOLLS FOR SENIORS OVER 70 (H 1914) - Exempts drivers 70 and older from paying a toll on the Mass Turnpike and the Callahan, Sumner and Ted Williams Tunnels.

NO FRONT LICENSE PLATE (H 1857) - Allows vehicle owners to choose to just put a license plate on the back of their car. Current law requires Bay State drivers to have front and back license plates.

PERSONAL DATA (H 3766) - Prohibits telecommunications and Internet service providers from collecting personal information resulting from the customer’s use of the service without getting written approval from the customer.

INCREASE ORGAN DONATIONS (H 1454) - Establishes a pilot program to explore different methods, including compensation, of incentivizing people to become organ donors.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – *Special State of the Commonwealth Edition*

Last week Gov. Baker delivered his annual State of the Commonwealth speech. Here are some of the responses to the speech:

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“I thought it was a very positive thing.” — *House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop).*

“If Gov. Baker attended a women’s march, regularly rode the T, or even held a single public town hall meeting where voters could talk to him face to face, maybe he’d understand the big problems we face. The millionaires who fund his campaign accounts think things are good under Charlie Baker’s status quo, but the rest of us know that Massachusetts needs a plan to invest in transportation and education, resist the Trump Administration, fight the opioid epidemic and lower the cost of healthcare. It’s clear that Gov. Baker doesn’t have that plan.” — *Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Gus Bickford.*

“Gov. Baker’s remarks tonight show that the state of the commonwealth is strong and getting stronger, with the economy continuing to move in the right direction. That is due in large part to the competence and integrity the Baker-Polito Administration has demonstrated since taking office, which has been essential in protecting taxpayer dollars. The Administration has a proven track record ... of making state government more responsive to the residents of the commonwealth, from implementing much-needed reforms at the Department of Children and Families to improving the management and operations of the MBTA, in addition to making advancements across a broad spectrum of areas important to the citizens of the commonwealth.” — *House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R–North Reading).*

“Gov. Baker ignored the central issue facing all schools across our state: Foundation Budget reforms and our broken Chapter 70 system. We spent the last four years arguing about issues that don’t affect most students –

and it’s time to get back to basics. To make a serious investment in education we must fix the broken Chapter 70 formula. It’s called the ‘foundation’ for a reason.” — *Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz (D-Boston).*

“Tonight, the governor touched on many of the priority issues that we in the Senate believe are critical as we fight for the future of Massachusetts families, including housing, the opioid crisis and transportation. As the governor said, while we may sometimes disagree on approach, we all share common goals.” — *Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester).*

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 22-26, the House met for a total of seven hours and 44 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 21 minutes.

Mon. January 22	House 11:03 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 12:06 p.m.
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Tues. January 23	No House session No Senate session
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Wed. January 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 5:38 p.m. No Senate session
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Thurs. January 25	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 3:23 p.m.
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Fri. January 26	No House session No Senate session
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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:				
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
21 Wellington Ave	9 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Other	25	\$649,900	\$565,000
19 Newbury St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	25	\$699,900	\$750,000
13 Fremont Ave	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	76	\$715,000	\$715,000
34 Jay Street	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	8	\$799,000	\$900,000

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

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

Hot sauce eating contest clears sinuses and proves strength

By Emily Blackwood

Standing up in front of the crowd of 200-odd some people holding a shot of hot sauce, Josh Innocent was starting to have his doubts.

“This seems like a bad idea,” he said to the other willing participants in Respond Inc.’s annual Hot Sauce Tasting Contest. “What do I have to prove?”

Strong taste buds and a willingness to say no to that tempting glass of water proved harder for some. Out of the eight that started, only four lasted through all five rounds. Each tasting hotter than the one before.

After the contest, winner Lareisa Meadows was found holding a glass of milk and a glass of wine. Neither of which had completely gotten rid of the burning.

“It definitely cleared my sinus-

es,” she joked. Those who opted out of the contest spent their time at Respond Inc.’s 4th-annual Chili Cook-Off trying to decide between their favorite chili and sampling some of J.P. Lick’s “spicy” ice cream.

While the essence of the event is a fun night to get the community together, the nonprofit welcomed anyone who wanted to discuss just how they provide services to 70,000 survivors of domestic abuse on a daily basis.

Jennifer Wolter, who works as Respond Inc.’s coordinator of community-based services, said her favorite part of her job is being able to work closely with survivors.

“There are not enough hours in the day, she said. “I could work 24 and still not get everything done.”

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Jennifer Wolter and Natasha Blazer sport their Respond Inc. jerseys at the event.

— Photos by Emily Blackwood



Ugo Cabre, 8, hands out chili from his family’s restaurant, Casa B Tapas and Cocktail Rum & Bar.



Lareisa Meadows shows her true feelings about entering the hot sauce eating contest.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



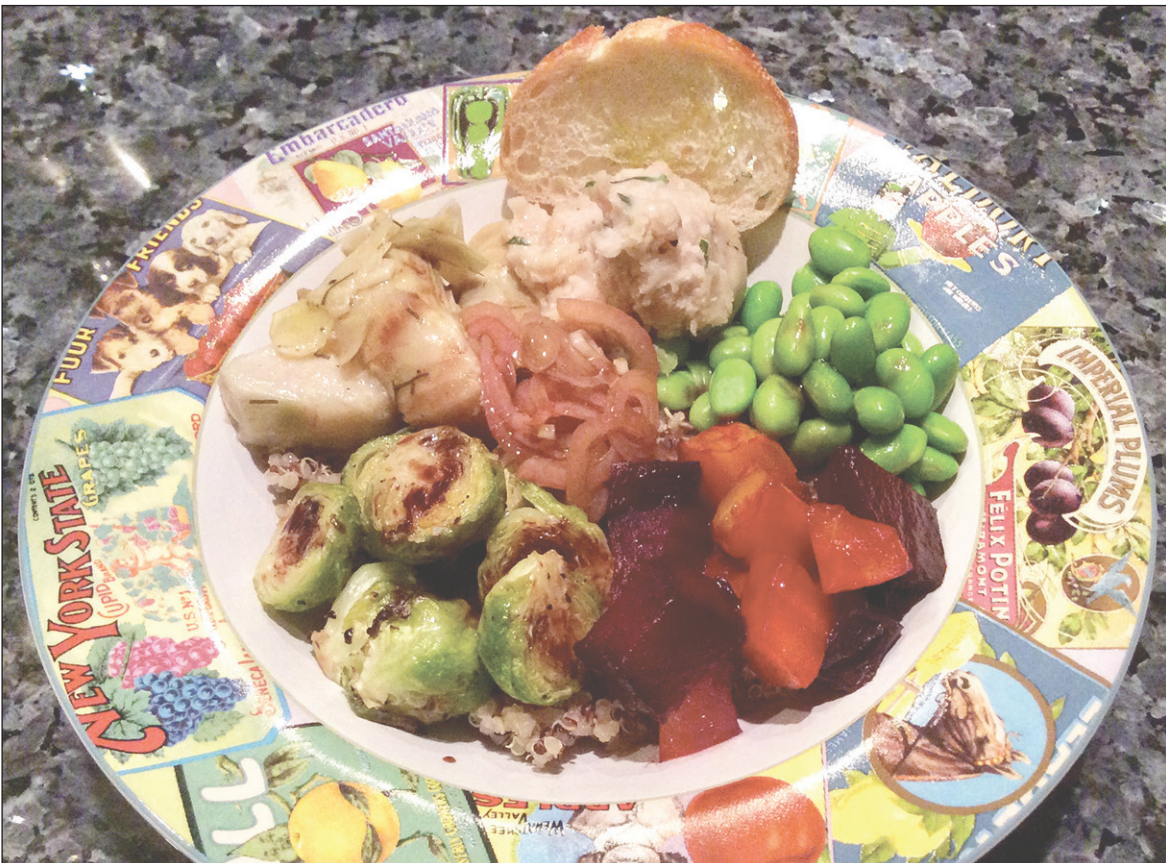
Quinoa Bowl

After coming back from vacation and eating steaks, burgers, chicken and biscuits and so on, I wanted to lighten things up a bit. This dish can be made using beans, steak, tofu, chicken or any other protein of your choice. It can be vegan or vegetarian. There is no set recipe, it’s whatever inspires you using your creativity, the choice is up to you.

I chose a tri color quinoa for the bowl. I added roasted brussel sprouts using olive oil, salt and pepper, roasted yellow and red beets with olive oil, salt and pepper and a touch of vinegar, navy bean hummus seasoned with olive oil, lemon juice and parsley, shelled edamame beans seasoned with sea salt, marinated artichokes, all topped with pickled shallots and crostini. I drizzled an aged red wine vinegar and a fruity olive oil to finish the dish.

I look forward to seeing your ideas and whatever ingredients you use in your quinoa bowl. Please feel free to add your comments. Thank you.

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Co-Incidence Festival makes experimental music in Somerville

By Tom Rose

With a flashlight in one hand and a bell in the other, 16 performers formed a circle in Union Square last Tuesday night, then commenced their composition, pointing their lights at each other and ringing their bells in seemingly random fashion. Other nights, they stood together collecting breath-water in drinking glasses and serving tea to passers-by, both real and imaginary. And though it may have seemed absurd to many observers, to the artists involved there was more going on.

It's all part of the Co-Incidence Festival, a week long gathering of experimental musicians started by local Somerville composer/performer Luke Martin and his New York contemporary, Aaron Foster Breilyn. Based at the Washington Street Gallery, Co-Incidence featured eight visiting artists from across the country as well as Austria and Japan. The festival is built on the ideas of co-incidence and social sculpture, and with the understanding that, as Martin puts it, "Everything has the potential to be art."

With such loose parameters, the actual art produced at first seems absurd, and at times, even non-existent – for instance dragging a branch on the ground or even simply the act of listening were key elements in a few of the week's compositions.

"Everything has the potential to be art."

On both a micro and macro scale, instead of aiming for a desired result, the artwork of the festival hinged on composing an environment in which to experience and participate in art. "You create a situation primed for potential. That's the idea of the empty form, and that's the current running through experimental music," Martin explained.

In fact, to Martin and Foster Breilyn, the entire festival is a work of art, a two-year long and ongoing, though with long rests, composition orchestrated by the two of them. However,



Resident Artist Joachaim Eckl shows Co-Incidence Festival founders Aaron Foster Breilyn and Luke Martin a visual of sculpture during his presentation at the Washington Street Gallery on Saturday. More photos on pages 12–13. — Photo by Tom Rose

in contrast to last year's more structured schedule, this year's Co-Incidence Festival featured a more open design in comparison. Instead of a detailed agenda, the artists arrived, convened, then contrived the week's workshops and performances in collaboration.

Inherent to this design was this year's Resident Artist all the way from Austria, Joachim Eckl, whose work centers on water and social engineering, and results in pieces such as "Draw the Danube, Build a Bridge", a simultaneous drawing of 1000 liters of water at 280 points along the Danube river which were frozen into ice and assembled into sculpture. "The [Co-Incidence] festival has this liquid

quality, it's not really solid," he explained. "The idea is of creating an atmosphere, of creating something like an appearance space for something to happen, where people can be creative and interact in their own way without having to follow a mode or a model or a structure."

Artists were asked to consider the concepts of a bridge, swarm and social structure in their response to the festival's query for participation. The final roster featured poets, sculptors, musicians, composers and interdisciplinary artists. Once together, the artists were free to mingle, mesh and create together, occupying the empty form created by Martin, Foster Breilyn and Eckl, filling it with content.

For the organizers, it required a leap of faith. "You trust everybody and you hope it works for the best, and it does!" Martin said. "To let go and watch that in action is super powerful. Things that I could never have seen or even hoped for happened," added Foster Breilyn.



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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

Draw 7 Park Public Meeting, 2/5 (DCR Meeting)

The MA Department of Conservation of Recreation (DCR) is holding a public meeting on Mon., Feb. 5, to receive feedback for proposed renovations to Draw Seven Park in Assembly Square. Can't attend? The meeting presentation will be available after Feb. 5 at www.mass.gov/service-details/materials-from-past-meetings, and written comments may be submitted by close of business on Mon., Feb. 26, by visiting www.mass.gov/forms/dcr-public-comments or by writing to the DCR's Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02114. Sign up for the project email list at Mass.Parks@state.ma.us or call 617-626-4973. When/Where: Monday, February 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., East Somerville Commu-

nity School, 50 Cross St.

Residents Sought to Serve on Central Hill Campus Parking Working Group, Apply by 2/5

Construction of the new Somerville High School requires a reduction in parking on the Central Hill Campus (which includes City Hall, Somerville High School, and Somerville Public Library), so a zone-based parking system was introduced on the residential streets surrounding the Hill. To review the effects of the changes and the resulting implementation, the City is establishing a working group. Residents impacted by the parking changes are encouraged to apply for a spot on the working group by emailing Senior Transportation Planner Mike Tremblay at mtremblay@somervillema.gov by Monday, February 5, at 9 a.m. More information can be found at www.somervillema.gov.

Allen Street Playground Community Meeting, 2/12

Join us for a community meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to the Allen Street Playground. For more information or with any questions about the project, contact Arn Franzen at afranzen@somervillema.gov. When/Where: Monday, February 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St.

Zoning Overhaul Public Hearings, 2/13 and 3/13

An essential part of the work around the proposed zoning overhaul has been hearing from you—and there's still time to join the discussion. After multiple years of community process, the Administration has officially submitted the proposed Zoning Overhaul to the Board of Aldermen. Members of the public are invited to attend upcoming public meetings and public hearings by the Somerville Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen's Land Use Committee to provide feedback. Feedback can also be submitted online at www.somervillezoning.com, where detailed information on the overhaul, timeline, and upcoming meetings and events are also available. Questions? Reach out to planning staff by emailing planning@somervillema.gov.

When/where: Tuesday, February 13, at 6 p.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Ave. At this meeting the City administration will introduce the code, provide an overview, and highlight the differences between the proposed 2018 overhaul and the 2015 version.

When/where: Tuesday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Ave. At this meeting the Planning Board and Land Use Committee will ac-

cept public comments.

Clean and Open Elections Task Force Meeting 2/13 and more

Last summer we put out a call to residents to apply for a spot on the Clean and Open Elections Task Force. The group is tasked with exploring ways to expand democratic opportunities for Somerville residents. Are you interested in learning more about their efforts to increase participatory democracy in our city through public financing, early voting expansion, and more? If so, consider attending their public meetings. Do your interests lie elsewhere? Check out the event calendar at www.somervillema.gov for the full schedule of other public meetings ranging from the Human Rights Commission to Bicycle Committee and many more.

When/where: Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building Atrium, 167 Holland St.

Community Preservation Act FY18 Application Accepting Comments through 2/22

To date, more than \$12 million in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds has been awarded to 43 projects throughout the city. This will soon increase once the estimated \$2.3 million designated for FY18 historic resources and open space/rec-

reation land projects is awarded. But before CPA money can be awarded, the projects need to be selected, and we need your help on that front. Project information can be found at www.somervillema.gov/cpa by clicking on the 'CPA Projects' tab and then '2018 Projects.' Written comments can be submitted by emailing CPA Manager Kristen Stelljes at kstelljes@somervillema.gov by Thursday, February 22. (CPA affordable housing projects will be funded through a separate Affordable Housing Trust Fund process later this year.)

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Union Square Neighborhood Council

Comments and recommendations by Philip Parsons, January 24, 2018

As someone who played a major role in determining the organization and voting methods used for the election of the founding board of the Union Square Neighborhood Council, and who worked with others to determine the winners of the election, I submit the following comments:

The actual election of the Founding Board was scrupulously managed, and achieved vigorous and enthusiastic participation. The results are not in question; there have been no challenges.

I write to advocate for **temporary and conditional** recognition of the Neighborhood Council and its Founding Board, pending substantive examination of the role and organization of Neighborhood

Councils in the City as a whole, including boundaries, election methods, and responsibilities, resulting in a Community Benefits Ordinance.

As someone who administered the election, I was left with questions and concerns, as were many in the community:

Resolution 17779 before the Board of Aldermen, seeking recognition of the Founding Board as the group authorized to negotiate Community Benefits Agreement with the Master Developer, US2, clarifies in its preamble the rationale for recognizing the Founding Board:

"The City of Somerville seeks to ensure that the community as a whole secures appropriate benefits from the development of Union Square".

The community as a whole received no written notification of the existence of the Council and its potential role, or of the elections. Many, and perhaps a major-

ity, of those living within the district remain unaware of the Council and its role. City resources were unavailable to ensure comprehensive awareness.

"The Master Developer specified in the Master Developer Designation Agreement (MDDA) has agreed to work with a recognized neighborhood organization to negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement ("CBA") under a Covenant signed with the current Mayor of Somerville".

It is unclear how the Neighborhood Council can be recognized for this role in the absence of a Community Benefits Ordinance. There are other Union Square organizations which, if they chose, could reasonably compete for this role. Completion of a Community Benefits Ordinance seems to be a necessary pre-condition for recognition of a specific private body, if it is to negotiate distribution of public funds.

"The indisputable need for representation of local businesses, workers and residents in the development of their community confirms the necessity of a strong, independent and empowered voice for the neighborhood....."

Contrary to meeting this "indisputable need" the elected Board of the Neighborhood Council includes no representatives of brick and mortar businesses. Of the 15 members, 13 were elected from an organized slate of candidates that excluded any such businesses. The slate also excluded members of the CAC and Locus groups, which have worked for several years on Union Square issues, and included only two property owners, while property owners probably account for about one third of those eligible to vote.

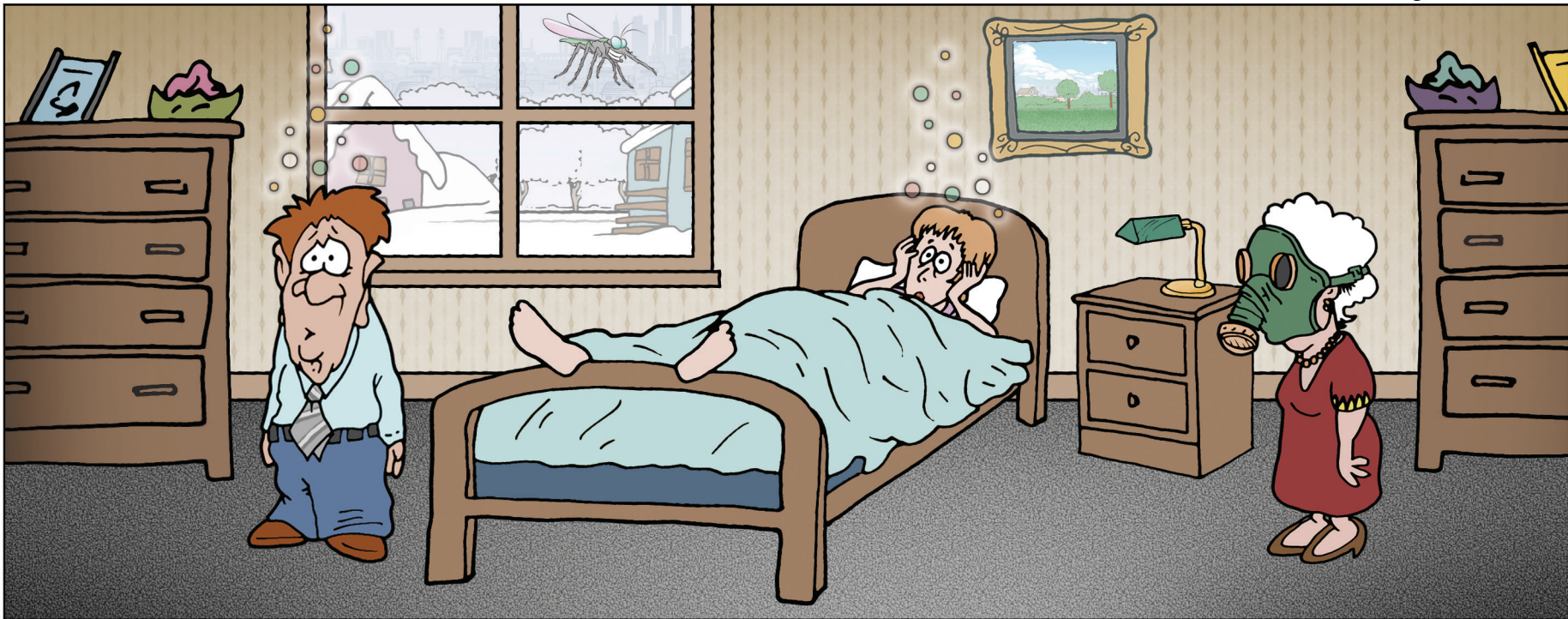
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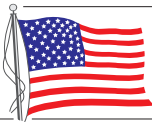
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Stay well, Somerville - the bug is out to get you!

Our View Of The Times



This is no joke, there are some very nasty strains of the flu passing around these days, as you may have heard. We want all of you to stay as safe and healthy as possible. Here are some common sense reminders to help you do just that:

Washing your hands is really the most important thing of all. It's important to be thorough with warm water and soap, and lather all over for at least 20 seconds.

Alcohol based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.

Surfaces touched by many hands such as poles and hand railings are loaded with viruses. We can prevent infection by avoiding touching our eyes, nose, and mouth. And, if possible, avoid close contact, sharing utensils, or drinks with sick friends and family. Wash your hands frequently.

A healthy body is your first line of defense when you're surrounded by others who are sick. It's important to maintain a healthy diet consisting of fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Adequate exercise (even though it's cold out) is also a must, as well as getting plenty of sleep.

Staying hydrated is key to helping keep your immune system healthy. Airplane cabins can get very dry with higher altitudes. Most heated homes and workplaces also have much lower humidity at this time of year increasing the amount of fluid you would usually need. Dehydration can weaken your immune system, make you more susceptible to getting sick, and cause dizziness and headaches.

Follow these simple guidelines and you'll be way ahead of the game when it comes to avoiding sickness.

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S. Lester Ralph, which was also interesting to watch. But it's only a month into a new term of office, so we will still be watching. We suggest, though, that more and more residents and both renters and property owners watch on **Somerville City Cable** (Comcast 22, RCN 13) or online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/video>. See what such a small percentage of registered voters elected this past election.

Somerville laid to rest another proud resident of the city for his entire life. **Jerry Fleming** was a great guy who loved the fact he was from Somerville and was a dedicated activist in the **Democratic Party**. He was President of **Somerville Youth Hockey** for 15 years. He made many friends over the years both with those who grew up here and those who just moved here, making Somerville their home as well. We, along with many others, will miss Jerry. He would often stop in to visit us, talk about the days when politics here in Somerville was rough, but after the election was over, everyone would become friends again. Unlike today, in some respects. He was a positive guy, and a good and loyal friend to us and many others who knew him.

Over the next few weeks Somerville residents will be receiving the **2018 Annual City Census** in the mail and the city urges everyone to fill out and return theirs. High census participation provides an accurate population count and helps the city plan municipal services and adapt as the population changes. The **Elections Department** also uses the census to help keep voting rolls up to date. Completed census forms can be returned via the postage paid return envelope included in the mailing, by scanning the form and emailing it to census@somervillema.gov, by dropping it off in a census box located in city buildings and libraries, or by faxing it to 617-625-5642. Contact 311 or 617-666-3311 with any questions.

Non-profit organizations in Somerville are invited to apply for grants from the **Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF)**. The TNSF collects donations from faculty and staff at Tufts University throughout the year and then awards small grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts' host communities. All of the TNSF funds go to nonprofit organizations. In this way, TNSF supports not only community organizations but also the work of the many Tufts students, staff, faculty, and alumni who volunteer with them. Interested organizations should contact the **Government and Community Relations office** at Tufts University at (617) 627-3780 or obtain an application at <http://go.tufts.edu/TNSF>. Individual grants will be made in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. Applications are due by **Friday, March 2**, and awards will be announced before April.

If you're interested in a more efficient way to heat and cool your home now's the time to check out **Somerville's HeatSmart/CoolSmart program**, which runs through **February 15**. So far over 100 property owners have signed up for a free site visit from one of the city's selected heat pump installers and more than 30 have plans to install one. Visit the HeatSmart/CoolSmart website to learn more about the program, the discounts available if you decide to install a system, and a link to sign up for a site visit: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/heat-smart-cool-smart-somerville>.

With site preparation for construction on the new **Somerville High School building project** underway, gradual changes to parking options on the **Central Hill Campus** (which includes City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Somerville Public Library) and the surrounding public streets have begun. All interested residents are invited to attend public quarterly meetings where City staff will provide updates about parking changes, new data collection, and strategies for impact mitigation. The 2018 meeting dates are: **Monday, March 19; Wednesday, June 20; Wednesday, September 19; and Wednesday, December 12**. All meetings will be held beginning at 6 p.m. in the **Somerville Public Library Auditorium**, 79 Highland Ave. In addition to the meetings, an online form has been created to give community members and city and school staff an opportunity to submit questions, comments, and/or suggestions about the parking changes. The form, along with additional information about the High School project and resulting parking impacts, can be found at www.somervillema.gov/shsparking. Questions? Contact **Mike Tremblay** in the **Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development**, at mtremblay@somervillema.gov.

Co-Incidence Festival makes experimental music in Somerville

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Artists Caleb Chase, Kristen Carey and Amy Golden perform a listening piece in Union Square last Tuesday night.



Amy Golden holds a bell still in the beam of a flashlight during a performance in Union Square last Tuesday night.



Instruments performance



Visiting artist Amy Golden plays her Theremin during the rehearsal of her piece "Amethyst Crystal" at the Washington Street Gallery on Saturday.



Resident artist Jo Union Square during Festival last Tuesday

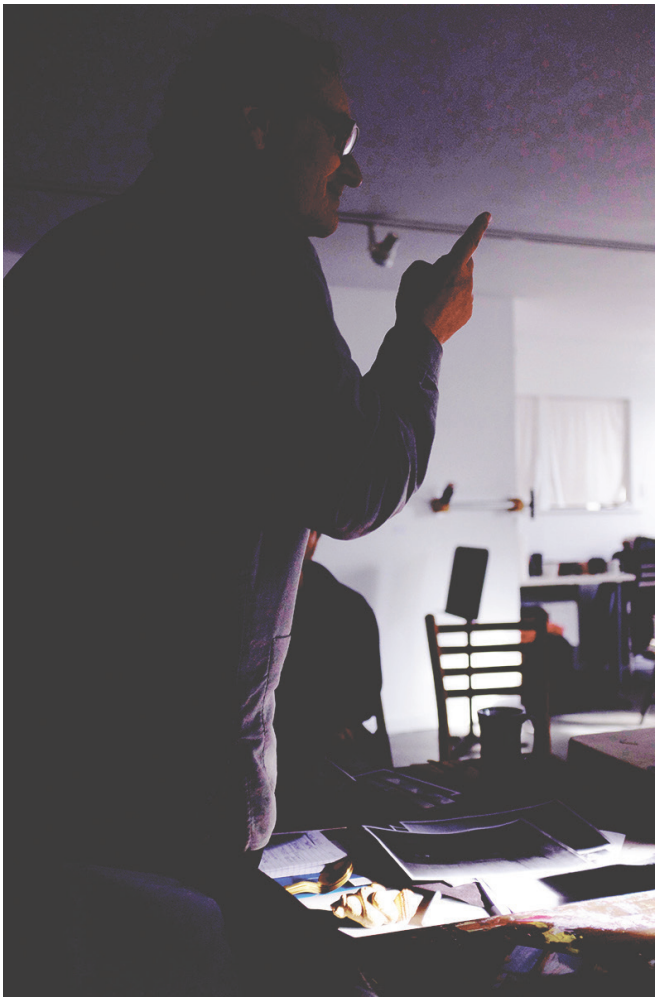




at her back, a performer rests during Co-Incidence
last Tuesday night.



An instrument from a previous performance hangs in the window of the
Washington Street Gallery, now an installation and artifact of this year's
Co-Incidence Festival.



Artists gathered at the Washington Street Art center for a presentation
during the Co-Incidence festival on Saturday.



achim Eckl listens intently to the sounds of
ring a performance for the Co-Incidence
day night.



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Photos by Tom Rose



SPORTS

SHS Girls Basketball update – January 31



The SHS Girls Basketball teams played against Beverly High in Somerville Tuesday night, with the Varsity winning their 6th win in a row with a final score of 48–44. Junior Varsity won with a score of 39–36. The Girls Freshman team lost one to Beverly, scoring only 10-28. Check out all SHS sports team's schedules by going online at www.greaterbostonleague.org. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ms. Cam's
Olio
#613

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What football team won the first Super Bowl?

2. What team has the most Super Bowl wins?

3. What player has the most Super Bowl MVP awards?

4. Who had the most appearances in a Super Bowl as either a player or coach?

5. Who has the most wins as a kicker in a Super Bowl?

6. hat team has the most Super Bowl appearances?
7. What team has the most consecutive Super Bowl appearances?

8. What team scored the least in a Super Bowl game?

9. What team had the most passing attempts in a Super Bowl?

10. What team had the most first downs in a Super Bowl?

11. What team has the most Super Bowl losses?

12. What teams have been the most common matchup?

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, February 14, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

28 Avon Street (ZBA 2018-01): Applicants/Owners, Dan Benjakul and Josue Guinart-Carreno, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing two dormers. RA Zone. Ward 3.

312 R Beacon Street (aka 25 Harris Street, Cambridge, MA) (ZBA 2018-08): Applicants / Owners, Robert Gillig and Christine Cuttitta, seek a Special Permit pursuant to conditions of a previous ZBA Decision (ZBA 2005-53) and under SZO §7.11.a.c, §4.4.1, and §9.13 for parking relief to make alterations to a nonconforming structure by constructing an addition and establishing a sixth residential unit on the site. RC Zone. Ward 2.

111 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-03): Applicant/Owner, 111 Cedar Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a three-story rear deck and stairs as well as finishing a portion of the basement. RB Zone. Ward 5.

94 Moreland Street (ZBA 2018-09): Applicants / Owners, Jonathan Scamman and Kelly Best, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a second story rear addition in the rear above an existing one story portion of the structure. RA Zone. Ward 4.

200 North Street (ZBA 2017-125): Applicant / Owner, LaCourt Foundation LLC, c/o Mouhab Rizkallah, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a second floor addition and reconfiguring the floor plans of the four existing dwelling units as well as a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RA Zone. Ward 7.

374 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2018-11): Applicant and Owner, 374 Somerville Ave, LLC, seeks a Variance under SZO §6.1.22.G.5 and §5.5 to construct a rear addition to the existing structure that is proposed within a required setback abutting a residential zoning district line. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.

54 Prescott Street (ZBA 2017-118): Applicant and Owner, 54 Prescott Street, LLC, seeks Special Permits under Section 7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of units from one to two, under Section 4.4.1 of the SZO to increase existing non-conformities, including increasing the FAR by more than 25%, and Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RA zone. Ward 3.

105-107 Washington Street (ZBA 2017-91): Applicant and Owner, 105 Washington 5 LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a 7-unit residential structure in the RC zone, Special Permits under Section 4.4.1 of the SZO to extend existing non-conforming setbacks, and a special permit and/or variance for parking under Article 9 of the SZO, special permit under Section 7.11 to increase the number of units on the site from 3 to 7. RC zone. Ward 1.

84 Franklin Street (ZBA 2017-50): Applicant and Owner, 84 Franklin LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §7.1 to erect a second principal structure on the same lot, §7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of units from two to three, §4.4.1 to extend existing non-conformities, including increasing the FAR by more than 25%, and Article 9 for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 1.


28 Avon Street: <http://eepurl.com/di5mK1>
312 R Beacon Street (aka 25 Harris Street, Cambridge, MA): <http://eepurl.com/di5nDb>
111 Cedar Street: <http://eepurl.com/di5nKz>
94 Moreland Street: <http://eepurl.com/di5nYj>
200 North Street: <http://eepurl.com/di5ocv>
374 Somerville Avenue: <http://eepurl.com/di5oqT>
105-107 Washington Street: <http://eepurl.com/di5oVT>
54 Prescott Street: <http://eepurl.com/di5o-v>

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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
As published in The Somerville Times on 1/31/18 & 2/7/18.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Plan-ning Board on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. in the **Alder- manic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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*****This case was originally advertised for January 4, 2018, and continued to February 13, 2018. This new advertisement is being provided for informational purposes, based upon the continuation of this case.*****

845 McGrath Highway & 74 Middlesex Avenue (PB2017-27): Owner/ Applicant, 845 Riverview LLC, is seeking a Planned Unit Development – Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) under Article 16 and Section 6.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) for 0.85 acres in the As-sembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) to develop a transit-orien- ted mixed-use development of two buildings. Applicant also seeks relief under Section 6.4.12.A for additional building height. One build- ing will be 147' to the top of roof containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other, 235' high containing approximately 215 residential units. Both supported by 9,515 square feet of ground floor retail and restau- rant space, with parking relief for 293 structured spaces. ASMD zone. PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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Letter to the Editor CONT. FROM PG 10

myself allowed voters to pick up to 15 candidates from a roster of 42. A group of 15 candidates calling itself ABCDE was formed to conform minimally with the distribution requirements of the elec- tion, and the group then sought endorse- ment from members of Our Revolution, a group that had been influential in the very recent municipal elections. This strategy proved highly successful, and re- sulted in 13 of the 15 elected board mem- bers being from the ABCDE slate. No other groups in the Union Square district contemplated forming a slate until they became aware at a late date of ABCDE’s existence and its strategy.

In retrospect, a decision to allow voters 15 votes each was an invitation to develop this kind of strategy. Had voters been al- lowed to vote for, say, only six candidates,

the outcome of the election might well have been very different, and a far broad- er and more inclusive board might have been created.

As it is, the election has had the effect of further dividing the community and mar- ginalizing many who have played an ac- tive volunteer role in the planning Union Square redevelopment for many years. It also appears that the elected board has a single focus on negotiating a Community Benefits Agreement consistent with the provisions of the Covenant with US2, while neighborhood councils in the City, if they are to be effective over time, need to have a broader and more long-term view.

Having said that, it remains true that the election was fairly won, and should, I believe, be recognized for now, but un-

der certain conditions:

- Any working committees of the Neighborhood Council should be re- quired to include broader representation of the community, including: brick and mortar businesses, advocates for public space and environmental issues, mem- bers of the CAC and/or Locus, residents with design and planning expertise and experience. The approved Neighborhood Council bylaws allow for the inclusion of non-board members.
- The City should form a working group to review and prepare recommen- dations for a revised city-wide Commu- nity Benefits Ordinance, building on the Union Square experience overt the past year. The group should explore strategies to ensure opportunities for all Somerville residents to participate in Neighborhood

Councils; this will mean looking at the question of neighborhood boundaries, and opportunities to participate in par- ticular councils. It should also look at voting systems likely to encourage genu- ine diversity of representation, while dis- couraging partisanship. It might also look at the work done by the Locus group in defining the potential responsibilities of Neighborhood Councils.

- An independent Union Square group, with equal numbers of elected board members and non-board members, should review election processes and by- laws and make recommendations to the US Founding Board and to the City.
- The Founding Board of the Union Square Neighborhood Council should be given a six month trial period prior to being given any more extended role.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00pm**, in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: In preparation for this public hearing, on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA the City Administration will introduce the code, provide an overview and highlight how the 2018 overhaul is different than the proposed 2015 zoning overhaul.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board

Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, BOA Land Use Committee

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Answers

1. The Green Bay Packers won the first two Super Bowls

2. The Pittsburgh Steelers

3. Tom Brady

4. Bill Belichick

5. Adam Vinatieri (New England and Indianapolis)

6. New England Patriots (10)

7. Buffalo Bills (4)
8. Miami Dolphins 3 points in Super Bowl VI

9. New England (63) against Atlanta, Super Bowl LI

10. New England (37) against Atlanta, Super Bowl LI

11. Denver Broncos (5)

12. Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Dallas Cowboys (3) X, XIII, XXX

Hot sauce eating contest clears sinuses and proves strength

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“But when you see what they go through and deal with, and then how they want to give back; it’s amazing. The best part.”

The best part for the participants of the Chili Tasting Contest was, of course, when the winners were announced. Sound Bites won “Best Classic Chili,” Chef Patrick Lord was named the “Best Vegetarian Chili,” and River Bar was named the “Most Creative Chili.”

And Casa B Tapas and Cocktail Rum & Bar took home the coveted title of “Crowd Favorite.”

The following restaurants also participated: Cuisine en Locale, First Bite Catering, Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill, Juliet, Orleans and Scorpion Bar Boston. Chris Muller of Boston University School of Hospitality Administration, Damien Smith of Yelp Boston,



Casa B Tapas and Cocktail Rum & Bar’s winning team: Alberto Cabre, Gabriela Cabre, 12, Ugo Cabre, 8, Sofia Cabre, 13, and Angelina Jackovich.

Lovern Gordon of Love Life Now Foundation, Inc., Detective McNeal of Malden Police Department and Pebbles of HOT 96.9 Boston were

the guest judges. For more information on Respond Inc., and their upcoming events visit www.respondinc.org.

'Pippin'

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“We’ve consolidated everything into one group so we can give more opportunities to students.”

Right now, Somerville High has one musical and one theatre show every school year and Jabour hopes to add more shows in the future. And though the students of Highland Theatre Company did not choose Pippin, Jabour also said he wants to have students be more involved in the selection of pieces performed.

Still, the students have taken on plenty of roles with Pippin. Everything from production to promoting to fundraising has been done by the students themselves.

“The main goal of the company is making sure other students aren’t neglected,” Jabour said. “If you don’t do musicals or the drama club, we still want to have something you can do. Like a social event or a field trip to see the play.”

“It’s an ambition that we want as many students as possible at Somerville High engaged in theatre.”

Pippin opens on February 8, 7:00 p.m., at Somerville High School’s auditorium, 81 Highland Ave. There are two more performances at that same time on February 9 and 10, and another performance at 2:00 p.m. on February 10.

Tickets are available online at www.shsma.booktix.com.

Union Square Portraits

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Protest songs come out of the South.”

“I love our civil liberties. We do a lot of benefits for the ACLU and Planned Parenthood. They’re upholding the Constitution. Which is pretty well written, and thought through, by smart people.

“You have to have some rules with so many people. The Constitution’s like an employee handbook for the population.”

“Are there things about America you think are great?”

JJ goes quiet for a moment. “Ok. So. It depends on your definition of great. There’s big. Which is great. And we do things in broad gestures here. The go big or go home attitude. There are people here who are capable of greatness. But I don’t really like that word. My best definition of great is large. Large canyons.

Great beaches.” She gives me a serious look, and says one last thing, with a firm nod. “We have some great trees.” I think of JJ’s deep connection to Oregon, of her devotion to bringing the natural world to people’s tables, and of the ancient, massive trees of her beloved Pacific Northwest – trees that are older than the paper on which the Constitution was written.

Save the date for Elder Fair 2018

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) invites exhibitors, sponsors, and the general public to save the date for Elder Fair 2018. Now in its 19th year, the free health and wellness expo will showcase useful information, services, and government programs for older adults, caregivers, and people with disabilities on Wednesday, April 11.

Elder Fair traditionally features a mix of health screenings, and the opportunity to meet with agencies and vendors that help older adults maintain safety, independence, and well-being, explained SCES Director of Outreach and Community Relations Nathan Lamb. Roughly 60 agencies and vendors hosted exhibits at Elder Fair last year, and Lamb expects another strong showing in 2018.

The expo will also feature several SCES programs, such as: The Aging Information Center free information and guidance on aging-related issues; Adult Family Care a MassHealth funded program that supports live-in caregivers; Volunteer Programs- Medical Advocates, Medical Escorts, SeniorPet and more.

Potential sponsors and exhibitors are invited to contact Margarida Mendonca at 617-628-2601 ext. 3106 for more information. The deadline for completed registration is March 2.

Elder Fair 2018 will take place at the Holiday Inn Boston-Bunker Hill, 30 Washington St., in Somerville, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11.

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

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Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

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

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

Friday|February 2

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

East Branch Library
Fun Friday Sing-Along with The Music Man!
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|February 3

Central Library
Yoga for Kids with Janine
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|February 5

Central Library
Sing Along with Ed
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Middle School Writers' Den
5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 6

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|Febraury 7

Central Library
Wilson reading tutoring
9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

MUSIC|ARTS
Wednesday|January 31

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

The Burren
Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom Series: Donal Clancy|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Raibard, Aqua Hamster, Mike Walsh
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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 Grateful Dead Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Jay Allen's Mess-Around
7:30 p.m.|56 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Comedy Punch
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 1

Sally O'Brien's
BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti
grassy Thursdays
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm
Backroom Series: Alex Fam, Lindsey Sampson, Banded Starling
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Sensitive Men, Condria, Ellis Temper
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's
Be Nice Brass Band
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
The Builders And The Butchers (Folk Rock)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Amateur Athletes
The Face Guitars, Birdgangs
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Mike Mele Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Somerville Theatre
Lunasa
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Friday|February 2

Sally O'Brien's
Busted Jug |6 p.m.
Cortin Ashley, Fireking, Gymnasium
\$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Chris Lavancher, CD Release Show! w/Special guest Adam Michael Rothberg|7 p.m.
Brick Park|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Empty County, Bad Poetry, Max Clark + MORE TBA
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's
Ali McGuirk First Fridays
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
Bob Marley's Annual Birthday Bash
Featuring Bob Marley Tribute The Duppy Conquerors
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
2nd Annual Groundhog Day Bash
The Chandler Travis Philharmonic, Jennifer Kimball, Shaun Wortis, Corporate Punk
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Boycott6:30 p.m.
Extraordinary Rendition Band|8:30

p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Journeys in Sound Presents: Klezmer/Roma Music with Yaeko Miranda Elmaleh 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

Saturday|February 3

Sally O'Brien's
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
Concrete Constellation, The Melted Chapstixxs \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Jenee Halstead, Ali McGuirk, Hana Kahn - Claiming Our Power: Domestic Violence Awareness Show & Fundraiser|7 p.m.
Closing Time|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Lockette, Electric Street Queens, Unstraight, Erika Hansen
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road
Booty Vortex (Funk/Disco)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Eddie Japan
The Devil's Twins
The Grownup Noise, Analog Heart
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Cocек! Brass Band
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Songwriter Sessions
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|February 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar
watch the Super Bowl with us - best drinks & apps!
6:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.
Los Goutos|9 p.m.
Back Room
Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
I-Opener
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Ryan Alvanos et al.|1 p.m.
pindrop sessions 5: Joshua Rifkin plays Rags, Tangos, and Waltzes (ticketed event)|7 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Monday|February 5

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
Front Room:
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session:9:30 p.m.
Back Room:
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump! Team Trivia
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Jerry Joseph And The Jackmormons (singer/songwriter)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Dyr Faser
Edge Petal Burn
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

The Rockwell
Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety Show
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday|February 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar
SYM Tuesdays
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Heavy Metal Tuesday|7 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Smut Slam
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|February 7

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

The Burren
Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom Series: Charlie Lennon and Eilis Lennon|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
Fable Grazer, As Seen From Space, Mission Creep
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Josiah's 30th Musical Birthday Bash(er)
6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|January 31

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

Thursday|February 1

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

East Branch Library
Drop In Knitting
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library
Drop In Knitting
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Saturday|February 3

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

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

Sunday|February 4

Central Library
Suzanne Hunt photography exhibit
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 5

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

Central Library
Chess Night
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 6

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Memoir Writing Workshop
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|February 7

Central Library
Somerville Republican City Committee
5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

Conversations of the Heart – Mondays (see dates below) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. When you experience a loss; whether it is a loved one, a place of employment or even a change in your life, don’t process these feelings along; come join our group where we process difficult emotions together in a safe and welcoming environment. For more information or questions please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317. Refreshments will be served. Future dates: Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Mar. 19, Apr. 2 & May 7.

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

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

St. Valentine’s Day Celebration – Monday, February 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located

on Washington Street. \$10 – limited seating and transportation. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Made possible through the Somerville Police and Fire Departments.

A Driving Symposium, with Lunch & Bingo – Tuesday, February 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Hear from our panel of guest speakers about staying safe behind the wheel. Followed by lunch and bingo. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.
Lucky Leprechaun Super Bingo – Thursday, March 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center. \$12 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. 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 River Casino – Monday, March 26th, \$20 includes transportation and a yet to be determined bonus package. 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 – Monday, April 30th, \$25 includes transportation, \$10 bonus slot and a \$10 buffet. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 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.

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness Class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.
LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are February 21, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

The Moonlighters – aka Somerville’s Swinging Singing Seniors. Mondays, 10 -11 a.m.

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. t o 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 you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information 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, spouse 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.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 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.

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive “greenhouses.” If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 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. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy 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 2nd and 4th 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.

Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need 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.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: Keep Moving Walking Club** - 9:15 a.m. (H) / Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

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

Wednesdays: Fit-4-Life - Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. / Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m./ Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) / Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) / Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) / Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

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

Fridays: Fit-4-Life - Group A - 8:45 a.m. (H) / Fit-4-Life - Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) /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
** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

Public's help sought on the anniversary of the murder of Shawn Clark

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

It has been five years since the shooting death of Shawn Clark 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 devoted many resources and hours to investigating the circumstances of Clark's death. Authorities have made some progress, but no one has been charged in connection with the crime.

Last week, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office is once again 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 here. 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. The Massachusetts State Police and Malden Police Department are actively investigating the case and pursuing leads.

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.

The prosecutor assigned to this case is Assistant District Attorney Chris Tarrant. The Victim Witness Advocate is Danielle DeMeo.



One of the two suspects in the Shawn Clark murder case.

Growing Center Seed Sale Fundraiser

Get your salsa making on with your seed sale order!

Consider ordering seeds from Friends of the Community Growing Center, through a partnership with High Mowing Seeds, with a great organic selection!



Winter is clearly dominating the landscape, but days are already getting longer and it is a great time to start to dream about your garden for this coming season. Whether in a few pots on a porch or balcony, or in a large raised bed or community garden plot – you can easily grow great tasting and nutritious food for you and your family! Can't you taste that first bite of fresh tomato with basil or that crunchy carrot just pulled from the earth?

Maybe this will further entice you...

Need inspiration for what seeds to order? Consider ordering the best blend of seeds to make that hearty Summer salad? Check out the "Salsa Maker" mix: Brandywine Tomato, Early Jalapeno and Santo Cilantro.

Participation also helps the Friends of the Community Growing Center to support the site and the programming at the Vinal Avenue garden space. Deadline to order is February 10. Plan to pick up seeds on Saturday, March 3 between



9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Winter Farmers Market or Saturday, March 10 between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Growing Center during Ground Work Somerville's Maple Syrup Boil event.

To order, go online at: <https://www.farmraiser.com/campaigns/growing-center-seed-sale-fundraiser-2018/market>

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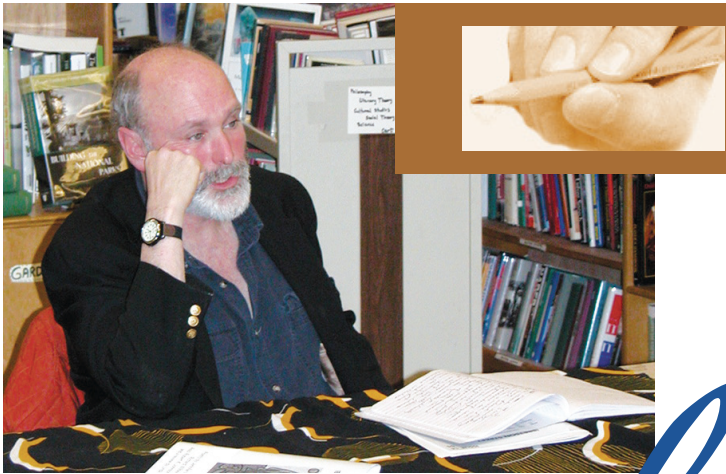
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Library Book Talks - Winter Read	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	11:00am	Community Lens
7:00am	Wide Angle	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	This Week at NASA	4:00pm	SMC Special Programming	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	5:00pm	Library Book Talks - Winter Reads	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
9:30am	Off the Shelf	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	5:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Science 360
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	Friday, February 2		6:00pm	Beyond Boston	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:00am	Esoteric Science	6:30pm	Community Bulletin Board	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	12:30am	Signs of Life	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	4:30pm	Legacies
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	SMC youth Media
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	7:00pm	MA State of the Senate
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	The summer house	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, February 4		8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
4:00pm	NASA TV News Feed	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	12:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:00pm	Physicians Focus	10:00am	This Week at NASA/ ISS In-Flight Event	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show
5:30pm	Going Postal	11:00am	Aging Well	2:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
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10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	2:30pm	The Artist Spotlight	10:00am	Aging Well	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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Thursday, February 1				12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
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1:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	1:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	What's left
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	1:30pm	Henry's Baseball Club	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
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10:30am	Somerville Pundits	Saturday, February 3		8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:30pm	What's new Massachusetts?
11:00am	Wide Angle	12:00am	Esoteric Science	9:00pm	SMC presents "A Christmas Carol"	6:00pm	MA State of the Senate
11:30am	Community Lens	12:30am	Signs of life	10:00pm	Dancing on Air Christmas Special (1986)	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1:00am	SCATV secret stash hour	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:00am	Free speech tv	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Session	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
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Air replete of
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Artist Robert Goss:
Recounts His Story and
the Brickbottom Gallery's



Robert Goss met me in the lobby of the Bakery Building at Brickbottom Artists in Somerville, MA. Brickbottom is a noted artist residence and exhibition space that is celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2018.

Goss, is a 70ish man, with a full gray/white beard and a genial, folksy manner. He led me to his space, that on first impression looked a bit like a junkyard – but on closer inspection these throw away objects have come together to form Goss's art, and make a statement about his life. I walked around the space and saw disembodied plastic hands sprouting unexpectedly from the walls, and contraptions like a record player, with a picture of a brain rotating on the turntable. There were old medical records on display, news clippings, heads of dummies staring at me with piercing eyes – all detritus that is essential to Goss's work. He walked around the space like some scholarly docent stooping and squinting at his creations.

Goss is not some isolated bohemian eccentric, but a founding member of the Brickbottom Artist Building. He is an accomplished artist who has exhibited locally and nationally. He is the co-director of the Invisible Cities Group that creates large outdoor installations and performances.

Years ago, Goss was living in the Fort Point Channel section of Boston – now a high end 'hood with the likes of Amazon and General Electric vying for space. In the 70s and 80s Goss was paying three dollars a foot for his space, but he and others in his community saw the writing on the wall – they knew they would be eventually displaced. So he and his band of artists, with the use of posters, regular mail, word of mouth, made a great grassroots effort to bring Brickbottom to fruition. The building – in the hinterlands – just outside Union Square was a defunct A&P food plant and a cold storage warehouse. There were a total of three buildings. After getting together a rather large group, this ragtag army of artists and others managed to raise seven million dollars from banks, donations, and the help of the Fort Point Artist community. Goss told me that the place did not look like some sleek Tribeca building. He said, “It was a mess. Outside the building was a burnt out car, and a lot of discarded bric-a-brac. He, Lisa Bouchard (the office manager), and others worked out of

a trailer.
Goss, who lives with his wife Susan Schmidt, an accomplished artist who teaches at Holly Cross, told me that the late Jack McLaughlin, the construction manager, was an essential person, liaison, in the nascent process. Goss said, “He was able to deal with the mercurial artist and the bottom line real estate broker, equally well.”
Live-work units in the building were determined by a lottery, and of course people had to submit slides and a resume to show that they were serious artists. Predominantly comprised of visual artists at first, the gallery now houses theater people and writers.
Goss's archival process is in the infant stages. But he hopes to have the original founding members of the building tell their stories. Like his collection in his space, he hopes to collect stories, photos and anecdotes, that will create a compelling narrative of this institution.
The list of artists who have lived here, and presently live here, is impressive. Goss just listed a few prominent folks like Susan Schmidt, Pier Gustasson, Chris Enos (photography), but this is only a grain of sand in the Sahara.
Goss has his own compelling story. He told me that he suffered a traumatic brain injury. As a result of this he suffered from a condition called Anhedonia. This condition manifests itself with the loss of pleasure with things that usually brings you pleasure. In the case of Goss, it was jazz. Goss was steeped in the jazz tradition and witnessed the “Loft” and club scene in New York in the 60s and 70s. He told me he saw Thelonius Monk play as well as Mile Davis and others. During his rehab he went through an MRI. Goss said the rhythmic knocking, tapping, while he was in the machine, might have jump-started his brain. He remembers hearing a song by King Pleasure on the radio. And suddenly everything came back to him.
Goss is not a pretentious man. He works at his art out of his own passion and interest, and if it communicates something to people then all the better. He alters photo images, he combines text, he brings back the archaic, and makes it contemporary. He says his art tells the story of his life. And hopefully his band of brothers and sisters will tell the fascinating 30-year history of Brickbottom Artist Building.

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