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City shocked and saddened by hit and run fatality



A memorial honoring the life and grieving the loss of Allison Donovan has flourished at the intersection where the tragic hit and run accident occurred.

By Jim Clark

As the loss of the life of Allison Donovan is being mourned by friends and family of the former Watertown educator, a region-wide search is underway for the hit and run driver who struck her and another pedestrian down in the crosswalk at Powder House Boulevard and Hardan St. last Friday evening.

Somerville Police are trying to locate a newer model, full-size, black pick-up truck with frontend driver's-side damage. The vehicle has a black cover over the bed of the truck and is possibly a Ford F-150.

Those who may have relevant information on the is encouraged to contact the Somerville Police Department at 617-625-1600 ext. 7250 or 7254. Both phone lines are staffed 24/7 by sworn officers. Tips may be left anonymously through text. Begin your text Continued on page 4

Somerville High School PTSA hosts discussion on marijuana, vaping

By Jackson Ellison

A discussion for adults entitled Marijuana, Vaping and the Youth took place at Somerville High School on Thursday, February 7. The discussion focused on the use of marijuana and e-cigarettes in high schools, and was put on by the Somerville Prevention Services, the SHS PTSA, and Somerville's Department of Health and Human Services.

Matt Mitchell, a licensed social worker and director of the Prevention Center for the HHS, gave the talk about the dangers of high school students using marijuana. While he assured parents that it is nearly impossible to overdose on marijuana, he warned that people can con-

"The term is known as greening out, which describes the situation of someone feeling sick after smoking after cannabis," Mitchell said. "They could go pale, they could start to sweat, or feel dizzy and nervous and may Continued on page 16



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There is an active investigation into Friday's fatal hit and run. Investigators are continuing to call on the public for assistance in identifying the operator of the vehicle involved in the hit and run in Somerville. Somerville Police, working with the Middlesex DA's office, are trying to locate a newer model, fullsize, black pickup truck with front-end driver's-side damage. The vehicle is believed to have a black cover over the bed of the truck and is possibly a Ford F-150. Anyone with related information is encouraged to contact the Somerville Police **Department** at 617-625-1600 ext. 7250 or 7254. Both phone lines are staffed 24/7 by sworn officers. Tips may be left anonymously through text. Begin your text message with 617spd and send it to TIP411 (847411).

DavisNOW, a community group committed to the repair of Davis Square is holding a community meeting, this Wednesday, February 13. The venue is the Dilboy Post at 371 Summer St, Davis Square at 6.00 p.m. The city has agreed to repairs of sidewalks, crosswalks, tress wells, kerbs, street lights and the posts and poles. These are all safety issues in need of immediate remediation. City councilors and staff have been invited to attend and we expect confirmation of start dates in the spring on these problems. The Davis NOW group would like to invite you to send a reporter to attend. Details on DavisNOW.org *******

The opening reception for Our Stories, Our Stuff, Our Somerville will be held at the Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Rd., on Thursday, February 14, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Curated by Bess Paupeck, the exhibition is sponsored by the Somerville Museum's Community Curator grant. It's a celebration of the people of Somerville and their life experiences as expressed through their possessions and personal stories. The exhibit brings people together by bringing their things together in a large-scale exhibition. The convergence of these things and the stories that go with them offers a renewed sense of community at a time of rapid change for Somerville. Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: 6-month Somerville Ave. detour begins Tuesday, February 19

Do says:

Dane Street is barely wide enough for two cars now. How will this be managed with large trucks and increased volume.

How many cars will continue across Washington Street winding through to Concord and out to Prospect or into Inman Square via Springfield to avoid Union Square and the debacle at the Prospect/Webster light and further tax those streets?

Is there really no other way to satisfy the driver and the developer passing through Somerville that is not at the expense of the residents and business owners?

a bad sign says:

Has anyone noticed the "signage" the city has put around these upcoming closures at Ball square and Washington street? Sandwich boards. Yup, sandwich boards. A major roadway like these and they put up 2' by 3' sandwich boards. Didn't anyone think "hey maybe we should rent those big highway message boards for s few weeks to tell people exactly when these roads will close so they could begin planning an alternate route?" No?

Yeah this should all go really well..

Joe's going to wish he didn't run in the last election.

Response to: Open space coming to Union Square

LindaS says:

"Somerville remains the city with the lowest proportion of both green and open space of any municipality in the Commonwealth."

Is anyone here surprised by that statement, much less disgusted? It's more than about time we have regained some desperately needed green space here. It's just too bad that the same people responsible for us losing that space in the first place is now going to get the credit for putting it back. This situation could have been avoided, were it not for greed.

We need to stop over-developing Somerville, period. People come here to live, not just have a place to sleep. Let's become a real place to live again.

Old Taxpayer says:

Sounds more like we need to undo the damage done to this city by building more to demolition to get back the green space we took away. Sounds logical?

Chris Allen says:

If we want to get serious about green space, we have to acknowledge that a mix of smaller building footprints, greater height, and less parking in new projects is the only way to make meaningful progress.

Response to: Lyndell's Bakery celebrates 132nd Anniversary with major announcement

BMac says:

I remember as kids, classmates would not show up at each others birthday parties if they found out the parents had made the cake or bought it somewhere other than Lyndell's.

LindaS says:

Also, still the best donuts in Somerville.

Really nice to hear a good story about a Somerville bakery. All the other ones we had here have gone the way of development. Let's hope Lyndell's stays around for a long time.

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

A Kiss that's lasted 40 years



Part one.

From 1986 to 1998 I had the pleasure and honor of being part of a very special and groundbreaking radio station that has just turned 40 years old.

I landed a position on the Matty in The Morning show on Kiss 108 FM. Local kid makes good? More like local kid gets incredibly lucky! I was also finally putting my Emerson College degree to good use!

Another Somerville resident, Rich Buono, was Matt Siegel's producer and he also created the characters of Rocky, Lou from the Sunoco, and the infamous Miss Mellons, Matt's "secretary" who always called in sick.

Rich, who was also known as Rocky to his friends, was a producer at WFNX in Lynn and we did a couple of bits that were on the air there. I then went to Florida for a year and played with a band called the Hypnotics, and when I returned I found out Rocky had a new gig as Matty's producer.

He got me in, doing silly phone calls to the show at first, and eventually I was on the show live every day. That was 1986. I created a character named Blanche,

who was modeled after my friend Pat's mother up the street from where I grew up. Somehow that lovable zany old lady launched a 23-year career in radio.

Blanche's signature catch phrase was, "Son of a B!" Rocky and Blanche won best of Boston in 1987 in Boston Magazine, and by then I had created more characters like Larry the Caterer, Father Mulcahy and the lounge owner from 666 Somerville Ave, Somerville, Mass, Johnny C. (also based on a real person and dear friend).

I did a weekly bit called "Somerville 02144," which was a spoof on Beverly Hills 90210. Soon I was doing about 20 different voices and characters as well as writing and producing parody songs such as Roger Clemens, Roger Clemens to the tune of Rock Me Amadeus. I was also appearing on Matty Live shows dressed in character, with superstars such as Rod Stewart, Bobby Vinton, Barry Manilow, and Tony Bennett, to name a few.

But being funny for a living was very stressful and demanding. 3 to 5 "bits" a day, five days a week was, to say the least, grueling. Rewarding, but stressful at times.

As a sidebar, I lost my entire family between 1986 and 1995. Yes, my mom in '86, my sister in '92, my dad in '94 and my brother six months later in '95. Being funny for a living was extremely difficult



Matt Siegel and Jimmy dressed as "Johnny C" on the air during a Matty Live show around 1988.

during my grief. My Kiss 108 family, especially Matty, was very supportive at this time, but the show must go on.

I stayed at Kiss until 1998. I spent a great year on The Inside Track radio show, with my St. Clements School friend and Somerville native, Gayle Fee, and the equally talented Laura Raposa. I was also writing and performing with Karlson and McKenzie on Eagle 93.7 for a while. Two great guys!

In 2001, I was hired by Oldies 103 and worked on the morning show with Paul Perry and reunited with my dear Kiss 108 friend, the lovely and talented June Knight, from Medford. Dale Dorman, also a Kiss 108 alum, took over the hosting duties, until I left in 2008.

This past Friday, a bunch of us former Kiss 108 folks were graciously invited to a fantastic 40th Anniversary party at their new state of the art studio, just minutes from the original Kiss 108 near Wellington Circle in Medford. Kiss and several other radio stations in the building is owned and operated by iHeartRadio. It was a night to remember! We were then interviewed live on WBZ's Nightside with Dan Rea. Dan, who's a gracious man and a giant in the biz, made Continued on page 17

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By Jim Clark

Police catch up with Assembly Row shoplifter

A Somerville Police officer was contacted by a Saks OFF 5TH Loss Prevention Associate last week regarding a female shoplifter who had just concealed fragrances and left the store.

The officer made his way to Saks, where he obtained a picture of the suspect and viewed surveillance footage of the incident while another officer searched the area.

As soon as the officer received the surveillance image of the suspect he was able to identify the woman as Jennifer Boutin, an allegedly known shoplifter that he and other Somerville Police officers had dealt with at Assembly Row on multiple occasions.

Boutin was observed walking in the area of Canal Street, not far from Saks. The officers noted that she was carrying the same brown purse and jacket she carried in the Saks surveillance footage. She also had a reusable TJ Maxx bag that appeared to be full.

As soon as Boutin saw the officer's cruiser, she reportedly attempted to evade police by walking in the opposite direction, and entering another store.

officers apprehended Boutin as she exited the store. A search of Boutin's purse reportedly turned up merchandise from multiple stores, none of which she had receipts for, as well as two pairs of pliers. According to police, these types of pliers are commonly used by shoplifters to remove theft detection devices.

In addition, the officers located broken sensors inside both her purse and jacket. A search of Boutin's jacket also revealed a large hole she had cut into the inside lining, in which she had stuffed stolen merchandise.

Without even opening her reusable TJ Maxx bag and another plastic bag she was carrying, the officers could see they were stuffed full of merchandise, some with hangers still attached. Inside the sweatshirt she was wearing the officers located additional children's clothing.

In total, police located stolen merchandise from Saks, Polo/ Ralph Lauren, Gymboree, Oshkosh, Banana Republic, and Bath and Body Works.

According to reports, Boutin has a lengthy criminal history, with multiple larceny and shoplifting charges, some of which she has done jail time for. As she came to Assembly Row with the intent to steal, and stole from six stores during this one incident, which lasted no longer than an hour, she was placed under arrest for removal of theft prevention device and larceny over \$1200.

Arrests:

Paul McGowan, of 124 Otis St., Cambridge, February 4, 12:11 a.m., arrested at Union Sq. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and alcohol from open container.

Gilberto De Castro-Gomes,

of 26 Beacon St., Burlington, February 4, 1:27 a.m., arrested at Fellsway on warrant charges of failure to notify RMV of name or address change, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and miscellaneous equipment violation.

Robert Breen, of 101 High-

land Ave., February 4, 9:17 p.m., arrested at Thurston St. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime, disturbing the peace, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery on a public employee, and disorderly conduct.

Jennifer Boutin, of 12 Atlan-

tic St., S. Boston, February 5, 8:29 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of removal of theft prevention device and larceny over \$1200.

Matthew Eithun, of 3 Summit Ave., February 6, 12:47 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting

by asportation.

Breno Da Silva, of 82 Partridge, February 10, 10:10 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, carrying a dangerous weapon, and drug possession to distribute.

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message with 617spd and send it to TIP411 (847411).

City officials, along with members of the general public, have expressed their outrage and resolve to increase safety measures at similar locations throughout

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Police Chief David Fallon issued a joint statement on the tragedy, stating in part: "Our deepest sympathies go out to the friends and family of the victim, Allison Donovan, 40, of Somerville, as well as to the surviving victim. In this tight-knit and caring community, we hope it offers some comfort in knowing that we, as well as surely many others, are sharing in your grief."

City Council President Katjana Ballantyne echoed their thoughts, saying in a public statement: "My thoughts and prayers for peace and healing go out to all of the friends, family and loved ones of our neighbor who was killed in a hit and run accident in the crosswalk located in front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School, Powderhouse Blvd."

On Monday, an additional police presence was assigned at the intersection, which is opposite the West Somerville Neighborhood School. Crisis counselors were also on site Monday morning at the school for students, teachers, and parents. According to the city, Powder House Blvd. has been the focus of an ongoing infrastructure improvement project including traffic calming features for roughly the past two years. The next phase of construction is scheduled for this spring for the section between Curtis Ave. and North St. Initial safety measures and traffic calming already complete along the length of the Boulevard include physical and painted sidewalk bumpouts (which improve pedestrian safety), improved crosswalk markings, flashing stop and crosswalk signs, and vertical reflective crosswalk markers, as well as a flashing pedestrian activated crosswalk sign at the intersection near Hardan St.

Watertown High School has created a memorial scholarship fund in the name Donovan, a long-time teacher and administrator, most recently in the Watertown Public School system.

An informal memorial to Donovan has been established at the intersection honoring the 15-year Somerville resident, and urging drivers to slow down.

Somerville Police will be onsite during school pickup and drop-off hours, and additional enforcement of speed limits should be expected in the area by all motorists. Message boards are being deployed to reinforce speed limits and flex posts have been installed to reinforce the painted bumpouts and median at Hardan St., thus helping to slow traffic.

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Somerville Heroes by Stephanie Hirsch

Snow angels and saints on your block, plus city staff who keep us safe



I love the snow because it gives me an excuse to stay home and watch the weather through a window. But some people have to do the opposite when it snows – they head out to take care of the snow and our community. In this column, I'd like to a shout out to City staff who help reduce extreme weather stress and the snow angels/saints on each block who shovel out seniors or share their snow blowers.

Here's information about some local heroes and what they do when the forecast looks grim:

Staying in Touch: Long before the first snowflake, our Communications and 311 departments prep to reach each person to make sure they stay safe and avoid tickets. Over the years, Communications staff have worked to develop different ways to connect – signs, flyers, television, digital billboard, brochures, flashing lights, emails, calls, social media, etc.

Days before the storm, our 311 call center in the basement of City Hall

starts to experience their own version of the Market-Basket-storm-dash ... As Director **Steve Craig** says: "In the last few days prior to a storm, we see spikes in a wide range of calls covering multiple departments."

When the storm rolls in, as Communications Director **Denise Taylor** says, "We're all activated and at the ready during all waking hours (and a few of us stay available 24/7) to get out emergency information in four languages and by all channels." These departments work out of tiny rooms in City Hall, packed floor to ceiling with desks, computers, and phones... and on snow days, they may be hopping while other offices are quiet.

During the storm, the team fields requests and questions and stays on Facebook and Twitter. "From the early morning hours to late at night, we are glued to our monitors and phones, helping to troubleshoot plowing issues by contacting DPW, reporting un-shoveled sidewalks to 311 and ISD, clarifying parking issues with T&P, urging folks to support and check on their neighbors... and more."

Steve said that they hear from people who are frustrated, but also said that people express kindness and appreciation – and it's his department's job to listen and

help with everyone, and then pass along feedback to related departments.

As the storm passes, the whole process repeats in reverse to let people know next steps. As Denise said, "Eventually, we finish up. Then we too head outside to shovel our own walks or catch a glimpse of the white stuff to remember that -- even if it can be stressful to help a city of 80,000 navigate a storm -- snow is pretty, too."

Keeping People Safe and Removing Snow: The Police and Fire Departments often have to work in extreme conditions to help people who are affected by those extreme conditions. And the people on the front line for weather events are Public Works crews who plow, sand, and salt the streets, and who clear public properties such as school yards and sidewalks next to parks. They work as many hours as are permitted by law to try to get in front of the storm and to keep our streets safe and passable. In this picture, my family passed DPW employee Marty Pantanella as she cleared sidewalks in Union Square. I have never seen Marty rest... she is always hustling to get work done. Traffic and Parking also works very hard during snow events to make sure there's room for the plows.

Helping People Who Need It: Covering another angle, Chris Hosman and



Connie Lorenti, of Health and Human Services and Council on Aging, work together to help seniors connect with young people, so that the young people can shovel their walks. This revival of the former "Rent-a-Kid" program now has 116 people enrolled. Chris reports that the initiative builds relationships across generations and helps break down any stereotypes. Last winter, one senior even helped a young person with college applications (Learn more at https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/teen-snow-shoveling-program).

Your Block's Snow Angels (& Saints): In addition to the people listed above who sweat the details while many hole up at home, there are a crew of helpers who live on blocks throughout Continued on page 17



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

A BEACON HILL ROLL CALL EXCLUSIVE

BLINDLY FOLLOW THE LEADER? - The House uses a large electronic voting board that shows how each representative votes on a roll call. Members press a button at their desks and their vote appears next to their name on the board for everyone to see. When a representative votes "yes," a green light appears next to his or her name. When he or she votes "no," a red light appears next to his or her name.

On January 30, the House was debating the joint rules under which the House and Senate would operate in 2019-2020. House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop) rarely presides over a session and this day was no different as Rep. Tom Petrolati (D-Ludlow) was the acting speaker and the presiding officer calling the shots.

As the debate dragged on, House GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) offered an amendment that would repeal a rule, used for the first time in 2018, that prohibited the appointment of a conference committee after July 17, 2018. A conference committee is a six-member committee appointed by the House speaker and the Senate president to work out a compromise version of a bill when the House and Senate approve different versions of the measure.

Jones spoke in favor of his amendment and no one spoke against it. His amendment seemed non-controversial. Rep. Jones said that the new rule, pushed by the Senate leadership in the rules adopted for the previous 2-year session, was designed to have more legislation acted upon and more transparency. The rule forces lawmakers to appoint a conference committee well before July 31 after which the rules basically make it impossible to appoint a conference committee because the House and Senate meet only in brief, informal sittings a couple of days a week until the annual session ends at the beginning of January 2019. The rationale was that a conference committee often takes weeks to hammer out a compromise bill and any committee appointed after July 17 would likely not have time to reach an agreement.

Critics say that the new rule backfired and failed to accomplish its intent. Each branch had approved different versions of an important \$666 million economic development package but it was after July 17 - too late to appoint a conference committee under the new rule. The House and Senate on July 23 began meeting behind closed doors and then sending different versions of the bill to each other until the Senate ended up accepting a new House version which neither House or Senate members had any time to read. Despite that, on July 31, the House approved the package 151-0 and the Senate passed it 36-0. Gov. Baker signed the bill after vetoing several sections.

Seconds after the roll call on the Jones amendment began, Acting Speaker Petrolati and Speaker DeLeo both voted "no" and a red light appeared next to their names. According to House rules, the acting speaker (Petrolati) actually casts the vote for the speaker and a court officer casts the vote for the acting speaker.

As is often the case, many Democrats quickly took their cue from DeLeo and Petrolati and voted "no" as well. This is not an uncommon occurrence in the House. In this case it was at least 63 Democrats who played "follow

As the board began to fill up with "no" votes, Petrolati apparently took notice and talked into a microphone he didn't know was on. "It's a yes?" "Switch 'em. Yes, yes, yes, yes yes, Mikey," shouted Petrolati to Division Leader Mike Moran. Suddenly, DeLeo and Petrolati's votes switched to "yes." And then all 63 Democrat who had initially voted "no" suddenly switched his or her vote to "yes."

The House's only unenrolled non-party affiliated member Susannah Whipps (U-Athol) had also voted "no" and then switched to "yes."

There may have been more than 63 Democrats who first voted "no." While the "no" votes appeared on the electronic voting board for a brief time, once the switchers changed their vote to "yes," there was no longer a permanent record of the "no" vote. Beacon Hill Roll Call watched a video tape of the session in order to see who voted "no" at the beginning. The camera pans the scoreboard a few times but there is no guarantee we were able to spot every red light.

You can see the story unfold by watching the video of the January 30 House session at https://malegislature. gov/Events/Sessions/Detail/3297. Fast forward on the counter to 5:35:49 and watch it until 5:37:39. It all happened in a little over two minutes.

To the reader and viewer, it appears that these 63 Democrats simply watched how DeLeo and Petrolati voted and blindly followed their lead and voted "no." And then switched to "yes" when DeLeo and Petrolati switched to "yes." Did these 63 even know what they were voting on? Did they care? What would cause them to switch their votes other than they decided to follow the "suggestion" of the speaker?

Beacon Hill Roll Call set out to find the answers and over the course of three days, sent two emails to each of the 63 Democrats who had flip-flopped. The only response was from Rep. Paul Donato, a member of the leadership team who also usually acts as the acting speaker and presides over the sessions. Donato gave a brief explanation basically saying that there was confusion surrounding the vote and some members mistakenly voted "no" and then had to switch to "yes." Not a single one of the other 63 representative responded to our e-mails.

Beacon Hill Roll Call also reached out twice via e-mail to the four key players in this incident: House Speaker Bob DeLeo, Acting Speaker Tom Petrolati, House Minority Leader Brad Jones and Rep. "Mikey" Moran. None of them responded to our e-mails.

Here are the 63 Democratic representatives and one unaffiliated non-party member who switched their votes from "no" to "yes."

James Arciero (D-Westford), Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow), Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy), Christine Barber (D-Somerville), John Barrett (D-North Adams), Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg), David Biele (D-South Boston), Antonio Cabral (D-New Bedford), Daniel Cahill (D-Lynn), Daniel Carey (D- Easthampton), Gerard Cassidy (D-Brockton), Michelle Ciccolo (D-Lexington), Claire Cronin (D-Easton), Daniel Cullinane (D-Boston), Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), Marcos Devers (D-Lawrence), Daniel Donahue (D-Worcester), Paul J. Donato (D-Medford), Michelle DuBois (D-Brockton), Carolyn Dykema (D-Holliston), Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead), Dylan Fernandes (D-Falmouth), Carole Fiola (D-Fall River), Sean Garballey (D-Arlington), Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), Kenneth Gordon (D-Bedford), Jim Hawkins (D-Attleboro), Stephan Hay (D-Fitchburg), Jonathan Hecht (D-Watertown), Kevin Honan (D-Boston), Louis Kafka (D-Sharon), Mary Keefe (D-Worcester), John Lawn (D-Watertown), David LeBoeuf (D-Worcester), Jack Lewis (D-Framingham), David Linsky (D-Natick), Jay Livingstone (D-Boston), Elizabeth Malia (D-Boston), Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy), Paul Mark (D-Peru), Christopher Markey (D-Dartmouth), Joseph McGonagle (D-Everett), Rady Mom (D-Lowell), Frank Moran (D-Lawrence), James Murphy (D-Weymouth), David Nangle (D-Lowell), Harold Naughton (D-Worcester), James O'Day (D-West Boylston), Jerald Parisella (D-Beverly), Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox), Dave Robertson (D-Tewksbury), Paul Schmid (D-Westport), Alan Silvia (D-Fall River), Theodore Speliotis (D-Danvers), Thomas Stanley (D-Waltham), Jose Tosado (D-Springfield), Paul Tucker (D-Salem), Chynah Tyler (D-Roxbury), Andres Xavier Vargas (D-Haverhill), Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke), John Velis (D-Westfield), RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere), Thomas Walsh (D-Peabody), Susannah Whipps (U -Athol).

Beacon Hill Roll Call sent an email to and asked the opinion of the 94 representatives who had not switched their votes and seemed to vote "yes" from the beginning and to the three members who were absent from the vote. Only four of those members responded. Beacon Hill Roll Call also asked some lobbying groups what they thought.

Here are some responses:

Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa (D-Northampton): "I was proud to have voted in favor of this amendment along with a handful of other Democrats and several Republicans from the get-go. I was as surprised as many watching from the gallery that many changed their vote after the speaker's vote was cast. As a first-year representative at my first formal session, I had not witnessed something like that before. I firmly believe we should always vote on bills, and amendments, based on their merit and, thankfully, I can say that each vote I cast was done with my district's best interest at heart. My district has been very vocal in its support of making the legislative process clearer with more room for civic participation and greater transparency."

Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston): "Welcome to the House of Representatives. This is exactly how the House runs itself and the members should be ashamed. The speaker is like a shepherd leading a flock of sheep.

Some members may have known what they were voting on and may have even agreed with Brad Jones. However, agreement with Brad does not matter if it conflicts with the speaker. This is particularly the case in the rules debate as the speaker has given orders to all Democrats that he wants no changes and that he is taking notice for consideration of leadership and committee assignments. We term the statements and speeches in rules debate as 'community auditions.'

The public is well informed. Many know that the only reason these Democrats changed their votes is because they await their instructions on all votes from the speaker. Members do not think of what is in the best interest of their districts but instead they consider what is in the best interest of themselves by voting with the

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speaker. This disenfranchises the voters who sent them to the Statehouse. I refuse to arrive in the building and hand over the voice and power of my constituents to the speaker.

The best way to eliminate this hypocrisy is to bring pay equity to the building and pay all the members the same regardless of positions in leadership or committee. I was a 'yes' vote and voting with Brad before seeing how the speaker voted. Ideas should rule the day."

Rep. Joe McKenna (R-Webster): "I think that every representative has had the experience at one time or another of casting a vote only to have a colleague come and talk to them and explain an issue perhaps in different terms which may cause them to change their mind. I think that is okay. Unfortunately, what we saw during the rules debate is entirely different and is something that we have seen numerous times in my two plus terms. It's simply a 'follow-the-leader' mentality where members seem to take their sole direction from the color of the light next to the speaker's name with apparently little awareness or concern for the matter being voted on or its content. Leaning on colleagues for guidance and advice is okay; but the type of blind following we saw takes it too far."

Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk): "Thanks for doing a story on this. Seen it happen quite a few times during my tenure. I think the fact that this happened during the rules debate, while only a handful of legislators were fighting for greater transparency and communication, was quite ironic."

Rep. Mike Connolly (D-Cambridge): "I cannot speak for anyone else's decision-making process, but I am proud to say that I immediately voted in support of this amendment based on its merits and therefore was one of the few Democrats who voted in support of it before the speaker changed his position."

Chip Ford, Executive Director of Citizens for Limited Taxation: "Captured red-handed on video doing what The Best Legislators Money Can Buy do best – mindlessly following the leader. What a real-time votes tote board exposed through an embarrassing glitch is revealing of what's so wrong on Beacon Hill. Good catch Beacon Hill Roll Call."

Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance: "Even during the important rules debate, when issues of transparency and process are supposed to be debated out in the public, some lawmakers don't even have the interest in knowing what they are voting on and instead rely on the speaker for instruction. This type of blind voting by some lawmakers is how the Legislature finds itself as the least transparent legislative body in America."

QUOTABLE QUOTES - By the Numbers Edition

#2 — Where Massachusetts finished in the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) annual list of Top 10 States for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), the world's most widely used green building rating system.

\$2.1 million — The amount that Walgreens has agreed to pay the state after Attorney General Maura Healey negotiated a settlement with the drug chain for fraudulent overcharging of MassHealth for prescriptions.

8,000 — The number of cell phones disposed of daily in Massachusetts resulting in pollution, wasted resources and an unsustainable economy, according to MASSPIRG.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Reacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the

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 February 4-8, the House met for a total of 57 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 23 minutes.

Mon. February 4 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11 29 a.m.

Tues. February 5 No House session No Senate session

Wed. February 6 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. February 7 House 11:09 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 12:01 p.m.

Fri. February 8 No House session No Senate session

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

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

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SLF announces the organization will be ending on May 1, 2019

Dear Somerville Local First Members and Friends,

First, Happy New Year! We hope your 2019 is off to a great start, and that it continues to bring joy, health, and success for all of you!

We are writing to share some important news. After a decade of serving the small businesses and artists in our beloved city, Somerville Local First will be ending its run as an organization as of May 1, 2019. This was certainly a difficult decision to make given the deep love our Board of Directors and our most recent Executive Director, Courtney O'Keefe, have for SLF and what it represents. We imagine many of you feel the same way.



As many of you know, 2018 marked the 10th anniversary of the founding of SLF. This provided the perfect opportunity to reflect on where we started and how far we've come. SLF was founded on the mission of nurturing an environment where an independent, local economy could thrive. Our chief goal was to educate and engage the community, localize purchasing power, and strengthen entrepreneurship — all to support a diverse economy that is local, sustainable, and fair.

What a difference a decade makes! While the focus on supporting small businesses and local artists and makers was far from mainstream in 2008, today, shopping local and supporting entrepreneurs and artists is a way of life in Somerville. It is woven into the fabric of the city and its residents. There are now substantial resources available to support budding small business owners that simply didn't exist 10 years ago. We are proud of the role that SLF has played in catalyzing this shift. Yet, what this also means is that SLF has, in reality, accomplished its mission.

As part of this announcement, we also want to inform you that on December 10, 2018, Courtney O'Keefe served her final day as our ED and fearless, local-loving leader. It was with bittersweet gratitude that the Board accepted her formal resignation. As many of you know, Courtney served more than 3 years as the head of SLF, and never once wavered in her dedication to our members and the city of Somerville, even during times of personal struggle. She has been the face, heart, and soul of SLF these past several years, and we are forever grateful for her vision, her tireless work, and her endless connections to seemingly everyone in the city of Somerville. If you're looking for Courtney, you're likely to find her patronizing any number of businesses in and around Magoun Square. Thank you, Courtney!

In the meantime, our Executive Board of Directors will continue to oversee operations for Somerville Local First through May 1, 2019. If you have any questions or concerns, especially about membership, please don't hesitate to reach out: info@somervillelocalfirst.org.

Locally Yours,

Somerville Local First

St. Valentine's Day celebration

The Somerville Council on Aging is presenting a St. Valentine's Day celebration at Dilboy Post, Summer St., Somerville on Thursday, February 14, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Limited seating and transportation. For more information, call Josie at 617-625-6600 x 2300.



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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



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Sergeant Hansen's Flags

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Henry Oliver Hansen was a young United States Marine from Somerville who was killed during World War II at the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was raised in the Magoun Square neighborhood on Nashua Street, attended Northeastern Junior High School and Somerville High School.



For fifty years his name was barely noticed on a weather-worn Trum Field memorial. It was listed last out of thirty-four veterans from the park who made the supreme sacrifice. Since that time, notice has been brought to him by a small memorial park on Medford Street bearing his name.



Sergeant Striker, John Wayne's character in the famous movie Sands of Iwo Jima, closely shadowed the real-life heroic actions of Somerville's Sergeant Hansen. Henry, a seasoned combat marine paratrooper, was involved in the initial attack on the Island that began on February 19, 1945.

During the first three days of fighting, he and his platoon fought their way to the base of Mount Suribachi, the highest elevation on the island. It was the of February 22, Washington's Birthday, when his platoon was ordered to capture the summit and plant our flag on it the next morning.

Hansen was very familiar with flags, having been his company's honored Platoon Guide or flag bearer. How appropriate, a young marine from Somerville where General George Washington raised America's first flag on



Prospect Hill was to be instrumental in Continued on page 14

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Beyond the March: Visions of a more woman-led America

By JT Thompson

Wenzday Jane is the founder and owner of Metro Pedal Power, a cargo bike service based in Somerville focused on delivering food from local farms throughout the Boston area. She speaks with the calm self-confidence of someone who has faced and overcome major challenges.

"Our mission is reducing pollution, reducing dependence on oil. The vision is to build more resilient communities, to give the community a feeling of empowerment."

Jane grew up in the projects in Everett. "We were really poor, my parents were on welfare, and I never envisioned myself owning a business. I've grown a lot. Running a business has given me the opportunity to develop a wider perspective on the world, to develop a greater level of responsibility. I have employees - everything that happens with the business is my responsibility. Everything that goes wrong is my fault.

"I've done a lot of personal examination - of my values, my methods, my pathologies," she laughs. "It's been a good

challenge. I've leveled up. There's a real sense of accomplishment. It hasn't been easy, but it's been meaningful."

As a kid, Jane didn't have many role models, but looked up to "Donia, my mother's younger sister. She was the cool aunt," laughs Jane. "She was a real counter culture figure, a punk rocker in the early '80s. I remember, she once took me to Harvard Square with her, where all the punks were hanging out, wearing their leather jackets. I thought it was so cool. My aunt was also interested in politics and spirituality. Some of my early ideas developed with her. We both loved Joseph Campbell. There were lots of books on her shelves I loved looking at."

"In high school, I hung out with the artists, the punks. There weren't that many of us. A typical misfits crowd."

After high school, she took some time off from school, and moved out on her own. Jane then attended Mass Art, but dropped out after two years. "I didn't have direction. I wasn't convinced an art degree would get me anywhere I wouldn't get on my own. I felt I was learning more from collaborating with my peers than from the classes."

Gradually, her love of biking began to transform her life.

"I started biking year-round, in snow, in freezing rain. It was really hard but it also felt empowering. I could take control and toughen up and make it work. Facing a difficult situation like biking twelve miles to work in the snow - I felt more courage and sense of confidence.

"I started learning how to fix bikes. I got involved in SCUL," a Somerville-based bike club that builds fantastical bikes and goes on group rides through Boston, "and my mind expanded. All these people getting together around a love of bikes. Not political, just artists having fun, seeing what they could create.

"Eventually, starting the business was just a confluence of people and interest that catalyzed into a business. We wanted to build cargo bikes, and it turned out there was a demand for delivery. Then in 2007, 2008, 2009, gas prices were really high, and we got a lot of attention."

Jane has been living in Somerville off and on since the '90s, and has been in her apartment by Prospect Hill for the last ten years.

"The proximity of Somerville to Boston and Cambridge is valuable for my business since we are last-mile distribution and hauling. I also like being in and near cultural centers. Somerville is historically working class and also has a hip vibrant element. Artists tend to find the in between, forgotten places where the real estate is affordable. A culture develops that's a combination of environmental elements, like an organism in biology. It's fragile, and can't be manufactured.

"Unfortunately, the artists typically aren't able to monetize the value they create - the developers come in and monetize it. Changes made in policy, changes by developers – you can't predict what will happen. Some of the original elements dissolve and have to go find the next place."

What was your experience of the Women's March?

"I did not go. I don't really like mass protests. I have gone to



Wenzday Jane is the founder and owner of Metro Pedal Power.

some. It's intense but, even with a cause I believe in, the energy feels too much like a mob."

What's your perspective on the #metoo movement?

"It started off as something that seemed necessary or helpful. I've experienced my share of sexual harassment and assault, especially when I was younger, and it was interesting to explore the feelings around sharing those stories. But as a movement, it can go too far - accusations without a justice system is a slippery slope.

"I like men - I don't think they should be vilified wholesale. #metoo started to look like something ugly to me."

What do you think a more woman led America would be

"I think we're finding out. There are a lot more women in leadership now. I'm not one to say it's necessarily going to be better. It's about balance. Definitely not one at the expense of the other. Often the narrative in the feminist movement is that men should sit down and be quiet and let women have their say. It's like: No. We need men AND women working together.

"It should be about equality of opportunity, not equality of outcome. I think we've achieved equality to a large degree. I disagree with a lot of feminists in terms of strategy and what they're calling for. You can't achieve equality of outcome without some serious suppression. I don't think we want that."

What would you like to say to women in America today?

"Don't bash men. We need to work together."



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

TUESDAY February 19

9:00 pm Industry night featuring DJ Wall

WEDNESDAY February 20

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THURSDAY February 21 7:30 pm Spring Hill Rounders / grassy Thursdays

FRIDAY February 22

6:00 pm Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 9:00 pm Hear Now Live & TinyOak present Steve Salty, Lower Falls + Sons Lunaris - \$10 cover

SATURDAY February 23

6:00 pm Patsy Hamel Band 9:00 pm Film Amerikarma, Magan Tracey, Eric Salt & The Electric City - \$10 cover

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

800,000 gallons: When the Somerville Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project is complete there will be a box culvert under Union Square that can hold up to 800,000 gallons of storm water. That will go a long way in helping to alleviate flooding in Union Square and taking pressure off our sewer system. Completing this work is going to involve some major excavation work in the square and an accompanying six-month detour.

Starting around February 19, eastbound vehicle traffic on Somerville Avenue won't be able to pass through the center of Union Square. But this is important: if you're heading into the square to shop, eat, and run errands, don't forget - your favorite local businesses will be open during construction, you can still drive down Somerville Ave. to park and get to them. Everyone else just passing through, will be be detoured at Dane Street, but local traffic getting to homes, shops, restaurants, and more will be able to drive up to Warren Avenue and loop back via Bow St. You can learn more about the project and see detour maps at www.somervillema. gov/somervilleave.

84% small businesses: In the Boston metro area, 84% of businesses employ fewer than 20 people. That means small businesses make up a big part of our local economy. Although transit projects like the new Green Line stops

or streetscape improvements like the Somerville Ave. project tend to have a long-term positive impact on small businesses, they are also especially vulnerable to construction disruptions. That's why it's important to keep supporting your favorite restaurants and stores while work is going on. You can also help us encourage people to shop local by using social media to share your small business purchases with the hashtag #Loyal2Local. Our small, local businesses are great neighbors and community partners, so let's make sure to support them too during upcoming construction – and always.

36,180 linear feet of construction: In 2018, the City completed 36,180 linear feet of construction, including 13,890 feet of streetscape work, 1,725 feet of replaced water mains, and 10,745 feet of cleaned and lined water mains. Weather can have a big impact on how much can be accomplished during a con-

struction season, but even with 40% more rainfall than average and earlier-than-usual freezing temperatures, more work was done in 2018 than in the previous three years combined. Keep in mind, this is just work that the City did, not utilities, the Green Line Extension, and other outside projects. While all these projects are important for the long-term, we're well aware of the short-term impacts construction can have on residents. So we are always working to minimize noise, detour delays, and more, as well as keep you informed so you can plan for them. On this note, let's talk about our 3.600 subscribers.

3,600 subscribers: This coming construction season is going to be a busy one. From Union Square work to Green Line Extension bridge closures to routine street and sidewalk repairs, it's likely you'll run into some construction as you make your way around Somerville this year.

It can be a lot to keep track of, which is why we send a weekly City email newsletter exclusively for construction information. So far about 3,600 people have subscribed and if you're not one of them now would be a great time to do so at www.somervillema. gov/construction. Major detours are also announced via our community alert system, which has about 51,000 subscribers. If that doesn't include you, I encourage you to sign up at www. somervillema.gov/alerts.

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

Legal protections for Somerville's trees

By Chris Dwan, Resident; Mark Niedergang, City Councilor, Ward 5; and JT Scott, City Councilor, Ward 2

Somerville developers take notice: preliminary protections are now in place for trees on private land in Somerville. If you intend to cut a tree greater than six inches in diameter on private property, you may be required to plant replacements, pay into a replacement fund, or both.

At the January 24 Board of Aldermen meeting, we submitted a Tree Protection amendment to Somerville's zoning ordinance. Our primary goal with this was to stop developers from clear-cutting trees on properties that they plan to redevelop. Our ultimate goal is to empower residents and provide the incentives and funding to act meaningfully on the restoration of Somerville's urban forest canopy.

Zoning laws can be enforced – if they are eventually passed – as of the date on which a public hearing on a proposed zoning amendment is "noticed" via an advertisement in the newspaper. For this amendment that date was Wednesday, February 6. If the proposed zoning law eventually passes, it would be retro-

actively effective as of that date.

This makes it a wise move, today, to join the conversation and help us to pass the right ordinance, rather than to clear-cut.

The text of the proposed zoning amendment is online at the city's website. The Public Hearing will be on Wednesday, March 12, 6 PM in City Hall. Anyone can testify and/or submit written comments by emailing CityCouncil@somervillema.gov and Planning@somervillema.gov.

A new Tree Protection Ordinance

Based on advice from the Planning Department and the Solicitor's Office, we will also submit a comprehensive revision of the city's Tree Protection Ordinance this coming Thursday, February 14. This ordinance will, among other things, establish a system of permits for tree removal that will be both faster and simpler than the process of zoning review.

We based this work on similar regulations in neighboring cities and towns. We spoke to many residents and neighbors and worked with City staff to find a balance that respects property rights while slowing and reversing the tree losses of recent

years. We look forward to public discussion and debate and fully expect corrections and improvements to the revised ordinance we have drafted.

Our goals with this revised ordinance are:

- To clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Tree Warden and the City Arborist.
- + To leverage the newly created Urban Forestry Committee as a public forum for tree issues. The "Tree Hearings" required before street trees are removed will now be held as part of the public meetings of this committee. This will shine a light on what has been a murky process.
- To bring resident voices, via the Urban Forestry Committee, into the conversation on how the city's limited funds for tree care and planting should be prioritized and spent.
- * To create a system of permits that will prevent surprise clearcuts, generate revenue from developers, and punish bad actors.

This is not a ban: Nothing in this proposed ordinance will prevent or even unduly delay a property owner who wants to cut some or all of the trees on their land. A completed permit application requires a plan showing which trees are to be re-

moved and where new plantings will go. The application will also require a payment into the city's "Tree Fund" to make up the difference between what is being cut and what is being planted.

To allow flexibility, the permit application will include an option to request a waiver of fees. These requests will be discussed publicly by the Urban Forestry Committee. Whether for financial hardship, because a tree is damaging a building, or for any reason at all, the option should be there.

Why this approach

The City Council has been vigorous in our response to the tree decimation of recent years. We have supported the Mayor in adding new City staff positions and funding, and we have issued dozens of board orders instructing the Administration to prioritize preservation of the City's trees. While this was important, it has not yet turned the tide. With this ordinance, we are taking the next step.

In August 2018, Alderman Niedergang submitted a board order asking the City Solicitor to *consider* the policies of neighboring cities and towns and *draft* potential regulations on tree cutting on private prop-

erty. Comments in this newspaper grew heated. One developer immediately razed a wooded lot on Spring Hill without waiting to see what the proposed ordinance might be. We realized that the public conversation required to create a good ordinance was going to create a real risk to hundreds of mature trees.

By submitting the zoning amendment first, trees on private property have some protections, and the City Council and the community can develop a fair and effective Tree Protection Ordinance without more trees being destroyed.

Striking a Balance

Trees are a public good, even when they are located on private property. Trees shade and cool all of us, not just the owner of the property where they stand. They increase property values while reducing energy consumption and providing privacy in our dense city. They protect air quality, sequester massive amounts of carbon, provide protection from glare and heat, and baffle noise, They reduce topsoil erosion and stormwater runoff, which means fewer flooded basements. At the same time, they provide habitats for wildlife, all while beautifying our city. Continued on page 17

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

Somerville feels the love.



Hey! Valentine's Day has come around once again. This is an occasion that many hold dear and cherish.

Sure, many people think it's a corny tradition. Just another gimmick to ramp up sales of candies, cards, wine and whatnot. For others, it's a special time that provides an opportunity to express their deepest affections to the one – or many – who mean so much to them.

Whatever one's personal view, it's dif-

ficult to disagree with the idea that we could all use a soft touch and a few gentle words in these times of contentious bickering and extreme divisiveness. It doesn't take a box of chocolates or a 32 stanza love poem to show a little appreciation for one's friends and family, or that one special someone.

Remember when we were kids, and part of the day was spent passing out those store bought or handmade "Be My Valen-

tine" cards at school? Some did so, while others didn't. Still, it was a nice ritual that brought us all a little closer and exposed us to some rudimentary social skills, so important for a developing child.

What would it be like as adults to swap such tokens of sentiment with our co-workers, colleagues, etc.? Embarrassing? Endearing? Who can say? Perhaps some higher authority – if one existed – should mandate that we do just such a

thing. Would it make the day as special for us again as it once was when we were children? This makes for a worthwhile social experiment.

If nothing else, take a moment or two on this day to smile at a stranger as you pass them by. Open a door for another. Find ways to show that you have love within you. This can be far more satisfying than giving or getting a mere box of chocolates.

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Visit http://www.somervillemuseum. org/ourstories.html.

Maple Brunch at The Independent, 75 Union Sq., takes place on Presidents Day, February 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy a delicious brunch featuring maple-themed specials and support Groundwork Somerville. A percentage of your purchase will go towards their Maple Syrup Project, one of their largest community engagement and youth education programs. Every year between January and March, Groundwork staff and trained community volunteers teach second graders at public schools across Somerville about maple sugaring and the tree-to-pancake journey of our local sap.

Our own Jimmy Del Ponte is bursting with pride as he announces that his two sons, Joey and Jimmy, have just completed recording and producing a video for a new song, *The Next Night*, which was written, produced, and performed by Joey, while the video was filmed and edited by Jimmy. Check out the video at https://youtube.com/watch?v=zteYR_yAnM0&feature=youtu.be.

Soon, city contractors will be setting up a work zone in Union Square as part of the Somerville Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project and a detour will be in place for east-bound traffic. The detour is planned to begin February 19 (but may shift depending on conditions) and be in place for about six months. During this time some MBTA bus stops on routes 85 and 87 will be relocated. Visit somer-villema.gov/somervilleave to learn more about the project and see detour and bus stop maps.

Kristen Strezo has announced she is running for Somerville City Councilor At-Large. Inspired by the groundbreaking campaigns organized by women during the 2018 midterms, she is taking action to broaden her leadership role in Somerville. On February 22 she will be

at the Winter Hill Brewery, 328 Broadway from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. to chat with residents over a cup of coffee. She will be there to listen to your concerns and visioning for Somerville.

The Health and Human Services Department, Community Clothing Closet of the Somerville Public Schools, and 311 are collecting donations of new or gently used winter clothing for residents and students who need them with their Somerville Hosts Winter Clothing Drive. Items most urgently needed include winter coats, pants, hats, gloves, socks, and boots for children (sizes 4T and up), as well as winter items for teens and adults. You can drop off donations through February at one of three locations during their normal business hours: The welcome desk at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., the Health and Human Services Department, 165 Broadway, and the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. If you have a child in the Somerville Public Schools and need help with getting winter clothes for your family, please contact Francia Reyes at freyes@k12,somerville.ma.us or (617)

625-6600, ext. 6994.

Students interested in theater and literature can check out a Tufts University production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, February 14-16 and 21-23 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Balch Arena Theatre, Medford Campus. Tickets are \$5 each and available on their website: https://dramadance.tufts.edu/performances/drama.htm.

Somerville's Health and Human Services Department is looking for volunteers for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). MRC volunteers might be called on to work with city staff to keep residents safe before, during, and after emergencies and natural disasters. No medical experience is required to sign up and volunteers will get ongoing training in skills like first aid, CPR, mental health first aid, Narcan administration, and disaster preparation. Interested residents can register online anytime at www. maresponds.org. Please contact Sara Harris at sharris@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 4320 for more information or with questions.

Third Annual Boys Tufts Classic

The Somerville High School Highlanders met up again with the Medford High School Mustangs Basketball teams at the Annual Tufts Classic game held at Cousens Gymnasium on the Tufts University campus.

The Highlanders prevailed against the Mustangs with a final score of 60-54.

Thank go out to the fans from Medford and Somerville for coming together to donate several bags of goods to two local pantries: Project SOUP at Somerville Homeless Coalition and Community Cupboard at Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford.









































SPORTS

SHS Girls Basketball Senior Night





The Somerville High School Girls Basketball Senior Night was held last Friday at their home game against Salem. Somerville won the game 45 to 36. Congratulations to seniors Gurpreet Kaur, Kaitlyn Seeley, Kiara Pontes, Megan Barnes, Tayla Casey and Karla Salamanca. We wish them the best.

— Photos by Kristina and Emily Sabatino

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #665

- 1. According to Roman mythology who is the son of Mercury and Venus?
- 2. What is St. Valentine's Day known as in Finland?
- 3. What U.S. President wore a ring containing a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair at his inauguration?
- 4. What pet did Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, bring to live at the White House?
- 5. What do Jimmy Hoffa and Florence Henderson have in common?
- 6. What Boston hospital became the location for

- the first ever successful kidney transplant?
- 7. Who was the first woman on a U.S. stamp?
- 8. When cats walk, what feet do they start with?
- 9. What band holds the record for most Grammy Awards won by a group?
- 10. What is artist Gilbert Stuart best known for?
- 11. Spanakopita is a Greek savory pastry filled with what vegetable?
- 12. What was Elvis Presley's first RCA single?

Answers on page 23





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flying two American flags for the first time over the soil of the Japanese Empire.

Hank, as he was called, was known as a tough Marine. In the previous two days, he had already destroyed four pillboxes and dragged three wounded men out of harm's way to safety. The day before, Private Donald Ruhl, a fellow marine and close friend leaped on a hand grenade and saved Hansen's

life. Ruhl was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Because of Hansen's participation on February 23, 1945, in the ascent of Mount Suribachi and the two flag raisings, many national iconic images emerged. Joe Rosenthal captured it in his epic photographs.

Two American flags would be flown on that day. The first was a small flag raised under fire and combat. Over two hours later, after the summit was secured, a larger more visible flag was raised. This flag replaced the smaller one that was lowered after the larger one was in place. Sergeant Hansen participated in all three actions and should be credited

Next year will be the landmark 75th anniversary of the battle and the well-known flag raisings.

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

GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council 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.***

1 McGrath Highway (ZBA 2018-138): Applicant, Somerbridge Hotel, LLC, and Owner, The 245 Monsignor O'Brien Highway Realty Trust, Anthony Previte, Trustee, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §5.2, §5.3, and §7.11.10.5.b and a Variance under §5.5, §8.5, Article 9, and §12.4 to construct a 135 room extended stay hotel. IA zone. Ward 2.

21 Houghton Street (ZBA 2018-187): Applicant / Owner, Raquel A. Schott, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear second-story addition above an existing one-story portion of the building. RB Zone. Ward 2.

47 Oliver Street (ZBA2018-194): Applicant, North America Development, and Owner, Selma P. Damasceno, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property including increasing the Gross Floor Area (GFA) by more than 25%, upward and linear extension of the non-conforming left side yard setback through the construction of a large rear addition. Number of units to increase from two to three. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

111 Summer Street (ZBA2018-171): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 111 Summer St. LLC, seek special permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO for alterations to a non-conforming property including increasing the gross floor area (GFA) by more than 25%. Variance to reduce the rear yard setback from 38.4 feet to 10.25 feet. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 3.

24 Dane Avenue (ZBA2018-75): Applicant and Owner, 24 Dane Ave., LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure by extending the non-conforming left and right side yard setbacks, increasing the GFA by more than 25%. Unit count to increase from one to three, Parking relief under Article 9, RC zone, Ward 2,

171 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-191): Applicant and Owner, 171 Cedar Street, LLC, seeks special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO for alterations to a non-conforming property including increasing the gross floor area of more than 25%. Number of units to increase from two to five. Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR). Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. BB zone. Ward 5.

111 Rogers Avenue (ZBA 2018 – 190): Applicant, Anthony Adam, DBA A. Adam Construction, and Owner, Jonathan Tice, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 for alterations to a non-conforming property including the construction of a dormer within the left side yard setback and increasing the non-conforming FAR. RA zone. Ward 5.

- 1 McGrath Hwy: http://eepurl.com/ggnVnP
- 21 Houghton St: http://eepurl.com/ggnVEL
- 24 Dane Ave: http://eepurl.com/dzaC9z 111 Summer St: http://eepurl.com/ggpyj1
- 47 Oliver St. http://eepurl.com/ggpzpT
- 171 Cedar St: http://eepurl.com/ggpzLv
- 111 Rogers Ave: http://eepurl.com/ggpCWb

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

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

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 2/6/19 & 2/13/19

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Somerville High School PTSA hosts discussion on marijuana, vaping **CONT. FROM PG 1**

even start vomiting."

percent of kids between the ages of 12 and 17 reported using marijuana in the last 30 days. 81.5 percent of the students surveyed indicated that they used marijuana to relax. "That's a pretty significant amount of individuals, who are using marijuana, saying that they are using it to relax,"

Another topic for the discussion was the rise of e-cigarettes used by high schoolers in Massachusetts. Vaping has become a popular form of smoking for young people as many people are under the impression that it is safer than smoking regular cigarettes. "From 2017 to 2018, we saw a 78 percent increase in the number of U.S. high school students who vape," according to Mitchell.

While people claim that vaping is

Mitchell presented statistics for that the amount of nicotine in one PTSA, made it clear that maricused on marijuana use by school- e-cigarette pod is equivalent to the juana and vaping are problems in aged kids. In Massachusetts, 8.91 amount of nicotine in a pack of the local schools. "There is a lot of

Mitchell said that the FDA is now trying to come down on Juul, a popular e-cigarette, mainly because they have used kid-friendly advertising. "[Juul] said they would stop selling flavored products like mango cream and cucumber in stores," said Mitchell. Other Juul flavors like mint are still available in stores such as gas stations in Somerville.

However, Mitchell believes that the FDA has not made enough progress in regulating the packaging on e-cigarettes. "They are trying but they aren't trying hard enough," Mitchell said. "I think they are thinking about it in terms of they want a ban overall and don't even want [e-cigarettes] to be a thing."

MaryLou Carey-Sturniolo, the

safer than cigarettes, Mitchell said Vice President of the Somerville vaping going on and there is a lot of marijuana smoking right here in the high school," said Carey-Sturniolo, "and I just think it really hurts all of the students."

Carey-Sturniolo called for people to start speaking up by contacting city officials in order to solve the problem at hand. "This is an epidemic, and ... if we start accepting this it will just get bigger and bigger."

This discussion followed the Somerville Cares about Prevention meeting last week that revealed the health survey results for the Somerville High Schools. Now the different health organizations in Somerville will be looking at how to better educate Somerville students on the risks of marijuana and vaping.



S.H.A. Job No. P-MOV022019

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from contractors to relocate tenant apartments contents in Somerville, Massachusetts in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department Job No. P-MOV022019

Description of Work:

Relocate tenant apartments contents

Term of contract is 2 years

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

Sealed Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., February 28, 2019 and

Bids should be brought or mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Bryant Relocation Bid, Attn. Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified.

Bid Forms and Specification Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M., on February 13,2019 or you may download them from our web site www.sha-web.org under our opportunities tab. There will be no charge for these documents. If downloaded, you must register with Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@shaweb.org and leave a contact email to receive changes, or updates. You will receive confirmation of reception via reply to your email.

A site visit is scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. You are not required to attend. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Building, 30-R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you will be attending is required. Please notify Anthony Crespo by email at Tonyc@sha-web. org or at 617-625-1152 extension 336 if you are attending.

Direct inquiries regarding this bid to the Purchasing Department by email to Tonyc@sha-web.org.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI15P4937EA

Estate of:

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Date of Death: <u>12/11/2014</u>

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by

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requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you

Witness, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 31, 2019

Tara E. De Cristofaro **Register of Probate**

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

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

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An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing 02/18/2019. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 03/04/2019 2:00PM EST. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 04/01/2019 to 3/31/2020 with 2 one year options to renew.

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

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director**

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Snow angels and saints on your block, plus city staff who keep us safe

CONT. FROM PG 5

the city. Maybe you know one? Or maybe you even are one! Here are a few of those neighbors who help their blocks.

- + On Spring Hill Terrace, Christopher Foley "is a great shovel-out guy," according to his neighbor. "He shovels out our elderly neighbor all the time, and his son Sheamus often helps."
- On Bartlett, "Ernie Lavoie has shoveled out our 100-year-old neighbors' corner house every snow storm since we were kids, and he does her shopping," according to a neighbor.
- + On Madison, "Don Davis ... is adept at keeping his snow blower in good repair. He does many houses in our street, clears street parking out, etc. In storms, it's not unusual to see him out for an entire day in his Carhartt jumpsuit and a beard full of ice."
- Over near Davis Square, "The **team at Redbones** works really hard, every storm, to clear sidewalks, curb cuts and driveways," according to a neighbor.
- + A resident of Windsor Road shared this appreciation for John Howe: "I'm on a corner lot. I cleared the side of the house and was just about to round the corner to tackle the front when John came walking toward me with his snow blower. After two straight hours of lifting that back-breaking concrete-like snow, I almost wept in gratitude to see him." She added: "Also, Joe Chromy, Somerville snow blower legend. How many hours of backbreaking labor has he spared his Somerville neighbors? Too many to count."
- On Columbus, neighbors thanked 26-year-old **Johnathan** (**Yianny**) **Tsirigotis**. "We have two elderly neighbors

who live next to each other...and he always shovels both of them out every time it snows."

- * Neighbors praised more helpers on their blocks, like Jimmy Delgado on Cedar Street Place, Stephen Collins on Ware Street, Louis Morales on Porter, Paul Marks and Donald Gay on Avon, Andrew Kopacz on Prospect Hill, David Homsi and Edward Beuchert on Conwell Ave, John Alan Roderick on Tower, and Jack Connolly and Paul Mansfield on Winslow and Grove.
- And finally, one resident remembered her dad, the late **Timothy Mahoney**: "He was a snow blowing legend on Highland Road for over 25+ years. He was the true meaning of neighbor. Looking out for all who shared his street. One neighbor even penned a poem about him. He was the best."

Thank you to all of you who weather the backaches and frozen feet to make your blocks better and your neighbors happier. (Pictured here is my block's "snow saint", snow blowing half the block. Thank you Chuck Lounsberry!)

Volunteer Opportunities this Month: In the spirit of our snow angels, take a look at a few ways to help your community this month.

- A Myrtle Street resident Lorie Reilly would like to start a litter brigade. If you'd like to help Lorie clean up on Myrtle, indicate your interest on the form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSce8aShqb61mEHwT-8DUl7VW869e5yu1cPQ8RXmGN-R4UqTLQ/viewform.
 - + CAAS needs volunteers to help



households prepare tax returns. Contact Danielle Osterman at dosterman@caasomerville.org.

• The City needs volunteer guides at local historical sites. Contact Brandon Wilson at bwilson@somervillema.gov.

A Kiss that's lasted 40 years CONT. FROM PG 3

us feel like royalty.

Old friends got together, some who hadn't seen each other in years. The original owner of Kiss 108, the man who started it all, Rich Balsbaugh, was there sharing priceless stories, as was legendary DJ and radio entrepreneur John Garabedian (from Open House Party and V-66). Familiar iconic DJ's like David Iseman, Ed McMann, Lady D the Real Diana Steele, Joan Quinn Eastman, Lark

Logan, JJ Wright and of course my old pal Billy Costa (who is still on with Matty!) were chit-chatting and sharing memories all night.

The current staff, led by Alan Chartrand, President of Boston Region iHeartMedia Markets, and Dylan Sprague, Senior Vice President Programming, Boston Region, hosted a heartwarming reception for all of us former Kiss 108 on-air personalities

as well as past sales, production, and secretarial friends who were there from Kiss 108's beginning.

We were smiling ear to ear most of the night telling stories and also fondly remembering the friends we lost like Vinnie Peruzzi, Rich (Rocky) Buono, Lisa Lipps, Dale Dorman, and of course the one and only Sunny Joe White.

This lucky, lifelong lad from Davis

Square, Western Junior High School and Somerville High School was given the chance of a lifetime and will forever be grateful for my incredibly fortunate radio career that defined my very being. Thank you Rocky, Matty, Billy and my whole Kiss 108 family, past and present for giving me a chance to live a dream. Kiss 108 FM! 40 years young and still number one!

To be continued.

Legal protections for Somerville's trees CONT. FROM PG 10

Because these benefits of trees extend beyond the property line, the harm of cutting them down is felt beyond the property line. In addition, many of the trees we are talking about protecting have grown in our city for 50, 75, and in some cases more than

100 years. They are remarkable survivors in their own right. People who say that we can plant saplings to replace mature

trees neglect to point out that this means that those of us who live in Somerville today will live out our lives in a town of twigs rather than a tree city.

Please join the conversation, and help us to pass the right legislation on this important topic.

Tufts Sunday Concert Series: Art of the Bow

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Tufts Sunday Concert Series: Art of the Bow, in the Distler Performance Hall, Granoff Music Center on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3 p.m. This concert explores the violin and other bowed instrument traditions from Greece, Turkey, Romania, Hungary, Morocco and more with Vasilis Kostas, Mohammed Mejaour, Mimi Rabson, Manos Stratis, Giorgio Albanese, and Panagiotis Aivazidis.

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



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday February 13

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

East Branch Library Preschool Story Time

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broad-

Thursday February 14

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland

Friday | February 15

Central Library

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

Saturday | February 16

Central Library

Kids Yoga with Janine 2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | February 19

East Branch Library

Paws, to Read! 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

Wednesday February 20

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Winter Wonderland Marionette Show w/Rosalitas Puppets 2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Preschool Story Time 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Rockabye Beats!

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

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

Thunder Road

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Once Somerville

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Grant Bloom** 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Been Out here Teen Open Mic 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 14

Sally O'Brien's

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Susan Cattaneo, Kirsten Maxwell & Sophie Buskin|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

Valen-Tease Day with Boston BeauTease! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Scream Along with Billy Black Hearts Ball 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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Arts at the Armory **Pub Sing**

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Open Wide with the Lilac Players 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday | February 15

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Once Somerville Magic Sword

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Grownup Noise

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

6 p.m.|Performance Hall

Arts at the Armory Afro-Caribbean Black History Gala & Awards 2019

A Celebration of Mary Oliver 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday February 16

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One Thin Dime|6 p.m. Eddie Japan X No/Hugs - \$10 cover // Facebook|9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Antje Duvekot|7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

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

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Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

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Metal Rock LIVE with Devious Intentions, FirstBourne, SON-IC RED, Perennial Quest and more!|2 p.m. Funky Dawgz Brass Band with special guest TBA|89 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Cheer Up Gauntly **Good Looking Friends** Bystander 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

2nd Annual Benefit Show for musiConnects! 1 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café

Balkan Beat Party 7p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

A Night Out with Boston Comedy Festival 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Sunday | February 17 Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan Depression Sessions | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.

Dalia & The Big Violin|4 p.m. George Woods Band, Mandy Kessler and Sophia Belle as Home Despot|7:30 p.m. 24/ Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

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

Kids Union Dance Party|2:30

Americana Sundays with The Living Wage 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Randy Black and the Heathcrop-

Adam Sherman The Skirts

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. WIII Hatch & Co. with Hometown Eulogy.

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Living Stones Pop-up Church

Gathering (Stories and Songs) 12 p.m.|Cafe **Protest Choir Class** 4:30 p.m..|Café|191 Highland

The Rockwell

BLOWW: Nether Regionals 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday February 18

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 Avel617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Jimmy James Trivia 8:30 p.m. Catch a Dinosaur 11 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bull McCabe's Pub

379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville**

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **Tuesday | February 19**

Sally O'Brien's Bar

industry night featuring DJ Wall 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Silver Arrow Band |8 p.m. Jason Anick& The Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m. Deadline|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band 10 p.m. 366A Somerville

Ave|617-440-6045

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

625-8200 **Thunder Road**

Once Somerville Gang Of Four Minibeast

379 Somerville Ave

8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday February 20 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

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

The Burren

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

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday February 13

Thursday February 14

Central Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue First Church Somerville

lems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave

Friday February 15 **Central Library** Virgin of the Rocks, The Heresy of

An Art History Tour 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-

mory|191 Highland Ave

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

The Vegan Market 11 a.m. Performance Hall 191

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

basement

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

6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

Wednesday | February 20

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

Once Somerville

Highland Kitchen

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Ciampa Manor Learn English with the Library!

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with prob-

For more info call: 781-762-6629

(Upstairs Parlor).

Leonardo and His Students:

Saturday | February 16 Winters Farmers Market

48 Holland St Sunday February 17

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

Tuesday | February 19

Central Library

Aeronaut Brewing Company Books & Brews Book Club

Central Library Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

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

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414 **Ralph and Jenny Center:** located at 9 New Washington

Street (behind the Holiday Inn)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street

(between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688

TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study – Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you. 24 week study for people 60 to

89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@Somervillema.gov for questions and additional information.

Monthly Book Club Selections – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. February 15: Wild by Cheryl Strayed, March 15: Still Life by Louise Penny and April 19: Soul of America by Jon Meachem.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

Monday

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

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

Fridays:

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

*All Fit A Life classes are \$10 per month and requ

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If interested please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

'Magnus Johnstone: Larger Works & More' at Nave Gallery

An exhibit featuring the works of the late Magnus Johnstone, Larger Works & More, will be on display at the Nave Gallery, 55 Powder House Blvd., Somerville, from March 9 to 17.

The Sunday, March 10, reception will be preceded by a 1:30 p.m. panel discussion about Johnstone's life in Boston from the 70s – 90s, hosted by friends Mark Flynn, Margaret Bailey Rosenbaum, Michael Shores and Chris Guttmacher. The



panel will also explore Johnstone's associations with the Punkt/Data Gallery, Skunk Piss Magazine and Gallery East.

All proceeds from the sales of these works will go to the Johnstone family, to help safely store, maintain and market his work.

Magnus Johnstone was known to many Bostonians from his tenure in town from the late '70s through the late '90s as a trailblazing radio DJ on WZBC 90.3 FM and WMBR 88.1 FM, as well as working as a visual artist. He passed away on February 22, 2013, at the age of 60, after a vibrant life filled with art, music and community.

He left behind over 80 large canvases [most 72" by 55"] as well as dozens of medium and smaller sized works. Following the very successful Soaring Through The Matrix show in August 2018 – one of Nave Gallery's most popular shows in recent years - Magnus Johnstone: Larger Works is the second of what his family and friends hope will be ongoing local and national exhibits that will display and sell his remaining work.

This time, most of the featured work will be Johnstone's larger, oil-onstretched-canvas paintings, and will mark the first time these have been seen in the Boston area since the early 1990s. There will also be a selection of Johnstone's remaining medium-sized, oil-on-stretched-canvas pieces (between 30" wide and 50" tall), with some selected smaller works (oil-on-cardboard, approximately 12" by 14").

For more information on Magnus Johnstone and his visual art, visit: www. MagnusJohnstoneArt.com and on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ MagnusJohnstoneArt/.

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2019 SMC Honors Gala

Somerville Media Center will be hosting its 2019 SMC Honors Gala on Friday, March 8 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Arts At The Armory, 191 Highland Ave. This night recognizes the best facets of community-made media shared in greater Somerville. Local TV shows, podcasts, indie films and radio shows are the heart and soul of community media and we invite our award nominees, our friends, neighbors, community partners and members to join us to celebrate community media!



Evening Agenda

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.: Awards program

This year is very special because it brings together our traditional annual awards ceremony with a new gala vibe. Everyone is encouraged to wear their most creative (or semi-formal) attire and enjoy complimentary nosh provided by Jules Catering.

With all that said, it is our pleasure to inform our community of our 2019 SMC Honors Nominees. As such, we sincerely request the honor of the nominees' presence at this event. Congratulations again and thank you for the impact you've made with the media arts community of greater Somerville.

You Must RSVP by February 15 to Reserve Your Spot RSVP link: bit.ly/smchonorsgala

2019 SMC Honors Nominees List

Best New SCATV Show: The Somerville Labor Show, The Boston Medium,

Best Boston Free Radio On-Air DJ: Diane Wong & Pharoah Saunders, Sterling Golden, Chris Haskell

Best Field Production: TUTV, Dedilhando au Saudade, Chatman Booth Best Live TV Show Host: Joanne Reviccio, Andrew Lowrey, Ken McIntyre Best Live TV Show: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party, DIWHY, The Boston Medium

Best BFR Music Show: The Villens Den, The Misery of Cities, The Bridge Best Boston Free Radio Talk Show: The Wallow, Let's Talk About Race, Words on Film

Best Arts and Culture Program: Henry Parker Presents, DIWHY, What's New

Best Youth Created Program: Paranoid; Undocumentary; We're Trying Here, Society!

Best BFR Podcast: We're Trying Here, Society!, Mr. Bear, Arts Fuse Best New BFR Radio Show: Revolution Awakening, Future Perfect, The Bridge Multilingual Award: Tele Magazine, Bostonde Radio, Dedilhando au Saudade Best Informational Show: Somerville Overcoming Addiction, The Somerville Labor Show, Henry Parker Presents

Best News Production: In Transit, Technotrash, Greater Somerville

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	· ·	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) DW Global 3000	Friday, Fo	ebruary 15	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
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4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday F	ebruary 17	7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
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	February 14	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00am	Gentle Belly Dancing	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
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SomerViva en Espanol

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9:00am	City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingar						
9:30am	Opioid Lawsuit Press Conference						
11:30am	Somerville Learning 2030						
12:32pm	MLK Day Celebration						
1:20pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19						
1:31pm	City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingar						
2:01pm	City Council - Land Use Committee						
6:30pm	SomerViva en Espano						
7:00pm	MLK Day Celebration						
7:47pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart						
7:50pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19						
8:01pm	Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping						
10:01pm	SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19						
11:00pm	SomerViva em Português						
Thursday, February 14							

12:00am Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 2:00am

School Committee Meeting - 2.4.19 8:30am Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout 9:00am Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 11:30am SomerViva en Español - DACA y TPS 12:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:30pm Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 2:30pm SomerViva em Português Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 3:00pm City Council Meeting - LIVE 7:00pm

11:00pm Friday, February 15

12:00am Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:30am Legislative Matters Committee 8:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 9:00am City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan 9:30am GLX Open House - 1.30.19 9:40am Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty 11:00am Somerville Learning 2030 12:02pm School Committee Meeting - 2.4.19 3:00pm Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing 6:30pm Meeting for BOA & School Committee 8:00pm Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 10:00pm GLX Open House - 1.30.19 Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty" 10:10pm 10:27pm HeatSmart CoolSmart: 10:30pm MLK Day Celebration 11:18pm Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish Saturday, February 16

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City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan SomerViva en Espanol SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 Meeting for BOA & School Committee City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan Legislative Matters Committee Meeting for BOA & School Committee

1:30pm Parking Changes on Central Hill Meeting 3:00pm SomerViva en Espano 6:30pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 The Firstamerican Flag 7:30pm 8:46pm HeatSmart CoolSmart 9:00pm Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 11:00pm SomerViva en Espanol

Fit-4-Life #6

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MLK Day Celebration

11:00pm Tuesday, February 19

12:00am School Committee Meeting - 2.4.19 3:00am Raising Families "Special Needs Education" Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 8:30am 9:00am Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 12:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B' 12:30pm Union Sq. Development - D2 Parcel Update 2:30pm Legislative Matters Committee Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish 6:30pm 7:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" City Council - Finance Committee 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 20

12:00am Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:30am Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 2:30am City Council - Land Use Committee

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Wednesday, February 13 9:00am Student of the Qtr. - Healey School 9:30am SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's 11:00am Powder House Studios Public Hearing #2 1:00pm Our Schools, Our City 1:30pm Student of the Qtr. - ESCS 2:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem 4:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School 6:00pm 6:30pm SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Powder House Studios Public Hearing #2 8:00pm Our Schools, Our City 10:00pm 10:30pm Student of the Qtr. - ESCS 11:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett Thursday, February 14 SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem

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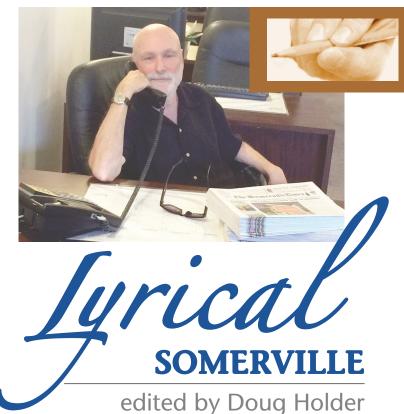
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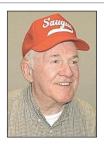
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A former Somerville resident, Tom Sheehan, 91, has published 37 books, the last one being Alone, with the Good Graces, Pocol Press. Soon comes Jock Poems for Proper Bostonians, and Small Victories for the Soul VII (from Wilderness House Literary Review, first copy sent to me in today's mail.) He has multiple works in Rosebud, Literally Stories, Linnet's



Wings, Serving House Journal, Copperfield Review, Literary Orphans, Frontier Tales, Rope & Wire, TQR Total Quality Reading, etc. He's received 16 Pushcart nominations, 6 Best of Net nominations with one winner, and other awards., He served as a sergeant in the 31st Infantry in Korea 1951-52, and graduated from Boston College in 1956.

A Last Moment Caught

It comes again, without prejudice, in another millennium: I know the weight of an M-1 rifle on a web strap hanging on my shoulder, the awed knowledge of a ponderous steel helmet atop my head, press of a tight lace on one boot, wrap of a leather watch band on my wrist,

and who stood beside me who stand no more.

— Tom Sheehan

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8. Their right feet first and then their left feet

3. Theodore Roosevelt, 1905

9. U2 - 22 awards

4. A raccoon named Rebecca

5. Both born on Valentines

10. Image of Washington on \$1 bill

11. Spinach

6. The Peter Bent Brigham hospital, in 1954

12. Heartbreak Hotel

OFF THE SHEL

by Doug Holder

'The Scottish Book of the Dead'

A novel by Gavin Broom

The Scottish Book of the Dead A novel by Gavin Broom Island City Publishing LLC Review by Timothy Gager

If you're Elisabeth Kübler-Ross you've had a widely accepted theory about the five stages of death and dying. If you are the author, Gavin Broom, your characters get to experience two of them (maybe three, without giving away the ending): the denial stage and the anger stage. In The Scottish Book of the Dead, a father dies and it brings a dysfunctional family together in one location to deal with his death, and to pick up the pieces of their own lives. These characters, the son, the runaway ex-wife, the brother, and the sister-in-law all must address their shortcomings and their past, while attempting to close a chapter with someone else's.

In humanity, we all deal with death in different ways, whether it's diving into side projects (needing to clean out the person's belongings immediately), quitting a job, or traveling across the world to see a son you've not seen in an eternity. Truth is that when someone close dies, each of us die a little ourselves.

Broom takes us through this in short, stunning chapters, and in four distinct varied sections. He presents the insanity, real or imagined of the physical and mental world during a pivotal life event. Broom strikes a chord using various writing techniques which show that things aren't what they look like or appear to be.

Often, when a family member dies, people can go a bit crazy, but as you read through the layers of The Scottish Book of the Dead, the world as we know it, also, doesn't seem based in reality. Author Broom allows us to wrestle with the metaphysics of this, but then often, the reality becomes a metaphor, and/or the metaphor becomes the reality.

For example, when an earthquake hits, opening up a large crack in the ground, son Adam throws an item of his dead father into the bottomless hole. Later this same item re-appears back at the father's



house. We understand that this empty hole is the wound - and emptiness - we feel when we lose someone.

By using this technique, he puts the reader in a familiar emotional place, a place many of us have been who have attended at an actual funeral, where the feelings of displacement, combined with the lack of sleep from the night before gives off a surreal kind of vibe. In fact, many of the characters, in the different sections have gone on without much sleep for large periods of time, thus changing their mental statuses.

The author, born in Scotland, captures Scottish dialect within the novel. Though this may be distracting for some, it creates authenticity within the text. The sound of the pages is just one of the layers of this multi-layered book. The questioning of reality, and of grieving is another.

Perhaps there are more stages of death Kübler-Ross has ignored, which author Broom gives us front row seats to: the stages of guilt and obligation. This is shown again and again, the characters continuing on, overcoming these stages, only to arrive at a decent emotional place by the end of the book.

The Scottish Book of the Dead is not light reading, but there is enough humor, magic, and philosophy mixed in to not bury us in a giant hole of sadness.

6-month Somerville Ave. detour begins Tuesday, February 19

As part of the next phase of the Somerville Ave. Utility & Streetscape Improvements Project, City contractors will set up a large work zone in Union Square on or around February 19 that will require some through-traffic to be rerouted. The detour will remain in place for approximately six months.

For the duration of this six-month period, eastbound through-traffic on Somerville Ave. (toward Union Square) will be detoured onto Dane St. and Washington St. Likewise, southbound traffic on Bow St. will be diverted west onto Somerville Ave. to the Dane-Washington route. However, Somerville Ave. eastbound will remain open to drivers seeking access to residences, businesses, and on-street parking, who will still be able to proceed east on Somerville Ave. to the Warren Ave. intersection at Bow Street. Westbound through-traffic (toward Porter Square) will also be maintained, as will pedestrian routes and bicycle traffic in both directions.

MBTA bus stops on routes 85 and 87 between Dane St. and Union Square will be temporarily relocated. For more information on bus detour routes and stops, seewww.somervillema.gov/ somervilleAve.

Businesses along Somerville Ave., Bow St., and in Union Square will all remain open during construction, and the community is encouraged to support local businesses during this disruption.

For vehicle and bus detour maps and other project information, visit www.somervillema.gov/ somervilleAve. For further information, please email construction@somervillema.gov with any questions.





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