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Senator Ed Markey hosted a town hall to discuss the Green New Deal, a resolution with the aim of — Photo by Shira Laucharoen addressing climate change.

# Music legends hit the Somerville scene Drive-by Truckers and Sonny Landreth to perform

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The alternative country/Southern rock band Drive-By Truckers (DBT) will be playing a show at the Somerville Theatre on Saturday, February 22.

DBT is kicking off the new election year with The Unraveling, their first new album in over three years, and the current tour in support of the album makes a stop in Somerville this weekend.

On Tuesday, February 25, virtuoso slide guitarist and bandleader Sonny Landreth plays ONCE Somerville, sharing the evening with





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Texas-born, Louisiana-raised pianist, songwriter and vocalist Marcia Ball.

For info on the Drive-By Truckers show, go to https://somervilletheatre.com/live-events/. For info on the Sonny Landreth/Marcia Ball show,gotohttps://www.oncesomerville.com/e/ marcia-ball-sonny-landreth-92833620859/.

Drive-By Truckers stops off at the Somerville Theatre on Saturday in support of their latest release, – Photo by Andy Tennille The Unraveling.

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We hope everyone enjoyed their Presidents' Day holiday for those who were fortunate enough to actually get the day off. The occasion reminds us that this is a presidential election year, so let's all remember to get out and vote in the primary on March 3. Remember, it's our Republic, and it's up to us to keep it that way.

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3LPlace's upcoming event at Flatbread Company/Sacco's Bowl Haven, 45 Day St. Somerville, takes place on Tuesday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy the best in flatbread pizza and candlepin bowling with a portion of the proceeds benefiting a neighborhood non-profit that's building better lives across the spectrum of neurodiversity. For more information about us, see www.3LPlace.org.

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Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to Donna Alibrandi, who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a great day. Also celebrating this week is Denise Racicot-Kallis. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to Roberta Reid Powers. We hope she enjoys her day. Happy birthday another popular lady, Celia Taylor. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to a long time agent at Century 21 North East Norton Group, Sammy Alves, who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to retired Somerville Police Officer Scott Gamble. He's enjoying retirement and we hope he enjoys his birthday this week. Big happy birthday to a real good guy, Elio LoRusso, who is celebrating this week as well. We are sure his wife will make him a beautiful cake. We hear that a special person, Carole Norton, has been in the hospital lately but is on the mend. We are happy to hear that! We hope she is home now and has a wonderful birthday. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish you a happy birthday. \*\*\*\*\*

The Annual Meeting of the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation will be held at the Continued on page 11

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# **Somerville Weather Forecast**

for the week of February 19 – February 25 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
*	Wednesday February 19	Sunny	42°/21°	0%	45%	WNW 19 mph
*	Thursday February 20	Sunny	30°/12°	0%	36%	NW 11 mph
¥	Friday February 21	Sunny	35°/27°	0%	30%	WNW 9 mph
*	Saturday February 22	Sunny	46°/27°	0%	33%	W 12 mph
	Sunday February 23	Partly Cloudy	50°/33°	0%	39%	WSW 7 mph
•••	Monday February 24	Rain	50°/37°	30%	58%	SW 7 mph
•	Tuesday February 25	Rain	48°/36°	40%	63%	N 10 mph

### TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

#### **Response to:** *Plastic straw and stirrer ordinance goes into* effect

#### LindaS says:

I think that it's great that things like this are finally happening, but unless it's nationally adopted, it's not going to do much good. I still get plastic bags all the time in New Hampshire.

Not only that, but it's going to take a long time to phase all of this out, and meanwhile the environment is still suffering.

What we need is a way to utilize these plastics so that they are no longer being tossed out and harming the environment. What about a way to incorporate plastics like this into building materials? If we can use them in ways where they won't be thrown away, it will mitigate some of the harm while still gradually phasing them out of disposable items.

I'm all for protecting the environment, but just deciding to stop using something while everyone else is still using it doesn't go very far to doing what we really need done right now. If we can at least find a new way to recycle these plastics instead of throwing them away, it will create a use for them instead of just throwing them out, or waiting for them to stop being used entirely.

#### Penny wise, pound foolish says:

Just throw some reusable metal straws in the back of your huge SUV – instant clear conscience! Several members of the city council identified this as exceedingly trivial, then went along with it anyway. I wish they'd have actually stuck to their guns on it and passed some meaningful legislation instead.

Casimir H. Prohosky Jr. says:

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Another predictably dumb remark brought to you by the hopelessly clueless right.

#### **Response to:** Lyrical Somerville – February 12

Tim Young says:

"Take this heart and slice..." Thank you for that. Not likely to forget.

#### Susan Tepper says:

Tim Young, thank you SO MUCH for commenting here, I really appreciate! Feel free to use the line as a lyric for your new cd if it works anywhere.

#### **Response to: Roasted Cauliflower with Faux Parmesan**

Lynne says:

Love this it's delish!

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# Life in the Wille by Jimmy Del Ponte A day in Davis Square



My daughter and my grandkids came up to visit me and Gammie on Monday. We walked from Gorham St. to Davis Square along the bike trail. It was

a beautiful day with sunshine and just the right amount of chill in the air.

We were on our way to have lunch at Boston Burger. We went in and were seated. The kids, 6 and 3 began busily coloring their menus. I never saw Davis Square from the angle we were seated at. I could see The Somerville Theatre to my right and in front of me was a clear shot of the rest of the square with people bustling about.

We sat near the door and for a second I thought I was back hanging around Harvard Square in the early '70's. I got a strong whiff of Patchouli oil. Man did that scent bring back memories. I didn't know anyone still wore it. What next? Brut, Charlie, Hai Karate, or my favorite, British Sterling?

So we ordered and the place started to fill up with families. It was a holiday and parents were off from work and kids were on school vacation. As people all around me dug into succulent burgers and sensational looking paninis, I scoffed down my Greek salad. Doctor's orders, "Lay off anything delicious!"

I was working on a story about the closing of Rockin' Bob's Guitars, so as the rest of the family crossed the street to head back on the bike trail, I walked over to snap a photo of the front of the store.

I caught up with the fam and we proceeded to walk on the bike trail beside Au Bon Pain. I was holding my 3-yearold grandson's hand and Gammie and my daughter were holding my 6-year-old granddaughter's hands.

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In a flash some twenty something idiot speeding on a bicycle scared the crap out of us. He came so close to us that if I just put my hand up I would have been able to ... smack him. I wanted to. He was weaving in and out around the people walking calmly on the bike trail. If a small child gets hit by a clod on a bike it could be very bad, even for an old buzzard like me with two new hips!

I started yelling at the jerk until my



daughter gave me "the look!" Hey, I'm t Papa. I'm supposed to protect my cubs. y My inborn punky born and raised in the 60's Somerville temper flared. And believe you me, I have been very patient and relatively cool and collected in these sitt uations. Well, cool and collected for me.

So I finally calmed down, and my blood pressure was slowly returning to its usual, although still dangerously high normal level, and we start walking back to Gammie's house. There's a road we had to cross called Buena Vista that runs from Holland St. alongside Harvard Vanguard and out to Meacham Rd.

The street winds around a blind corner then across the bike trail. There is a crosswalk. So I look both ways, and see took off like a bat out of hell with me yelling. I'm so glad that I've mellowed out in my old age.

It's a shame that on a day that I wanted to spend some time with my family there had to be jerks that couldn't care less about safety, laws, or just plain common decency. There's as many nuts when I'm on foot as there are on the roads. The only safe place for me is in my living room watching The Andy Griffith Show, Match Game, and The Three Stooges.

I hate driving In the city, especially with the detours. But it stinks that now I have to be vigilant even on foot. When I drive, people blindly walk in front of my car with no regard for safety. Ear buds, head down, and looking at their phone while walking in front of cars. Last week I stopped at the Grove St. crosswalk in Davis Square to let people cross. I pulled away and a jerky jogger ran right in front of my car. Scared the hell out of my poor mother in law. I rolled the window down and as I passed him I yelled, "You should be more careful pal!" And he gave me the finger. So I called him a few choice names and I actually just happened to be going the same way he was running. Then it donned on me ... I'm too old for this baloney. So what do I do now? Can't drive, can't walk. Gotta stay in. This story was originally meant to be about Rockin' Bob's closing, but it took a strange turn. So let me end with a little bit about that store that saved a lot of gigs by selling a guitar string, Continued on page 13



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no cars. Then all of a sudden this Subaru comes bombing around the corner going about 30 mph. She sees us in the crosswalk and jams on the brakes.

Of course, being the wise guy I am, I yell at the driver, "SLOW DOWN!" She gives me a dirty look because I'm blocking her now. She starts waving her hand for me to move, and I start waving my hand ... with one of my fingers sticking up. You see, I have what they call " trigger finger" and sometimes it gets stuck!

She was speeding in an area where mothers, fathers, joggers, bicyclists, people with dogs, parents with baby carriages and even an elderly lady with a walker were out trying to enjoy a day off in the sunshine on a beautiful day. Speeding recklessly. I finally moved out of her way and the 30 something race car driver



# She admitted the crime, but wouldn't do the time

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to Saks OFF 5TH on Canal St. last week on reports of a larceny.

While responding, dispatch relayed a description and informed units that some sort of metal object was utilized to commit the theft.

The reporting party was a loss prevention associate for the store. She informed Somerville dispatchers that the two suspects were fleeing on Grand Union Blvd. toward Revolution Dr.

Responding officers located the suspects at the intersection of Grand Union Blvd. and Revolution Dr. and ordered them to stop.

Due to information that a

weapon was possibly used, a pat frisk was performed on both parties.

Officers returned to Saks and spoke with the loss prevention associate about what occurred. Surveillance video reportedly captured one of the suspects, Marisol Angeles, of Boston, selecting a pair of sunglasses valued at approximately \$100 and placing it in her left jacket pocket.

The loss prevention associate was standing next to Angeles when she reportedly did this, and continued observing until Angeles attempted to leave the store without paying for the item.

The loss prevention associate identified herself and asked Angeles to return inside. When Angeles was on Canal St., she reportedly retrieved an object and brandished it in order to facilitate her escape. An unidentified witness began yelling, "She's got a knife! Put the knife down!" According to reports, Angeles dropped the object and fled onto Grand Union Blvd., with the loss prevention associate following close behind. The loss prevention associate retrieved the object and found it to be a metal bottle opener.

Angeles reportedly told police that she did steal the sunglasses, but discarded them down a storm drain.

The officers informed Angeles that she was being placed under arrest, and ordered her to place her hands behind her back, at which time she reportedly began screaming and backing away from them.

The officers then grabbed her by the arms and Angeles dropped her weight, falling to the ground on her rear end and began kicking violently, police said.

Angeles reportedly struck one of the officers during this struggle while wearing hard soled boots. She then rolled onto her stomach, tucking both arms under her body and refusing commands to stop resisting and to place her hands behind her back. One of the officers attempted to pry her arms from under her using his expandable baton, but was unsuccessful. An officer then administered a one second burst of pepper spray to Angeles' face. This distracted Angeles long enough so that the officers were able to place her in handcuffs.

Angeles informed the officers that she recently used crack cocaine. Due to the possibility of a reaction with the pepper spray, an EMS unit was requested and she was transported to Cambridge Hospital as a precaution and was medically cleared after which she was taken to Police Headquarters where she was booked on charges of resisting arrest, armed robbery, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

# **SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG**

#### <u>Arrests</u>:

**Steven Garcia**, of Boston, February 10, 4:58 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of larceny under \$1200, failure to stop or yield, trespassing, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, possession or

use of counterfeit receipts, utter false prescription, and obtaining drug by fraud.

**Danny Andrade**, of Somerville, February 11, 5:23 p.m., arrested at Heath St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Marisol Angeles, of Boston, February 12, 5:04 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of resisting arrest, armed robbery, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Kristin Pero, of Somerville, February 14, 12:15 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of state highway traffic violation, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and unregistered motor vehicle. Anthony Moore, February 16, 9:04 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, utter false check, witness intimidation, forgery of check, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and attempt to commit a crime.



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### Senator Ed Markey opens talk on Green New Deal

United States take a leading role in that process. It explains that addressing climate change goes hand in hand with ending oth-

idential race, said Markey. While the aspirations of the Green New Deal may sound ambitious, there is a generation of people ready to take action, he said Residents voiced their questions, with topics ranging from the implementation of nuclear energy to the role one man's tenyear-old daughter could play in climate change activism. Somerville resident Amanda Lewis asked whether progress had been made in garnering support for the Green New Deal from Republican leaders. Somerville High School graduate Kenia Arbaiza asked how individuals of immigrant backgrounds could be seen and heard through the passage of the bill."What are you doing to create a space that guarantees justice for my community, and what are you doing to amplify those voices, rather

than giving us empty promises?" she asked Mayor Joseph Curtatone affirmed that the globe is facing an existential threat and that critical steps must be taken to address the state of the earth. He said that locally, he hopes to see a shift away from an automobile culture and toward different modes of mobility, such as biking, walking, and public transportation. Somerville has made its own efforts to combat climate change, said Curtatone, with a goal of being carbon neutral by 2050 and a commitment to using renewable energy by 2045. "The time of incremental, small action steps on climate change is over. We need bold, systemic change in leadership," said Curtatone. "Addressing and mitigating climate change is going to require big changes and sacrifice."



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er forms of social oppression, such as poverty, income inequality, and racial discrimination. To this end, the resolution aims to create millions of jobs in the clean air industry and support frontline and vulnerable communities, said Markey.

Markey emphasized that the growth of the Green New Deal has largely been driven by the activism of young people. Groups such as the Sunrise Movement have garnered support for the resolution by taking steps such as staging a sit-in at Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's office. Youth organizing at the high school and college level have catapulted climate change into one of the top three issues in the pres-

Markey stated that this is a pivotal moment in history to be taking action and making a change. If the problem is not confronted now, it may be too late, he said.

"This is the national security, economic, environmental, health care, and moral issue of our time," said Markey. "We have this incredible moment as a country, and it is to stand up and to fight. This is perhaps our last moment to really make a difference. The least that we should be able to say is that we tried."

# **City urges state to pass** 'Work and Family Mobility Act'

#### By Jim Clark

A resolution was put forward at the latest regular meeting of the Somerville City Council calling on the state to pass the "Act Relative to Work and Family Mobility" (S.2061 and H.3012), that would allow qualified residents to obtain a standard Driver's License regardless of their immigration status.

Speaking in favor of the resolution, Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang said at the meeting, "This has gotten a lot of well-deserved publicity. This would allow undocumented immigrants to have driver's licenses, which would benefit everybody in the Commonwealth because they'd have to have insurance, their cars inspected, etc."

"I got a request from Ben Echevarria, the Director of The Welcome Project, to have the Council express its public support for this," Niedergang continued. "It's in the legislature. It has moved forward, which apparently was a surprise. Hopefully, it will pass. But this is one small thing that we can do to support this important piece of legislation."

The full text of the resolution reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, There are between 41,000 and 78,000 residents who would be eligible drivers in Massachusetts, but cannot presently access driver's licenses because of their federal immigration sta-

#### tus; and

WHEREAS, Many undocumented immigrants need to drive, whether it is for work, to take their children to school, or for other important appointments; and WHEREAS, Regardless of the partic-

ular reason, driving is necessary for many undocumented immigrants to conduct their daily activities; and

WHEREAS, To ensure road safety and accountability, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles should provide qualified undocumented immigrants with driver's licenses regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, To date, 15 other states and the District of Columbia allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, including many in our Northeast region, such as Connecticut, Vermont, New York, and New Jersey, in addition to Delaware, New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, Nevada, Illinois, Washington, Maryland, Colorado, Hawaii and California; and

WHEREAS, Despite the introduction of several pieces of legislation in the Massachusetts Legislature and the wide support for such legislation from over 235 organizational endorsers as part of the Driving Families Forward movement, including the Massachusetts AFL-CIO State Federation, none of this legislation has yet been passed; and

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Ma-

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The Somerville City Council approved a resolution last week calling on the state to pass an act that would allow qualified residents to obtain a standard Driver's License regardless of their immigration status.

jor City Chiefs Association, made up of Chiefs of Police, Commissioners and Superintendents of Police from city, state and transit police forces, has endorsed the bill as "common sense public policy that benefits everyone;" and

WHEREAS, The proposed bill has been endorsed by many city mayors, including those from Boston, Somerville, and Revere; and

WHEREAS, Passing a bill that grants driver's licenses to qualified undocumented immigrants is in the best interest of the entire population of Massachusetts, because immigrants wanting to drive legally will have to pass written and practical driver's exams, register their vehicles, and obtain automobile insurance; and

WHEREAS, Allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses will improve public safety by ensuring that everyone driving has been properly educated and tested and is operating a registered, inspected, and insured vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Allowing undocumented immigrants the opportunity to obtain a driver's license will mean increased revenue for the State from license and registration fees and may lead to lower auto insurance premiums for all of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants with driver's licenses will more easily integrate into their communities which is beneficial to all Massachusetts residents; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Somerville City Council calls upon the Massachusetts Legislature to pass the Act Relative to Work and Family Mobility (S.2061/H.3012), and upon the Governor to sign it, to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain a driver's license regardless of their immigration status; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be communicated to the Somerville delegation in the Legislature and to the offices of the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and the Governor."

The resolution was unanimously passed by the City Council.

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# 'Silent No More'

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The production features a collection of inspiring life stories by individuals with hearing loss. Tickets are \$25. For seat reservation for ASL Interpreters and Captioning, please email rsvp@nolimitsfordeafchildren.org.



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# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records votes of local senators from the week of February 10-14. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

#### IMPROVE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (S 2519)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House the "Mental Health ABC Act," aimed at making major changes in the mental health care system in Massachusetts. Supporters said the bill removes barriers to and expands access to mental health care, boosts the industry's workforce and strengthens the quality of coverage.

They noted that some Massachusetts residents have for years experienced great difficulty accessing some mental health services -- leaving many without the treatment they so desperately need. They cited a 2018 report indicating that more than one-half of fully insured adults who sought mental health care services reported difficulty finding them.

In 2000 and 2008, the Legislature approved state laws that require health insurance companies to provide mental health benefits at the same level as other medical conditions. Supporters of this year's bill said that enforcement of the laws has been challenging and many people are still denied coverage for mental health treatment that is just as critical to managing their health as treatment for conditions such as diabetes, cancer or heart disease. They pointed out that this new legislation includes quicker evaluation and resolution of parity complaints, greater reporting and oversight of insurance companies' mental health policies and penalties for insurance companies that do not comply with the law.

"Too many people in Massachusetts struggle to access the mental health services they desperately need and deserve," said Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro), co-chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery and a key sponsor of the bill. "The reasons are many and complicated. Mental health care is treated differently than physical health, it is often not covered by insurance, it is difficult to access and it is hard to talk about. By passing this bill, the Massachusetts Senate is living up to our promise to begin to transform how the commonwealth addresses mental health."

"This bill reduces barriers to timely quality care and seeks to expand mental health access to underserved populations." said Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). "The significance of increased parity and reduced stigmas cannot be overstated and I am very proud of the investments in the mental and behavioral health workforce pipeline that this legislation creates." Executive Director of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. "As the crisis of mental health access has escalated both nationally and here in Massachusetts, we applaud the Senate's proactive and comprehensive approach that will help us to finally achieve mental health parity in our state."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### CULTURALLY DIVERSE BEHAVIORAL WORKFORCE (S 2519)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment to a section of the bill that creates a pilot program administered by the Departments of Higher Education and Mental Health, to encourage a culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse behavioral health workforce. Participants would attend graduate-level classes to receive academic credits toward a master's degree in the field of behavioral health. The graduates would be placed in jobs with community providers serving high-need populations, including children, veterans, school-aged youth and individuals with a comorbidity - one or more diseases or conditions that occur along with another condition in the same person at the same time. The amendment adds individuals with PTSD and aging adults to the definition of high-need populations.

"There are a great number of people who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder," said the amendment's sponsor Sen. Walter Timilty (D-Milton) who serves as chair of the Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. "Many of these men and women are veterans. Additionally, aging adults face their own unique mental health challenges. Moreover, difficult situations exist in families which can result in trauma and PTSD. Because of these reasons, and many more, it was essential that this amendment address and ensure that those suffering with PTSD are not lost. It is crucial that mental healthcare professionals have the proper skill set to deal with the unique circumstances and symptoms experienced by those who suffer from PTSD."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### BOLSTER TRANSPARENCY (S 2519)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment requiring that a report on several pilot programs in the mental health bill be written in non-technical, readily understandable language and be made available to the public by posting the report on the Department of Higher Education's website. Important pilot programs in the bill include programs to increase mental health workforce diversity, increase the number of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners at community health centers, increase student access to behavioral health telemedicine and increase access and improve quality of cultural competency in the delivery of mental health care. Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### SCREENING FOR ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (S 2519)

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment creating an Advisory Working Group to update and amend tools and protocols for the screening of children for trauma and adverse childhood experiences. The amendment mandates that the group hold the first meeting not later than April 1, 2020 and report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2020.

Adverse childhood experience is defined as "a potentially traumatic event that occurs in childhood including experiencing violence or abuse; witnessing violence in the home or community; having a close family member die or attempt to die by suicide; living with close family member or caregiver with substance use disorder; or experiencing separation from a parent due to divorce, incarceration or child welfare intervention."

"Adverse childhood experiences have long-lasting negative effects on children," said the amendment's sponsor Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem. "I filed this amendment to bring experts together to identify best ways to screen and provide services earlier."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR ILLEGAL IMMI-GRANTS (S 2061) – The Transportation Committee approved and sent to the full Senate a bill that strikes down the current law that prohibits anyone who is not legally in the United States from being issued a Massachusetts driver's license. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn). It says that people who are unable to provide proof of lawful presence, or who are ineligible for a social security number, may apply for a Massachusetts license if they meet all other qualifications for licensure and provide satisfactory proof to the registrar of identity, date of birth and Massachusetts residency.

"Most of these folks are people who have lived here for a really long time," said House co-sponsor Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville). "They're members of our community. They need to drive to either get to work, take their kid to a doctor. They probably are driving anyway and we'd rather have people have insurance, have passed a driver's test, pass a vision test and actually have a license when they get pulled over, than have them driving and not be insured." The other House sponsor is Rep. Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield).

"For far too long, mental health has been a forgotten component of our health care system, resulting in a broken system that has continually left patients without the critical care they need," said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. "This bill lays an important foundation for creating a system that is accessible and equitable and provides the state with better tools to ensure that someone with a mental health condition has the same access to care as someone with physical health needs."

"[The bill] is an incredibly progressive and forward-thinking piece of legislation that will benefit social workers working in mental and behavioral health and the clients and communities served by social workers across the commonwealth," said Rebekah Gewirtz, "Bay Staters deserve to know the outcomes of these pilot programs, and that's exactly what we'll get by bolstering transparency through publication of the summary reports," said Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham), the sponsor of the amendment. "I am proud that the Senate adopted this amendment by a unanimous, bipartisan roll call vote."

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

"We in the immigrant and labor communities are grateful for this victory, and for the progress we have made in moving toward finally achieving this right," said Roxana Rivera, vice president of 32BJ SEIU and Natalicia Tracy, executive director of the Brazilian Worker Center. "We've come closer to this goal then we have ever been before in Massachusetts. Our sincere hope is that together, we - elected officials, labor, and impacted communities - will continue to negotiate the necessary modifications that will benefit the most affected immigrants."

Gov. Charlie Baker opposes the bill. "I've said for many years that I think it's really hard to build the kind of safeguards into that kind of process that would create the

### Beacon Hill Roll Call

kind of security that would be hard to live up to some of the federal and state standards with respect to security and identification," said Baker last week, "And for those reasons, I don't support that legislation."

"I believe that it is asinine and insane of our state legislators on Beacon Hill to move forward with this legislation," said Barnstable County Commissioner Ron Beaty. "Issuing licenses or ID cards to illegal aliens is laden with risks and perils. It greatly expands the probability of fraudulent activity connected with public assistance programs as well as identity theft. It can also lead to voter fraud as voter registration is allowed at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Illegal aliens should not be in our country let alone driving on our roads."

"Illegals are murdering us with vehicles through DUIs, running red lights, drag racing, road rage and plowing us down in our streets and on our highways," continued Beaty. "Giving them licenses does nothing to mitigate this problem. It is outrageous that these foreign invaders are being given our rights and our privileges."

PROTECT DISABLED PERSONS - NICKY'S BILL (H 4296) - Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a measure that would establish a registry that identifies individuals who have been found to have committed abuse against persons with disabilities. The measure was filed by Sen. Mike Moore (D-Millbury) at the request of a constituent who is the mother of Nicky, an intellectually disabled and non-verbal individual. Nicky had been inappropriately restrained and struck multiple times by her caretaker. Under current law, unless the offender is criminally convicted, no system exists to identify caretakers and prevent them from finding employment with another provider licensed by the state.

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"The Baker-Polito Administration believes that ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all the individuals receiving services through the Department of Developmental Services is of paramount importance," said Terry Mac-Cormack, Gov. Baker's deputy communications director. "The governor appreciates the work of the many advocates and stakeholders on this important issue and was pleased to sign this legislation into law."

"Our community is grateful that Nicky's law has completed its journey and is now law in the commonwealth," said Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director of The Arc of Massachusetts. "Persons with disabilities served through the Department of Developmental Services will be assured that individuals who have abused in the past won't be able to hurt others again."

"Nicky's Law reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that families and workers throughout the commonwealth feel secure in receiving and providing care," said Orlando Pena, chapter president of private sector human services for SEIU 509, which represents human service workers. Pena noted that the creation of the registry secures protections for our clients and their families while establishing due process for care providers if an accusation of abuse or neglect were to arise."

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY DEFINI-TION (H 155) – The House gave initial approval to a bill that would change the state's current definition of developmental disability and adopt the broader federal definition which would provide increased access to those who need support.

"With an updated definition of developmental disability, more Massachusetts residents, including those with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, will gain access to the support and resources they deserve," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. James O'Day (D-West Boylston). "This piece of legislation remains a high priority of mine, and I hope the push on Beacon Hill can bring awareness to the issue."

BAN STORAGE OF GUNS IN STUDENTS' CARS (H 1562) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would prohibit a student from transporting or storing a firearm in a vehicle on the grounds of a school or college. Under current law, the student can only be charged with a misdemeanor under the hunting section of state law for storing a loaded weapon in a motor vehicle.

Supporters explained that the bill would close a "loophole" in the state's school safety laws which prohibit students from carrying any firearms on school property but are silent about a student keeping one in his or her vehicle.

"This is common sense legislation," said Sen. Ted Speliotis (D-Danvers), the bill's sponsor. "It simply does not make any sense in this day and age to allow anyone to store a gun in their vehicle on school property. I think most constituents would believe it's against the law now."

The proposal was first sparked by an incident in December 2016 in which a loaded rifle was found in the trunk of a student's car in the parking lot at Masconomet Regional High School in Boxford. The student had a valid firearms identification card, which a person between ages 15 and 18 may apply for with their parents' permission. Officials discovered the loophole that the student could only be charged with a misdemeanor Continued on page 12

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	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:								
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
72600031	17 Norwood Avenue U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	21	\$899,900	\$872,500				
72594528	12 Glen St U:12	7 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	34	\$899,900	\$877,000				
72580729	7 Tennyson U:B	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath	52	\$899,998	\$900,000				
72402527	260 Beacon Street U:106	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	165	\$929,000	\$900,000				
72578129	75 Rush St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 4f 1h bath	54	\$975,995	\$926,100				
72577338	56 Bartlett St U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	57	\$979,000	\$955,000				
72420027	260 Beacon Street U:208	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	411	\$989,000	\$975,000				
72513805	27 Murdock Street U:1	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	154	\$995,000	\$990,000				
72592071	10 Wheatland St U:10	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	40	\$999,900	\$999,900				



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72591842	233 Willow Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	9	\$1,095,000	\$1,129,000
72584541	55 Prescott St	0 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath	45	\$1,134,900	\$1,135,000
72468925	88-1 Irving St U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	279	\$1,147,900	\$1,098,950

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72552398	6-8 Endicott St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	115	\$930,000	\$825,000
72586548	11-11A Eliot St	2 unit, 8 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	34	\$935,000	\$885,000
72590071	190-192 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	21	\$1,000,000	\$900,000
72597647	122 Central St	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	7	\$1,049,000	\$1,075,000
72594588	121 Lowell St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	16	\$1,059,000	\$1,111,000
72545646	23 Wisconsin Ave	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	168	\$1,245,000	\$1,050,000
72605471	18-20 Oxford	3 unit, 16 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	1	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000
72594642	103 Bartlett	4 unit, 16 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	32	\$1,471,000	\$1,277,250
72550339	21 Cutter Ave	3 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	81	\$1,585,000	\$1,590,000
72560072	64 Derby St	6 unit, 24 total rooms, 12 total bedrooms	65	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000
72574496	23 Cottage Ave	3 unit, 19 total rooms, 13 total bedrooms	49	\$2,650,000	\$2,600,000

# Early voting and absentee ballots for Somerville voters

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The deadline to register to vote or change your political party affiliation for early voting and the

March 3, primary is Wednesday, February 12, by 8:00 p.m. You can register to vote in person at the Elections Department at City Hall, online at www.registertovotema.com, by downloading a voter registration form from www.somervillema.gov/elections, or by calling the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 and requesting a form be mailed to you.

Absentee ballots are now available for the Tuesday, March 3, presidential primary election. Massachusetts voters may use an absentee ballot if they will be out of the city on election day, have a disability that prevents them from voting at a polling place, religious reasons, or if they are confined in a correctional facility. Voters can request an absentee ballot by downloading and returning the absentee ballot form available on www.somervillema.gov/elections.

Voters can also request an absentee ballot by sending a signed letter to Election Commissioner, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143 or elections@somervillema.gov. Absentee ballots can be requested up until noon on Monday, March 2, and must be returned to the Elections Department by 8:00 p.m. on March 3.

More information about absentee voting can be found at www.somervillema.gov/elections, or by calling the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.





# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

Eagle feathers #198

#### The Somerville Junction By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The oldest passenger railway line in New England was the Boston to Lowell established in 1835. In 1870, it branched off at a location between Lowell and Central Streets and was called the Somerville Junction.



#### **Somerville Junction**

It was known by many names. These junction cutoffs were known as The Fitchburg, The Somerville, The Davis Square and the Lexington and Arlington Railroad Connector. Today, the Somerville Junction Cutoff ends at Linear Park in Cambridge. It is no longer a rail line and has been paved over and landscaped into an attractive pedestrian/bike trail.



The first leg of the path runs from Linear Park on the Cambridge border. It skirts what was once the Civil War training field, Camp Cameron, and ends at Seven Hills Park that is located behind the historic Somerville Theatre.
The second leg runs from the College Avenue side of celebrated Davis Square to the building occupied by the Chamber of Commerce at Cedar Street.



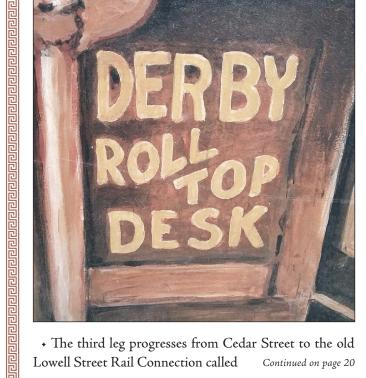
The Somerville Public Library and St. Mark Community Education Program announced this week that they will partner for spring 2020 to offer a free, twelve-part Citizenship Interview Preparation Class for residents seeking to apply for American citizenship.

Classes will be offered on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from March 7 through May 23, at the Central Library, 79 Highland Ave. The class is designed to prepare students for all parts of their citizenship test. It will cover the literacy test, 100 questions about U.S. history and government, and provide help to improve speaking and listening abilities in English.

Prospective students must have a basic understanding of English and hold a legal permanent resident card for five years, or three years if married to an American citizen.

Students can register for the series in person on March 7 during the first class. For more information, please contact Brigid Pigott at 617-623-5000 ext. 2935 or bpigott@minlib.net.

For application assistance, students will be referred to Project Citizenship, a non-profit that provides free technical and legal help in completing applications for citizenship.





# **WSNS places at Mathcounts Chapter Competition**

#### By Elizabeth Gates

A team of four students from the West Somerville Neighborhood School Math Club participated in the 2020 MetroNorth Chapter Competition on Saturday, February 8, held at Veterans Memorial Middle School in Melrose. WSNS came in 9th place out of 20 participating schools.

The WSNS math team consisted of team captain Samuel Pahk (grade 6), Ultraviolet Gates (grade 7), Aneurin Hullah (grade 7), and Sahai Virk (grade 7).

The kids had a great time at the competition. "It was one of the most fun days of my life and I'm super happy that we placed so high on our first try, especially against Lexington," said Violet Gates.

Mathcounts is the premier middle school math competition in the U.S., open to any students in grades 6 to 8, whether they attend public school, private school, or homeschool. Participating schools come from all 50 US states and territories, the District of Columbia, and even overseas US Department of Defense schools.

Much like the popular Scripps National Spelling Bee, or the National Geographic Bee, there are four levels of competition: school, chapter, state, and a final National Competition in May. The top individual at the National Competition will win the \$20,000 Donald G. Weinert College Scholarship.

In addition to the competition series, Mathcounts also runs The National Math Club and a Math Video Challenge, both of which are free to registering schools and are a great way for both math-loving and math-fearing children to enjoy the subject.

The goal is to expose middle school kids to the fun and beauty of math, and to foster a love problem solving that will last throughout their lives. Many former participants end up volunteering as coaches when they grow up, including the coach of the WSNS math team, Elizabeth Gates.



L to R: Samuel Pahk, Elizabeth Gates, Aneurin Hullah, Sahai Virk, and Ultraviolet Gates.

— Photo by Daniel Hullah

### The Growing Center's Annual Organic Seed Sale & Swap

It's time to think spring and consider what seeds you want to plant in the 2020 growing season.

If you're considering ordering seeds through us, we thank you for for your support. We are happy to again be partnering with High Mowing Seeds from Vermont, who offer us a percentage of seed sales to help support the Growing Center's activities.

Check out the seed and seed kit information on our website: http://www. thegrowingcenter.org/seed-sale and complete the form to place your order on-





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line by March 1. You can also order in-person from our Seed Sale & Swap on Saturday, February 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Somerville Winter Farmers Market at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.

Come say hello and bring some (labeled) seeds to share with your neighbors, if you're in the swapping mood. It's always a fun way to share seeds and garden stories with others, while dreaming of the 2020 growing season.

Then, mark your calendar to come back to the Somerville Winter Farmers Market on March 21, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for another Seed Swap and to pick up your seed orders. if this won't work for you to pick up your order, contact us to make other arrangements.

Please help spread the word. Thank you for thinking spring and summer and a bountiful harvest for all.



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**Be Somerville** 



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

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• Friday, February 28, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Voters can also cast their ballot on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, at their polling place from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can find out where you vote by entering your address at www.somervillema.gov/mysomerville.

If you're unable to go to a polling location in person, you can request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots can be requested through noon on Monday, March 2. Completed ballots must be returned to the Elections Department by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3.

For more information about voting or getting an absentee ballot, visit www.somervillema. gov/elections.

## Work at a Polling Location in the Presidential Primary

The Elections Department is hiring polling place workers for the Tuesday, March 3, Presidential Primary Election. All registered Massachusetts voters are eligible to apply. Polling place workers are paid \$165 for the day and work from 6:30 a.m. until shortly after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. with a two-hour break. For more information, please contact Maria Pierotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 or mpierotti@somervillema.gov.

#### Make the 2020 Census Count

Invitations to respond to the federal census will be showing up in mailboxes in mid-March. Responding to the census ensures that our community gets its share of federal funding and that Massachusetts has the right number of representatives in Congress. So, please, take just a few minutes to fill out your census as soon as possible, but by no later than July. In Somerville, we're working on a Complete Count effort to make sure every Somerville resident is counted. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Community Services Manager Jennifer Mancia at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406 or jdutra@somervillema.gov. The Census is also hiring for positions with flexible hours to support census efforts with pay starting at \$25 per hour. Visit 2020census.gov

#### Holland St. and College Ave. Mobility Improvements Meeting, February 24

for more information.

Come learn more about proposed upgrades for Holland St., between Davis and Teele squares, and College Ave., between Davis Square and Powder House Circle. Roads and sidewalks will be reconstructed as part of the project, but other infrastructure upgrades are also planned and we're seeking community feedback. The community meeting will be on Monday, February 24, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St. For more information, visit somervoice.somervillema.gov/ hollandandcollege, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2323, or email transportation@somervillema.gov.

#### Department of Conservation and Recreation Meeting on Draw Seven Renovation, February 25

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, February 25, to share plans for the renovation of Draw Seven Park. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in room B on the first floor of the Partners Health Care Building, 309 Revolution Drive. If you have questions about the meeting, please email Mass.Parks@state. ma.us or call 617-626-4973. You can also find more information under the events tab on www.mass.gov/dcr.

#### Hall St. Infrastructure Upgrades Community Meeting, February 26

Replacement of the more than 100-year-old water and sewer mains on Hall St. is tentatively scheduled to start this summer. Come learn more about the project at a community meeting on Wednesday, February 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St. For more information, contact Haleemah Qureshi at hqureshi@ somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 5411.

#### Stay Up-to-Date on the Issues Q You Care About

There's a lot happening in Somerville, but there are also a lot of options for staying informed about the things you care about. The City has several newsletters and mailing lists that you can subscribe to to get regular updates on things like affordable housing opportunities, the arts, and construction. We also have a general City email newsletter that has a wide range of information in each edition. For a full list of newsletters and information on subscribing, visit www.somervillema.gov/subscribe.

### Next Election Deadline, August 26

The deadline to register to vote for the March 3, Presidential Primary has passed, but you still have time to register for the State Primary election on Tuesday, September 1. The deadline to register is Wednesday, August 26, but you can register any time before that. For more information on how to register to vote, visit www.somervillema.gov/elections.

#### **City Alerts**

Get important City notifications for snow emergencies, construction, detours, and other public safety matters delivered to your phone (voice and text) and/or your email. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts.

#### **City Newsletter**

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/ newsletter.

#### City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

# SPD-community dialogue on 'Straight Pride Parade' and Counter-Protest draft report posted

On January 22, the City of Somerville community meeting on police-community relations following the "Boston Straight Pride Parade" and Counter-Protest was held to gather additional public comment. The Draft Report on Community Feedback is now available online and open for public comment on the city website here: somervillema.gov/CBIDraftReport. The city is continuing to work on a number of initiatives following these events as noted in the City Response Memo posted here, and will now begin efforts to respond to input gathered at the meeting and elsewhere.

The Draft Report on Community Feedback was prepared by the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), a Cambridge nonprofit whose mission involves helping communities and other stakeholders engage more effectively around difficult public issues. CBI staff are trained as impartial facilitators and public issue mediators.

The goal of the report is to summarize the proceedings of the January 22, 2020 forum on police-community relations in Somerville, and chronicle feedback provided by community participants in the forum as accurately and concisely as possible. The comments, ideas, and recommendations in the report come entirely from participants at the community forum. They do not reflect ideas or recommendations from CBI.

The report itself is not intended to offer a verified factual record nor an exhaustive study of all the concerns or perspectives of stakeholders generally, but rather the accounts, statements, and opinions voiced by those participants who were present during the discussion. Comments from meeting participants about any inaccuracies or omissions are welcome and should be sent to Toby Berkman at tberkman@cbi.org or via the comment form available at somervillema.gov/CBIDraftReport.

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# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# **Our View Of The Times**



The Presidents Day holiday puts us in mind of those great leaders who governed us throughout our country's tumultuous history: The American Revolution, the Civil War, two world wars, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights movement, Vietnam, and so on.

Greatness was thrust upon certain holders of that office by events that shaped their legacies, while others are

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East Somerville Community School in Room 165, at the Glen Street side of the building at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9. Discussions will be held regarding the new four year renewable Eugene C. Brune Scholarship, the upcoming \$10,000 elimination raffle celebration on May 15 at the Somerville Lions Club, and the Scholarship Awards Night at Somerville High School in May. The meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. For information, contact Susan Tkaczuk, Correspondence/Recording Secretary (781) 568-9609; Suetkaczuk@ gmail.com. Find them on Facebook by searching Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation. Your interest and participation is most appreciated. \*\*\*\*\* Auditions for the 2020 SPS All-City Musical, The Lion King Jr., will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26 and Friday, February 28, at the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave. All students in grades 6-8 are invited to audition. Students interested in being part of the non-performance technical crew can learn more at a meeting during rehears-

relegated to general obscurity due to a lack of conflict and controversy during their times in office. Each one's tenure in office should be regarded as equally important, seeing that great events could have elevated their place in history at the drop of a hairpin.

The man or woman who assumes the role of Commander and Chief of our nation must be ready willing and able to

als. Rehearsals will begin on March 4

and run on Wednesdays and Fridays

from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Rehearsals will

run every day on "tech week" which will

begin on June 1. Performances will be on

Friday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. and Satur-

day, June 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the SHS Au-

ditorium. Please email Miss Bee (Lau-

ren Barkhouse) with any questions at

lbarkhouse@k12.somerville.ma.us. Dis-

ney's The Lion King Jr. is presented by

rise to the occasion when called upon to do so. Each one of us, whoever we may be supporting in this year's election, is searching our heart to determine who we feel will best fill those shoes.

Most of us seem to be very confident that our favored candidate is up to the task. Others bemoan a lack of integrity or skills required to do the job well among those who are running.

No matter how it all turns out, let us hope that the winner of the office will rise to the occasion and realize the potential they may have to become as great as others who have gone before them. We are facing more trying times, and the right choice is now more important than ever.

But above all else, remember that it will be up to us to get out there and do our civic duty and vote.

beverages for sale at the Armory Café. For more info, go to http://mysticrivertheater.org/ and www.gofundme.com/f/ mystic-river-theater-first-show.

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Join the City of Somerville, Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis, and Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne for a community meeting on Monday, February 24, to discuss planned improvements to Holland St. and College Ave. The meeting will be held in the Atrium Room of the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. City staff will introduce the purpose and scope of this project, provide existing conditions data, and present concepts for potential roadway improvements to support sustainable, multi-modal transportation and improve traffic safety. Community members are invited to provide input about the conceptual designs and priority locations for different types of improvements. Plans for the project include resurfacing the roadways and sidewalks on Holland St. (from Davis Square to Teele Square) and College Ave. (from Davis Square to Powder House Circle). For more information or if you have any questions, visit https://somervoice.somervillema.gov/

hollandandcollege or email transportation@somervillema.gov

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Join Somerville Media Center at their first Art Wall reception of 2020. Tee-Cee Stitchery is a newly launched fiber arts practice by Tori Costa. Inspired by the quilters of Gee's Bend, Tori creates contemporary textile art using traditional techniques of quilting, embroidery and more. Drawn to color, texture and pattern, Tori uses abandoned fabric - old clothes, neglected ties, torn denim and upholstery samples - as her medium. On view at Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square, Somerville, through March 28.

special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com.

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AARP is taking appointments to help with income tax preparations at the Holland Street Senior Center at 167 Holland Street. Please call Josephine to schedule an appointment at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Join Mystic River Theatre Company teens for their first fundraiser. They will present Misfit Love at the Café at the Somerville Armory, 191 Highland Ave., on February 19, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Misfit Love will be filled with songs of not-fitting-in from Broadway and beyond. Silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Food and

#### \*\*\*\*\*

Join Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang and the Somerville Engineering Department on Wednesday, February 26, for a community meeting to discuss water, sewer, and roadway upgrades planned on Hall St. The meeting will be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy School cafeteria, 5 Cherry St. The water and sewer mains on Hall St. date back to 1900. As part of the Hall St. Infrastructure Upgrades project, both the water and sewer mains will be replaced to provide better Continued on page 12

# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

and the seeds were planted for the filing of this proposal.

HIT AND RUN ACCIDENTS (H 3259) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow criminal charges to be filed against a driver who is involved in a hit and run incident on private property.

law regarding hit and runs," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Claire Cronin (D-Easton.)"The current law only applies to a hit and run resulting in injury or death on a public way. This bill extends criminal responsibility for leaving ers to prepare now, to install and familiarize themselves the scene on private property as well." The bill does not change the penalties under which a driver causing injury to a person not resulting in a death can be punished recognition technology, so get into the habit now. And by imprisonment for between six months and two years and a fine of between \$500 and \$1,000. The stakes get sation itself, even when hands-free, remains a potent dishigher if the victim dies and hikes the prison sentence traction." - Mary Maguire, Director of Public and Legto between 2.5 and ten years and the fine to between islative Affairs at AAA Northeast reminding people that \$1,000 and \$5,000.

SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING WASTE social media goes into effect on February 23. MANAGEMENT TRUCKS (H 1330) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would limit to 15 miles per hour the speed of vehicles which pass waste management and recycling trucks when they are stopped to collect trash or recyclables. Violators To give this iconic species a chance at survival and recovwould be fined either \$50 or sentenced to up to a year in prison for a first offense. A second offense or a first offense resulting in serious bodily injury would trigger a \$1,000 fine, loss of the offender's driver's license for six months and up to a 2.5 years prison sentence. The speed limit would only be effective on mostly res- end the unlawful overfishing of New England's Atlantic cod. idential and neighborhood roads while private ways, highways and thoroughfares with lined multiple lanes would be exempt. The bill's sponsor Rep. Jim Arciero (D-Westford) said that currently drivers know they have to stop for school buses as they let children get on and I believe we need to reduce the fares for public transporoff the bus; pull over for police, fire and emergency vehicles; and slow down at construction sites on public roads any new revenues approved by the Legislature this year to when work is being performed.

"I think that waste management and recycling trucks, with their frequent stops and personnel exiting and entering the vehicle, are worthy of similar consideration by our driving public," said Arciero.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

are planned, including constructing new cement concrete sidewalks, curb ramps, be given to bands with a Somerville conand raised crosswalks for ADA compliance and improved safety. Construction is tentatively expected to start this summer and finish by the end of the year, with final paving planned for the spring of 2021.For more information, contact Haleemah Qureshi at hqureshi@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 5411. \*\*\*\*\*

The Somerville Arts Council is looking for musicians to perform at their annual jazz and blues festival. Get involved so you don't miss out. The application deadline March 9. Joe's Jazz and Blues Festi-

"Across the country, mayors are getting the job done when it comes to the important work of governing and Massachusetts is no exception. I look forward to continuing to advocate alongside our state's mayors on the issues that matter to improving the quality of life in cities in Massachusetts, from infrastructure to public education." - New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell "I filed this legislation to fix a loophole in the current upon being elected president of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association for 2020.

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"The law takes effect in less than 10 days. We urge drivwith any new tools before February 23rd. It takes some practice to successfully command a device with voice remember, hands-free driving isn't risk-free. The converthe new law that prohibits drivers from using a hand-held cellphone or other electronic device to make a call or access

"Our regional managers have lost control of and abandoned the cod fishery. After decades of reckless decision-making, Atlantic cod populations are now in crisis. ery, the federal government must take the strongest possible action today and temporarily prohibit further cod fishing." — Peter Shelley, Senior Counsel at Conservation Law Foundation upon filing a petition demanding that the National Marine Fisheries Service take immediate action to

"Get people out of their cars onto public transportation, but that's not going to happen if it's not affordable. That is one of the major things, it's got to be affordable. tation." — Senate President Karen Spilka insisting that improve transportation should be used to reduce fares on public transportation.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is

Cajun to Ethiopian Jazz. Preference will

nection. Please note, they are only con-

sidering applicants who haven't played at

this event in the last two years. Bring a

friend, blanket, and a picnic for a great

afternoon under the trees in one of the

nicest parks in Somerville. If you are in-

terested in performing, please fill out the

call to musicians here: https://forms.

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Somerville middle schoolers (grades

6-8) are invited again this year to par-

ticipate in workshops to help them

become powerful public speakers and

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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 10-14, the House met for a total of 39 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 7 hours and 15 minutes.

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Mon. February 10	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:19 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.
Tues. Febuary 11	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Febuary 12	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Febuary 13	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 6:12 p.m.
Fri. Febuary 14	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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\*\*\*\*\* The Somerville Community Grow- www.somervillerec.com/info/activities/ ing Center is polling its supporters default.aspx?type=activities. and friends regarding what the Center's theme for 2020 should be. Ev- Don't forget, if you would like to subery year, the Growing Center selects scribe to receive a digital edition of our val is back this year with an all-day free debaters. Hosted by Debate Spaces, a theme around which to develop and concert at Powderhouse Park on June an award-winning, Harvard-affiliated orient programming, and is seeking over to the right side and fill out your 20 (rain date June 21) and is looking for non-profit, workshops will take place on input from Somerville families about email address to receive a free, full PDF talent to perform. This is an exciting op- February 29, March 14, and April 11, this year's theme. Visit https://docs. copy of the paper.

org, or email info@debatespaces.org.

system functionality. After those under- portunity to showcase your unique jazz 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Suffolk Uni- google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSground improvements have been made, and blues sounds. Past performances versity. Past workshops have included dkSb8mkKT8 ueTINeLLEp5cdsome aboveground roadway upgrades have included everything from swampy students from the Argenziano and East 14Z6ELtwCO8eZdWg\_dhfhJ3g/ viewform to vote

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Check out the Somerville Parks and Recreation Department website (www. somervillerec.com) for information about their February Vacation Floor available. No prior public speaking or Hockey program, and other programs and events available this winter. A full information, visit www.debatespaces. list of classes, clinics, events, youth and adult league sports, and activities, as well as cost for each is available at http://

> \*\*\*\*\* paper, go directly online to our website

# The Somerville Times

The rate of opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts fell an estimated 5 percent from its peak in 2016, despite the growing presence of the synthetic opioid fentanyl as a driver of opioid-related overdose deaths, according to preliminary data in the latest quarterly opioid surveillance report released by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In 2019, the opioid-related overdose death rate was 29 per 100,000 people, compared to 30.5 per 100,000 people in 2016. Preliminary data shows that in 2019, there were 2,023 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, while for the same period in 2016 there were 2,097 confirmed opioid-related overdose deaths.

"This report demonstrates that focused investments in substance misuse are having an impact, but there is still a lot of work to do to curb the opioid epidemic in our communities," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are encouraged by the expanded use of the prescription monitoring program and continued reduction of new prescriptions, and remain committed to making new investments in prevention, education, treatment, and recovery for individuals and families across the Commonwealth."

Commonwealth."

Bites the Dust.

# **Opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts fall 5 percent since 2016**

"Behind every statistic in each of these quarterly reports is a person, a family, and a community that has been impacted by this crisis," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito."Our administration remains committed to working with all stakeholders to continue to provide the resources and supports needed to

deaths remains high at 93 percent from January to September 2019, the rate of oid-related overdose deaths has continued to decline since 2014, and was reported as 25 percent during the first nine months of 2019.

dose deaths where prescription drugs were present trended downward from 2014 through 2016, and has remained stable since with approximately 13 percent of opioid-related overdose deaths in 2019 having prescription opioids present in toxicology.

The report found a decrease in the confirmed opioid-related overdose death rate for White non-Hispanic and Black non-Hispanic men between 2017 and 2018. During this same time, however, the death rate increased for Asian/ Pacific Islander non-Hispanic men. The opioid-related overdose death rate for Hispanic men decreased slightly in 2018 compared with 2017, but has remained the highest across all racial and ethnic groups since 2016.

"This report shows progress on multiple fronts, including a reduction in Schedule II opioid prescriptions," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "We must continue to invest in and focus on providing the best and most effective services and supports across the spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery."

Continued integration of the Prescription Monitoring Program's Massachuaddress the opioid epidemic across the setts Prescription Awareness Tool, or MassPAT, into larger Electronic Health While the presence of fentanyl in the Record systems has allowed providers to

toxicology of opioid-related overdose more easily conduct the required Mass-PAT checks for a patient's prescription history prior to issuing a prescription for heroin or likely heroin present in opi- Schedule II or III narcotic medications or a first-time benzodiazepine. In the fourth quarter of 2019:

+ Just over 225,000 individuals in Massachusetts received prescriptions for The percentage of opioid-related over- Schedule II opioids in the fourth quarter of 2019, which is nearly a 42 percent decrease from the first quarter of 2015 (n=390,532).

> • Registered MassPAT providers searched more than 2.8 million times, which represented an increase of approximately 500,000 searches since the previous quarter.

> • There were just under 500,000 Schedule II opioid prescriptions reported to the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program, which is more than a 40 percent decrease from the first quarter of 2015 (n = 841,990 Schedule II opioid prescriptions).

"While we are steadily making progress, it is still unacceptable that 2,000 individuals in Massachusetts die from this preventable disease each year," said Department of Public Health Commiswill continue to use our data-driven appriority populations and disparities to co-occurring disorders. achieve our goal of reducing opioid overdoses and deaths."

This week, DPH's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services reissued a clinical advisory to substance use treatment providers emphasizing the role of polysubstance 327-5050. use in the opioid epidemic. Among other things, the advisory recommends clinicians administer naloxone in any drug



overdose if the victim is unresponsive and has reduced or absent breathing and educate individuals and families about the dangers of illicit drugs potentially mixed with fentanyl.

The Baker-Polito Administration, in collaboration with the Legislature, has doubled spending to address the opioid crisis and increased capacity by more than 1,200 treatment beds, including more than 800 adult substance use treatment beds at different treatment levels. In addition, the Administration is investing nearly \$220 million over five years from the federally approved sioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. "We 1115 Medicaid waiver, which began in fiscal year 2018, to meet the needs proach to focus on high-risk, high need of individuals with addictions and/or

> Learn more about the statewide response to the opioid crisis. To get help for a substance use disorder, visit www. helplinema.org or call the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline at (800)

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health

### SHS Black Student Union performs to packed house

On Wednesday, February 5, members of the Black Student Union (BSU) performed to a packed house in the Somerville High School Auditorium. Math Teacher Ms. Leila Wooten has been the BSU advisor for the past two years and brought amazing BSU performers to the stage, including Nataina Saint-Cyr, Abriella Staggs, Youdson Felix, Carolyne Evaristo, Floriesha Bastien and Paige Jackson. Ms. Wooten and a student opened the assembly by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," accompanied by Music Educator Ms. Beverly Mosby on piano. Another student read a Maya Angelou poem. Most performances were of students reading their own powerful and original poetry, which reflected their diverse experiences as black Americans. Brandeis University's Dean of Students, Jamele Adams, was a special guest. He read his poetry, and used the call and response technique to emphasize the shared roots of all people. The event closed with members of the Black Student Union inviting students to join their group on Tuesdays from 3-4pm in SHS Room 109. Learn about the BSU and other Clubs offered at Somerville High School https://somerville.k12.ma.us/SHSClubs.



### A day in Davis Square CONT. FROM PG 3

or a microphone cord that was needed. My kids and their good friends who are also brothers in a band grew up with stuff bought at Bob's. He was always pleasant and helpful and fair. Bob had the best technicians and guitar experts. The other day I dropped in to say goodbye to Bob. I thought of a song that I always refer to when a beloved and popular Somerville business closes, and that's Another One

Bob is closing the store to retire after 39 years in the same location. I didn't

retirement. Bob was amazed that the store lasted 39 years and how quickly the time had gone by.

Ronga Bakery, Patsys' Bakery, La Hacienda, Johnny D's and an ever growing list of businesses saying bye bye to Somerville. Good luck and thank you, Bob. I hope you enjoy your retirement. The musicians of Somerville will never forget you. What will be in that space? Another donut shop or a Sushi place? I know one thing, I'd sure rather be able to walk to of increased rent. We spoke simply of rather than a lump of colored sugar or a leave my house.

hunk of raw fish.

The staff and food and other customers at Boston Burger were ... aces. The peo-And so Rockin' Bobs goes the way of La ple I met that tried to ruin my day were ... asses!

So, to end this tale of music and speeders and reckless bicyclists I will close with a snippet of a Simon and Garfunkel song, "Slow down, you move to fast!" I'll be home watching Andy, Opie, Goober, Aunt Bee Barney Fife, and Otis. I'll order Boston Burger delivery while strumming my guitar with strings I got pry and ask if he was leaving because Davis Square for a guitar string or a pick at Rockin' Bob's. I won't ever have to



# **FUN & GAMES**

# Ms. Cam's Cam's lio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What NBA star has the most championships won by an athlete in a North American sports league?

2. Which group had #1 hits with Holding Back the Years and If You Don't Know Me by Now?

3. What supermarket chain did Amazon announce it would acquire in 2017?

4. Which female singer had a big hit with Misty Blue?

5. What was the name of the baby in the 1987 film Three Men and a Baby?

6. In what year did Russian and American satellites collide over Siberia?

gram introduce in January 2011?

10. On which Ha-

11. What U.S. states are the Ozark Mountains in?

12. Who was the original guitarist in Aerosmith before Brad Whitford? Answers on page 17



### The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. In Italy, it is illegal to make coffins out of anything except nutshells or wood.
- 2. The number 'four' is considered unlucky in Japan because it is pronounced the same as 'death'.

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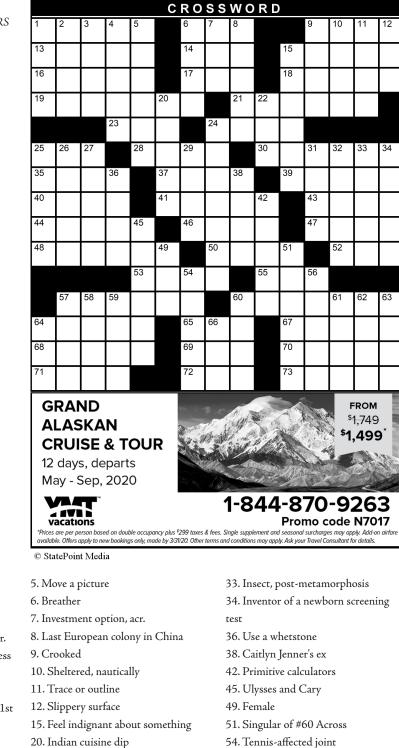
- 1. Cause for September celebration 6. Net holder 9. Island near Java 13. "PokÈmon," e.g. 14. Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman wrote its first version in 1923, acr. 15. Archeologist's find 16. Synagogue scroll 17. Bag in Paris 18. "Behind \_\_\_\_\_ Lines" 19. Aviation pioneer 21. She rebelled against sentimental novel 23. Nurses' org. 24. Deceptive maneuver 25. Director's cry 28. Snow and cycling helmet manufacturer 30. Low hemoglobin 35. Bryce Canyon state 37. Something to do 39. Lady's Bella Notte date 40. Puerto 41. Bone hollow 43. Slang for heroin 44. Cake cover 46. \_\_\_\_\_ and drab 47. Roman robe
- 48. "Purple People \_\_\_\_\_," pl. 50. Defender of skies, acr.
- 52. Easter lead-in
- 53. Attention-getting interjection
- 55. Pres. Truman's 1947 creation, acr.
- 57. She originated the little black dress
- 60. "Hidden \_\_
- 64. Knights' feat of strength
- 65. Mary Phelps Jacob patented the 1st
- modern one
- 67. Dickens' Heep
- 68. Ladies' fingers
- 69. Three strikes
- 70. Actress Rene
- 71. Crowd-sourced review platform 72. Lilliputian
- 73. Master of ceremonies

1. Better than never?

2. a.k.a. midget buffalo

3. 100 cents in Ethiopia 4. D-Day beach

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- 54. Tennis-affected joint 22. \*Sally Ride was 1st woman in space
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  - 58. Fling
  - 59. Rush job notation
  - 60. Inevitable occurrence
  - 61. Reduced instruction set computer
  - 62. Alleviate
  - 63. Old Woman's home

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8. Who sang with Kenny Rogers on We've Got Tonight?

9. Which former wife of Frank Sinatra starred in the TV show Peyton Place?

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

31. Formerly, formerly 32. Home of Wesleyan College, first college chartered to grant degrees for women

for this country

27. Implied

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24. Speaker's platform

26. Carthage's ancient rival

29. She developed philosophy of

25. 1st person to win two Nobel Prizes

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64. Jennifer Lawrence played her in eponymous 2015 movie 66. Rivoli in Paris, e.g. Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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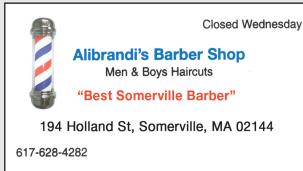




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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

**30 Memorial Road** 

Somerville, MA 02145

PROJECT# 2005

Invitation for Quotes for the Brady Towers Parking Lot Improvement Project at 252 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02144.

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites quotes from General Contractors for SHA Job No. 2005 in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The project consists of labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary to complete grind existing pavement and install new asphalt paving with striping.

The estimated project cost is \$74,000.00

Quotes are subject to the Federal Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) Wage Determinations. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Quotes will be received until February 27th, 2020 @ 2:00 PM and should be emailed or hand delivered to the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Quotes shall be emailed to Manny St. Louis at mannys@ sha-web.org

There will be a pre-bid walkthrough on February 20th, 2020 at precisely 10:00AM. Contractors should meet at the project site at 252 Medford Street., Somerville, MA.

Project documents can be obtained by emailing or calling Manny St. Louis. Any questions or concerns shall be emailed five days before the quote deadline to mannys@sha-web.org or call at 617-625-1152 ext. 330.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive minor informalities and/or to reject any and all bids, if it is to be determined to be in the best interest of the Somerville Housing Authority.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the merville Housing Authority.

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

**30 Memorial Road** 

Somerville, MA 02145 PROJECT# 2004

#### Invitation for Quotes for the Weston Manor Parking Lot Improvement Project at 15 Weston Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144.

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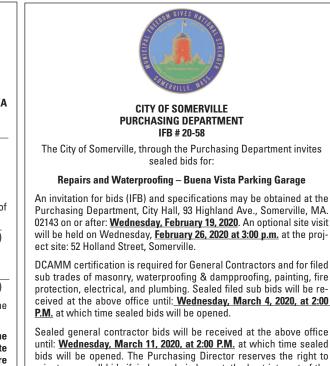
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Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, February 19, 2020. An optional site visit will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the proj-

sub trades of masonry, waterproofing & dampproofing, painting, fire protection, electrical, and plumbing. Sealed filed sub bids will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 2:00

until: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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[x] First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State) has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the

estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**City of Somerville** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Visiting Nurse Association, 3rd Floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA to consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

515 Somerville Ave. - Applicant, Claudia Murrow, seeks an appeal of the building inspector's decision of December 12, 2019. The applicant is appealing from the building inspector's refusal to take action on her enforcement request relative to property located at 515 Somerville Avenue and a building permit issued with respect to that property.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at <u>https://www.somervillema.gov/</u> departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions or in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to <u>planning@somervillema.gov</u>.

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#### Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenant at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 3/9/2020 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Francis Orlowski unit #260MZ. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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

**MIDDLESEX** Division Docket No. MI20P0735EA

Estate of:

Marv Middle Name First Name Last Name

Also Known As: Maria A Vecchiarello

Date of Death: 01/22/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Vecchiarello

Sylvester of Reading Petitioner Sean MA First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Reading Sean Sylvester of MA [x] First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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The bid package may be obtained by download here <u>https://www.</u> somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

Please contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director, ext: 3400, or email amallen@somervillema.gov for information.

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### Kennedy students, staff explore mindfulness in new wellness room

The Kennedy School set aside a room specifically as a retreat for students and staff who are searching for a quiet, contemplative space. The room contains several pieces of exercise equipment, yoga mats, meditation pillows and is painted a tranquil blue with a beautiful mural on one side.

The Kennedy has a history of piloting sophisticated mindfulness programming. Read a district blog post about Kennedy Mindfulness practices in the early grades https://somerville.k12. ma.us/blog/mindfulness-kennedy-school or read a blog post from our Early Childhood Director Lisa Kuh about Mindfulness and Socio-Emotional Learning http://somervilleearlyeducation.blogspot.com/2015/02/mindfulness-and-social-emotional.html.



### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com



#### Section 00.11.00 **ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the 667-5 Upgrades of Two (2) Hydraulic Passenger Elevators, #274129 in, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Syska Hennessy Group, Inc.

The Project consists of: Elevator Upgrades of Two (2) Hydraulic Passenger Elevators located at Bryant Manor (667-05), 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville, MA, DHCD Project #274129, in accordance with the Project Documents and Specifications prepared by Syska Hennessy Group, Inc. Vertical Transportation, 10 Post Office Square, Boston, MA. Electrical and HVAC Specifications and Drawings prepared by Garcia. Galuska. DeSousa, Consulting Engineers, Inc.

#### The work is estimated to cost \$509,000.

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

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

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

General Bids will be received until 12:00 PM on Friday, 27 March 2020 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until on and publicly opened online, forthwith.

SUBTRADES

NONE

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

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

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

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

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00** 

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

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (David.McClave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 OR 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more - NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Friday, 6 March 2020 at 10:00 AM Address: Brvant Manor, 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville

Instructions: Elevator bidders shall meet at the entrance to Brvant Manor. Do not commence with site review until authorized



#### **Bid Advertisement**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for SHA Project number 1904, Mystic Activity Center (MAC Center) Roof Replacement at 530 Mystic Avenue in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications prepared by EHA Design, Inc. 284 North Avenue, W eston, Massachusetts 02493.

The scope of work includes: Removal and legal disposal of the existing ballasted membrane roof, all associated membrane flashings, sealants, metal flashing and sheet metal, as required for the installation of a new .090" EPDM, 25 year warranty roofing system that includes, but is not limited to, the installation of all membrane flashings, metal flashings and all other associated work required for a complete and thorough installation.

The work on site is to start on March 30, 2020.

The work is estimated to cost \$225,000.00, and take 60 calendar days to complete. Bids are subject to HUD Procurement Regulation #7460.8 Rev.2 and 24 CFR Part 85, and to the minimum wage rates required by U.S. Department of Labor's minimum Federal Wage Rates.

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

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 27, 2020 and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above.

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

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General bidders shall be certified by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for the category of Roofing. General bids shall be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for the appropriate category, and an Update Statement. Failure to provide a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and Update Statement will result in the bid being rejected.

General bidders shall be required to fill out the following forms as part of the electronic bidding of this project:

- HUD 5369-A Representations, Certifications and 1.
- Other Statements 2
- Non-Collusive Affidavit
- Resident Employment Provisions (REP) Forms 1 through 7 3.
- 4. DCAMM Update Statement Supplement Form
- 5. HUD 2530
- Unit Prices 6.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount. Bid deposits shall be in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, or a treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

A pre-submission site visit will be held at the MAC Center, 530 Mystic Ave., Somerville, MA 02145 on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM, at which time access to the roof will be made available to prospective bidders. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders

For additional information regarding this project contact the Somerville Modernization Department, at 617-625-1152.

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74 Middlesex Ave &

845 McGrath Hwy - (PB2017-27-EXT1) Applicant and Owner, 845 Riverview LLC., c/o McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP, seeks a time extension to a Planned Unit Development - Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved on April 5, 2018, to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development in two buildings, with relief granted for an increase in building height to 147' to allow for 180 hotel rooms, an increase in building height to 235' to allow for 215 residential units, 9,472 square feet of ground floor restaurant/retail space, and parking relief to provide 293 structured parking spaces. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). Ward 1.

#### 74 Middlesex Ave & 845 McGrath Hwy

(PB2018-09-EXT1) Applicant and Owner, 845 Riverview LLC., c/o McDermott, Quilty & Miller, LLP, seeks a time extension to a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, approved on May 15, 2018, to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development on 0.85 acres under an approved PUD-PMP to create 368,030 square feet in two buildings, one of 147' high, containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other 235' high containing up to 215 residential units, supported by 9,472 square feet of ground floor restaurant/retail space, and 293 structured parking spaces. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). Ward 1.

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block entrance.

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: **Somerville Housing Authority** 30 Memorial Road 433 Main Street Somerville, MA 02145 978-568-1167 617-625-1152

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from our website:

www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

# Meeting the Needs of Children with Autism

The Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) welcomes Leslie Hughes from Massachusetts Advocates for Children for a workshop on "Meeting the Needs of Children with Autism: What Professionals Need to Know about Special Education Law and Writing Evaluation Reports" on February 24.

This workshop for staff and interested parents provides an overview of legal standards, evaluation rights and procedures and special education service options for children with autism spectrum disorder.

The work is Monday, February 24, 6:00-8:00pm at the West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria (177 Powder House Blvd.)

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### •••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|February 19

East Branch Library Rosalita's Puppets : The Sea Story 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday|February 20 Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-yearolds 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.

Comic Book Drawing Workshop 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Rockabye Beats! 3:30 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Friday | February 21

Central Library Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Rainforest Reptiles 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Teen Empowerment Library Leaders meeting 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday February 24

**Central Library** Sing Along with Echokids! 10:30 a.m – 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

#### **Tuesday**|February 25

Somerville Community Baptist Church Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.]31 College Ave

**Central Library** Girls Who Code 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday|February 26

**Central Library** Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

#### MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|February 19

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

#### The Burren Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Back Room: Comedy Night with Janet McNamara|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617Tour 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

#### Thursday|February 20 Sally O'Brien's

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

WUMB Presents Amy Kucharik|7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm St

**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** Somerset with special guests Them Fantasies, and Lily Black 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Billy Hough's "Cocksucker Blues" at ONCE Lounge|7 p.m. Maliibu Miitch|8 p.m. Deetranada 156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club Valkyrie Voices a night of Dark Music 8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Pat Donaher Quartet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Somerville Theatre Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

The Rockwell Supper Club Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

#### Friday|February 21

Sally O'Brien's Larry Flint & The Road Scholars, Chuck McDermott & The Convoy Hickies|6 p.m. Tore Up |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom| House Of Hamill|7 p.m. Swipe Right|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Once Somerville** The 27th Annual Mardi Gras Ball! 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Kevin Connolly Mules| 7-9 Evan Goodrow |10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Casey's Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Bama McCall |6 p.m. Payton Gin |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Session|2 p.m. Back Room: Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m. An Evening With Bill Janovitz and Friends|7 p.m. Closing Time|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's Le Prestige|7-9 p.m. Bckgrnd Orcs & Valipala| 10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road Jeb Bush Orchestra and Hush Club with special guests Los Medios Litros, and Ansonia 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville While She Sleeps He Is Legend, Savage Hands, Silent Season

6 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Collective 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club Wynonna Earp Trivia - Boston |4:30 p.m. El Terco / Panadictos / Buster / Avante | 7:30 p.m.

6 Sanborn Ct **The Rockwell** Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream|7 p.m. Awkward Sex...And The City|9:30

p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Sebastiani Comedia dell'Arte: La Scommessa Sicura 3:30 p.m.|Café

**Cafe Raqs** 7 p.m.|Café| 191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre Drive-by-Truckers 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

#### Sunday|February 23

Sally O'Brien's Bar Payton Gin |5 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m. Backroom: Matt Heaton|3:30 p.m. Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band Residency with Special Guests: Michael McLaughlin and Eden MacAdam-Somer|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Toddler Dance Party. 5 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Sunday Americana Picnic Residency: Pretty Saro 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Monday|February 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m. Catch A Dinosaur|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave.

Once Somerville ONCE Upon a Drag Night.... 9:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Board Game Bonanza

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street **The Jungle Community Music Club** Tim Mann / Mikey Saint / The 94s / John Dalton 7 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

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

**Tuesday | February 25** Sally O'Brien's Bar Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 8 p.m|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers/8:30 p.m. Backroom/Squeezebox Stompers, Mardi Gras Celebration - With 6:30pm Dance Lesson. 247 Elm Street/617-776-6896

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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

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

#### Thunder Road

Neighbor Lite – A Unique Evening with Neighbor Minus 1 Player! 8 p.m. 1379 Somerville Ave Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road Bearly Dead – A Tribute To The Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Knuckle Puck Heart Attack Man 6:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Jungle Community Music Club** Open Mic Hosted By Karim 7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Wednesday Residency: Sarah Grella feat. Sadie Gustafson-Zook + Tim Hall (of HipStory) 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Wednesday | February 19 Central Library

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

#### Thursday|February 20

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

**First Church Somerville** 

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

#### Saturday|February 22

**Bagel Bards** 

Holland St

**Central Library** 

**Family Groups** 

**Central Library** 

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Laurie!

Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 p.m.- 2 p.m./Performance Hall/191 Highland Ave

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain 18-48

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday February 23

Local Filmmakers of Somerville

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday February 24

Creative Drama Workshop with

Unity Church of God

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

#### 440-6045

#### Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – A Tribute To The Grateful Dead 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

Papooz

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Jungle Community Music Club** Shine With Sassy Open Mic! 7 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co. Jack Byrne

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory MISFIT LOVE Fundraiser for Mystic

River Theater|191 Highland Ave

#### Somerville Theatre

Banff Mountain Film Festival World

#### Thunder Road

Booty Vortex Returns to Thunder Road Music Club! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Ghost Town Brass Band 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### The Jungle Community Music Club Penny Outlaw, The Alpacas, Gull Boy, Montapella 8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

#### Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream|7 p.m. The Kerfuffle|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Saturday|February 22

Sally O'Brien's

#### Bull McCabe's Pub Sundown Session 6-8 Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Karaoke with Friends 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club

#### **Once Somerville** Marcia Ball Sonny Landreth 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Jungle Community Music Club** NWAsoul X Megazoyd 7:30 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

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

**Arts at the Armory** Pub Sing 7 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave

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#### The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Back Room: JigJam|7:30 p.m. Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Remnant Brewing SPL Supper Club 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|2 Bow Market Way

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Books & Brews Book Club 6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

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# PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

 Main Office: 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

#### Holland Street Senior Center: 167 Holland Street

(Between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

#### Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway (East Somerville) Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, (Behind the Holiday Inn) Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 617- 666-5223

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/TRIPS**

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.

**Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class** – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. Next Class December 5 For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

**Healthy Steps** – Thursdays, Holland Street from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. 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. Upcoming date: December 5. Class is \$3. For additional information or questions call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Line Dancing – The first and third Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center . Class is free. No experience needed. For additional info or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Bowling** – Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbread Pizza located in Davis Square. There is a \$3 weekly fee which covers shoe rental, three strings candlepin bowling and dues for a bowling banquet. For more information and to sign up please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Music & Movement with Steve Gintz – at our Holland

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Class taught by Linda Cohen. Class size is limited. All supplies will be provided. Please call Josie at617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for this class.

Living YOUR Best Life – starting Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. This course runs until April 14. Enroll in the Living YOUR Best Life course and learn how to become stronger and more resilient. Contact Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to enroll. Lunch will be served.

**Boston Flower & Garden Show** – Wednesday, March 11 at the Seaport World Trade Center.\$16 per person due at time of reservation.Limited tickets available. Pick up time at Holland Street at 10:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 1:30 p.m. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration** – Monday, March 16 at Dilboy Post located at 351 Summer Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12 Limited seating and transportation. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Movie & Lunch** – Tuesday, March 24 – Join us for a showing of Bohemian Rhapsody at the Somerville Theatre for only \$1 payable to the theatre. Theatre open at 11:30 a.m. movie showing is at 12:00 p.m. Then we will be having lunch at The Foundry with you choice of chicken, fish, or pasta meal for \$15 per person payable at time of reservation. RSVP a must. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Foxwoods Casino** – Monday, March 30 - \$25 includes transportation and a yet to be determined package. Check in time 7:00 a.m. at Ralph and Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Mohegan Sun** – Tuesday, April 21 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon and \$10 free bet. Check in time at Ralph & Jenny at 8:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

#### LGBTQ EVENTS

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life** – at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - Fitness class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

#### WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHED-ULE

(PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

#### Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus until Spring

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus

Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

#### Tuesday:

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) ested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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

Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Vilma Sullivan facilitates this group. There is a different topic each month ranging from gardening tips and secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. Group runs for approximately an hour. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. 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 Holland Street Center. 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.

**Men's 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. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**Veterans Group** – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. For info please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

#### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

Cross Street Center is Closed the Week of November 22. Lunch is served every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

**Coffee & Conversation** – Meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates 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.

Street Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come create magical movements through music. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for more information. Upcoming dates: January 27 and February 24.

**Caregivers Series For Those Who Live Independent-Iy** – each Thursday in February from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional information.

**Senior Tax Preparation** – AARP is taking appointments to help with income tax preparations at our Holland Street Center. Appointments are 1 hour starting at 9:00 a.m. with the last one being at 1:00 p.m. Please call Josephine to schedule an appointment at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Monday Madness – Gaelic Celebration – Monday, March 2 – 9:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Starting off with a catered breakfast from Renee's Café followed by Leprechaun Magic and activities. \$3 to be paid at time of reservation. Seating is limited. RSVP a must. Call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more info. Watercolors with Frames – Monday, March 9 from Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

#### Thursdays:

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Nutrition Class - 3:00 p.m. (H) LBT Fit-4-Life-6:00 p.m. (H)

#### Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)

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

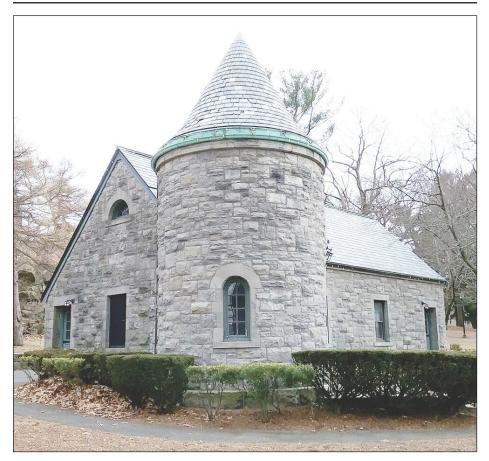
#### HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

**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 you are inter-

**Game Hour** – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a "Game Hour." Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the first and third Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Computer Time** – Meets every Tuesday starting on January 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Need to learn how to use a computer? Want to set up social media accounts? Learn Microsoft Word? Or just have free computer time. Call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for additional information.

### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



Somerville Junction. The junction's location is across the tracks from the old Derby Desk Company, now the Rogers Foam Corporation. The Derby Company was the largest office furniture company in the world in its heyday. Once known as Highland Station, the building is still in use as the Field House at Powder House Park.

What is the Somerville Junction? It's a missing link and connector of the 20-20

vision in 2020 to joining the Metropolitan Boston area together with its walking and bicycle trails.

If all goes well, Somerville Junction will link the North Shore by way of a Mystic River pedestrian/bike bridge to the Minuteman Bikeway that runs from Somerville to Bedford.

Laid out in 1870, she is 150 years old this year. Happy birthday wishes to the Somerville Junction and its community path.



# BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



# Enhance your professional skills with SMC

SMC offers plenty of fun and educational opportunities to learn how to create locally made media and to enhance your professional skills. They welcome the everyone in the community to become a member with SMC and take advantage of their youth and adult education workshops. Here are just a couple of the educational opportunities they are currently offering:



**Grant Seeking and Grant Writing Workshops** When: Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. (Grant Writing) Location: Somerville Media Center (90 Union Square) Cost: \$75 for each workshop session

Somerville Media Center is offering workshops with experienced grant writer and educator Ellen Gugel. The workshops are geared to non-profit professionals, artists and community members who are interested in learning how to research applicable grants and create successful proposals. The February 25 workshop will cover grant writing.



#### 2020 Digital Literacy Workshop Series

When: Various Dates; January 2020 – June 2020 Location: Somerville Media Center (90 Union Square) Cost: FREE with registration

Somerville Media Center offers a set of free DIGITAL LITERACY WORK-SHOPS for anyone wanting to improve their ability to navigate and participate in the digital media sphere. These sessions aim to expand digital inclusion with expert guidance on savvy smartphone use, better internet research, media production skills, graphic design, building a user friendly website, becoming a community journalist, deepening media literacy and critical consumption. These workshops will run from January – June.

Some of these workshops are in partnership with Somerville Public Library and other special educational instructors. This education series is funded by Skill Up Somerville, a grant program administered by the City of Somerville Economic Development office. Visit https://www.somervillemedia.org/ for more details and registration info.

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Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting

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### SCATV Channel 3 Schedule

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arty	5:00pm	Gay USA	6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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	6:30pm	DW Tomorrow Today	7:00pm	The Somerville Labor Show
ight	7:00pm	Emergency Preparedness	7:30pm	LIVE - Greater Somerville
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Faith In a City: Faith & Community

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Wednesday, February 26

Tuesday, February 25

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	1:30pm	The Somerville Line
,	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	4:00pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects
	4:30pm	The Struggle
	5:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
	6:00pm	#AFAD
	6:30pm	#AFAD
	7:00pm	Community Lens: SHC 5K Race
	8:00pm	LIVE - Our View
	9:00pm	PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony
	10:00pm	Community Bulletin Board
	10:30pm	The World Fusion Show
	11:00pm	VOX POP Comedy Night
	Friday, Feb	
	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party
	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash
	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash
	2:00am	Free Speech TV
	6:00am	NASA TV
	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)
	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	9:00am	DW Euromaxx
	9:30am	Strata
	10:00am	NASA TV
	11:00am	SOM ARTS
	11:30am	Cambridge Calendar
	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
	1:00pm	Community Benefits Agreement
	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
	2:30pm Aut	umn Reads with Somerville Public Library
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	5:00pm	DW Global 3000
	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
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12:00am	Free Speech TV	3
6:00am	NASA TV	4
7:00am	Community Bulletin Board	4
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	5
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6
9:00am	DW Global 3000	6
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	7
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	8
10:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	9
11:00am	SNN Neighborhood Update	1
11:30am	From My Heart to Yours	1
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	1
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1
4:00pm	DW Conflict Zone	2
4:30pm Au	tumn Reads with Somerville Public Library	6
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	7
5:30pm	From My Heart to Yours	8
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9
6:30pm	VOX POP: Somerville Connects	9
7:00pm	"The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP	1
7:30pm	Sidewalks Entertainment	1
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	1
8:30pm	DW Euromaxx	1.
9:00pm	Revolution Awakening at VOX POP	1
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2
11:00pm	Flotilla	2
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12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	4
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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1
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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	5
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#### **CITY TV 22 (Comcast)** (RCN) Schedule 13

11:00am

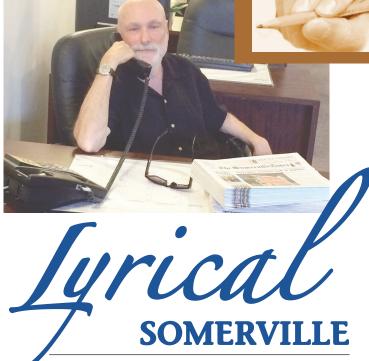
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12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 2.3.20	8:55am	Flood & Stormwater PSA	6:00pm	Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion	
1:55pm	Flood & Stormwater PSA	9:00am	Derechos de Inquilinos	7:00pm	SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen	
2:00pm	Faith In a City: Fire & Roses	10:13am	Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol	7:15pm	Flood & Stormwater PSA an Kreyòl Ayisyen	
3:17pm	Flood & Stormwater PSA an Kreyòl Ayisyen	11:00am	City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti	7:30pm	Faith In a City	
5:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"	11:30am	Talking Business	8:30pm	Green New Deal Town Hall	
6:00pm	Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion	12:00pm	Faith In a City: Faith & Community	10:30pm	Derechos de Inquilinos	
6:45pm	SPD Ride Along	12:45pm	SPD Ride Along	11:43pm	Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol	
7:00pm	Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020	1:00pm Green New Deal Town Hall		Sunday, February 23		
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8:00pm	City Council Meeting 2.13.20	3:15pm	Transgender Day of Remembrance	7:00am	2020 Inaugural Ceremonies	
1 1	y, February 20	6:00pm	Derechos de Inquilinos	9:00am	Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's	
		7:15pm	SPD Ride Along	10:30am	Faith In a City: Fire & Roses	
12:00am	Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20	7:30pm	Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville"	
3:15am	SPD Ride Along	8:30pm	Talking Business	12:30pm	Central Hill Campus Phase I Meeting	
7:00am	Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting	8:47pm	Flood & Stormwater PSA	2:09pm	Talking Business	
8:00am	Faith In a City Green New Deal Town Hall	9:00pm	The First American Flag	2:30pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging	
9:00am 12:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville"	10:30pm	Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion	5:00pm	Faith In a City: Fire & Roses	
12:25pm	Flood & Stormwater PSA	11:15pm	SPD Ride Along	6:30pm	City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti	
		11:30pm	SomerViva em Português - Censo 2020	7:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville"	
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Friday, F	ebruary 21	9:00am	Green New Deal Town Hall	9:00am	Talking Business	
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Green New Deal Town Hall

### **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

Wednesday, February 19		7:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	6:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading	3:30pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading
8:00am	Our Schools, Our City	9:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Revere	7:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Medford	5:00pm	Our Schools, Our City
9:00am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Healey School	10:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Everett	9:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts	5:31pm	Student of the Qtr Healey School
9:30am Argenziano School's MLK Celebration		Friday, February 21		10:30pm	Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC	6:00pm	SCAP Student Survey
10:30am	SHS Hockey vs Medford	12:00am Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC		Sunday, F	Sunday, February 23		SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere
12:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett	1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	8:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden
2:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	3:00am	Brown School Winter Concert	1:30am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical	10:00pm	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Everett
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr WSNS	8:00am	Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC	5:00am	Public Domain Theater	Tuesday, Fe	bruary 25
4:00pm	Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC	9:30am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	8:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
5:30pm	Student of the Qtr Kennedy School	11:00am	SHS Hockey vs Medford	9:30am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown	1:30am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading
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7:30pm	Argenziano School's MLK Celebration	4:00pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden	2:05pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin	11:00am	SHS Hockey vs Lynn Classical
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2:00am	Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC	12:05am	SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading	10:30pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical	6:00pm	Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC
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3:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	2:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	10:30am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden	12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy
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Poet Barbara Reynolds writes: "The evolution of the vacant lot between Central Street and Laurel Street in the Union Square area has always caught my attention when I walk by: not only the changes in vegetation that occur each season, but also, the changes in usage. For a while the lot was allowed to grow wild, then, became a storage spot for trucks and building materials. Now, it is to become the location of a six-story luxury hotel. As recently as last summer, I saw rabbits roaming."

A Little Piece of Wild

In my city a little piece of wild is addressed on the Avenue, enclosed in metal fencing designed to keep out not in.

Assigned for offices and living rooms yet left untouched for years, now

reverting to Nature and her wants.

She wants an ocean of dandelion bobs beset by turbans of nightshade while comets of chicory tease thistles as tall as giraffes.

She wants Asiatic day flowers mingling with mouse-eared hawkweeds amid evening primrose soothing the wild bleeding hearts.

# **OFF THE SHELF** by Doug Holder

# Interview with poet Ravi Taja Yelamanchili:

# A Young Poet with an Old Soul

On any given meeting of the literary group Bagel Bards in Somerville, amidst the bobbing, hoary heads you might notice a strapping young Indian man taking in all the chatter around the table.

He is comfortable in the crowd of 50-60-70-80-year-old men and women, and has been a consistent member of the group. Meet poet Ravi Taja Yelmanchili. Ravi, who is current-ly working at Vision 33 as a Technical Business Analyst, and has had his poetry published in the *Muddy River Poetry Review, The Somerville Times, Muse India* and is featured in *Ibbetson Street 45*, a well-known Somerville-based literary magazine.

**Doug Holder:** You are a high-tech business analyst. What brought you to poetry?

**Ravi Taja Yelamanchili:** When I was a freshman in high school I decided that I would have folders for my work. I had a red folder for my English papers. I was raised in India in my early years and then we moved to the States. English was really a second language for me, so I thought my papers would be marked up in red. I didn't have much confidence then. But I remember meeting an established writer at a reading. We hit it off and he told me to send two poems. He put them on his website. He mentored me for a while. After a number of rejections, I started publishing.

**DH:** In your persona poem, *Atma Tu Radhika Tasya*, you inhabit an illiterate old woman, who late in life has fallen to the status of beggar. Being a young male, was it a stretch to do this?

**RY:** I had long been working with the idea of voice. Rodger Reeves was lecturing at my school. After the reading I asked him, "What does voice mean?" How do I find my voice? He advised me to write in a voice that was not similar to my own. So I figured an elderly, old women was completely different from me. The poem was steeped in Hindu mythology. In order to see if the voice was authentic I spoke and read to folks in their 70s and 80s to see if I was on the mark.

**DH:** In one of your poems you write of a tree that breaks through a fence in Somerville. It is scarred but still triumph. It seems you are concerned about issues of containment in your work.



(Manusmriti I.XXIII)

I saw the gods of my ancestors turned to artifacts, chipped faces, broken arms—s tolen by *Hamatreyian* flea winged Earth nymphs: Bulkeley, Lee, Hunt, Willard, Hosmer, Meriam, and Flint still call all this their

creation. Mountains drowned by today's teachers of ancient art. Dying languages forgotten and

thrown away. Under the dim light of a parking garage,

a Snickers wrapper looks like a sparrow preening its feathers.

#### II.

Coming of age novels are always about a country that had already come of age, ideals, identities, and

a kid finding his place. *In-country*, in two different countries—

the sunset was so red I thought I was being pulled over.

"In the middle of the cave of the skull between the four doors shines Ātmā, like the sun in the sky."

(Dhyanabindu Upanishad of Samaveda)

We stop by the roadside. Roll down our windows.

#### III.

Buy roasted peanuts from a girl with jade stained

She wants toad flax and birdsfoot trefoil

cavorting with wild phlox as curly dock

hobnobs with the common tansy.

She wants a kingdom of Queen Anne's lace

and pearly everlasting reigning over a field

of lance-leaved golden rod and sweet white clover.

— Barbara Reynolds

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu **RY:** Yes. Contained free will. Free will with parameters. Containment by choice and then breaking free from the social order. In my own life I do things that I am expected to do without really She thinking about them. So I like to question, be a skeptic of sorts.

DH: In your work there seems to be a conversation between the ancient and the contemporary. RY: When we are talking about the ancient we are still talking about the contemporary. Historical events inform today's events. So there is always a conversation.

#### **Seedless Guavas**

I.

"But from fire, wind, and sun [Brahman] drew forth the threefold eternal Veda, called Rik, Yajus, and Saman."

eyes.

Her skin is as dark as mine.

She makes a cone out of yesterday's paper.

"...she hath hid the darkness,

this Dawn hath wakened there with new-born lustre. Youthful and unrestrained she cometh forward: she hath turned thoughts to Sun and fire and worship." (Rig Veda VII.LXXX)

On the paper, I see pictures of fruit. When I first came back to America, I wouldn't eat pears

until I was told they were seedless guavas. Alas! The Romans traded gods like baseball cards.

A bad harvest meant a beating for *Pan*. What about *Faunus*?

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