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Clean and Open Elections Task Force member Ariel Horowitz, along with Somerville High School students Felix Brody and Jack Torres, presented their case to allow 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections to the Legislative Matters Committee.

By Jim Clark

A request put forward to the Somerville City Council's Legislative Matters Committee by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone that a Home Rule Petition (HRP) to provide legal voting rights in municipal elections for residents aged 16 and 17 years old be approved for submittal to the state was taken into consideration at the Committee's February 7 meeting.

A summary of the final report of the Clean and Open Elections Task Force, represented by Task Force member Ariel Horowitz, was presented to the Committee, followed by statements from Somerville High School students Felix Brody and Jack Torres on the specific issue of voting rights for 16 and 17-year-olds.

The students spoke of the advantages of allowing Somerville residents of 16 and 17 years to vote in municipal elections and why the HRP should be supported by the city. Continued on page 4

'Our Somerville' exhibit tells the story of the city

By Jackson Ellison

The Somerville Museum opened up a new exhibit that focuses on the people of Somerville. The exhibit is called Our Stories, Our Stuff, Our Somerville, and is a collection of everyday items that were provided by Somerville residents. The exhibit runs through March 31.

The curator, Bess Paupeck, was awarded a grant from the museum to open up the Our Somerville exhibit. She wanted to show off Somerville by letting the residents of the city provide the artifacts. "I asked people to loan everyday objects that told a story," said Paupeck.

Paupeck says she spent a long time getting the word out, allowing for the submission process to go on for eight months in order to get as many different items from as many different places as possible. "I wanted to make a project that connects everyone," Paupeck said.

There were no real guidelines when it came to what would be submitted, as Continued on page 8



The Our Stories, Our Stuff, Our Somerville exhibit currently on display at the Somerville Museum serves as a slice in time of everyday life in the city. — Photo by Jackson Ellison

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Don't forget that the Union Square detour has started. Through eastbound traffic on Somerville Ave. will be detoured at Dane St. and onto Washington St. Local traffic can drive up to Warren Ave. Westbound traffic will not be affected. Bus stops between Dane St. and Union Square will be temporarily relocated. Find out more at somervillema.gov/somervilleave.

Looking for something to do during school vacation week? Check out the Somerville Public Library events calendar for tons of options throughout the week. There are story times, a puppet show, a family movie night, and more. https://www. somervillepubliclibrary.org.

Arts at the Armory is now accepting artist submissions for their March-April Spring Exhibit in the Armory Café. The theme of their Spring Exhibit is "Motion." Art through the ages has often strived to depict movement, a steady rhythmic flow or a wild gesture. Arts at the Armory is searching for artists who capture motion with their work, either in their subject matter or the way they use materials to give their work life. Artists are encouraged to submit artworks that embody this theme in any interpretation. All mediums are welcome, as long as the work is able to be hung on the Café walls. For more information about the upcoming exhibit and submitting. Visit the exhibits page at http://artsatthearmory.org/events/exhibits.

Congratulations to Jackie (Rossetti) Piques and Jason Piques on the birth of their baby boy a few weeks ago. Congratulations as well to first time grandparents Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti and Richard Rossetti. We hope that Jackie is enjoying her time off at home with baby.

Are you a Somerville High School Class of 1969 graduate? If so, we hope you'll join in the SHS 2019 Class Day festivities. Somerville High School is looking for 50 graduates from the SHS Class of 1969 to participate in Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Legal protections for Somerville's trees

LindaS says:

It's about time they finally did something to protect our trees. It's just too bad that it doesn't prevent the City itself from removing trees when it suits their purposes.

We need more green space here than ever, and it's only after the City has allowed most of it to be taken away that they now decide it's worth preserving.

Let's hope it's not a case of too little, too late.

The Once-ler says:

Wouldn't this create incentives to not plant trees on one's property, given the potential future liabilities involved? Nobody can charge you to replace an oak that doesn't exist.

You point out that a lot of the trees in the city are 50+ years old. Depending on the species, many of these may be nearing the end of their natural lifespans. Is there a plan to identify which trees are removed due to old age, and which ones are cut down before their prime? Forensic arborists? This is a thorny subject, and we need to make sure we don't end up lost in the woods.

joe says:

Linda: It's odd you say "our" trees, because this measure applies to trees that are somebody's private

While I personally like trees, I strongly dislike the board's attitude that it somehow has say over a tree on private property. I also think the proposal won't be effective in that it won't stop developers from cutting down trees. That giant oak will still get cleared to build what they want, and whatever fee they pay (assuming they get a permit in the first place) will get passed on to buyers/renters. Also, as a home owner, there's no way I'm paying for a permit to cut down a tree or paying into a replacement fund if I choose to not replace a tree. Good luck enforcing that.

Old Taxpayer says:

So glad I got rid of mine and hot topped my yard. I don't see that the city should have any right to tell me what to do on my own property. I bought it to have freedom on what I have and how I want it.

Sarah M says:

"The City Council has been vigorous in our response to the tree decimation of recent years." Hundreds of trees, most on public land, have been clear cut while ALL of our elected officials have sat on their hands. It will take decades to reverse the damage. Too little, too late.

BMac says:

Already took out the one big tree I had and there is another that I will drop before it reaches that diameter just to make sure I do not have to deal with this. I may plant a tree to replace it, but will never let any get big enough to worry about this rule.

TheoNa says:

Let's be honest, this is just another proposal to obtain taxpayer revenue to further build up Somerville's bloated bureaucracy. The next step will be to create a department with multiple staff members (aka campaign staff), a computer system for tracking the trees, junkets to explore how other localities track trees, etc.

It's also an opportunity to expand the desired totalitarian state by adding neighbor tree inspectors (aka campaign support staff) to ensure that the new revenue is coming in either by permits or by fines. I can see the city taking weekly pictures of our properties and purchasing software to detect changes to that they may fine us for non-compliance when a change is made to a tree.

What's next for our local nanny state, revenue-driven representatives? Perhaps requiring a permit for each time we want to barbeque or entertain guests on our property?

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

The house



My first cousin, who is more like a sister to me, now owns our paternal grandparent's house off Holland St. between Teele Square and Davis Square.

Cha-Ching! Not so fast! We are a very passionate, nostalgic, and emotional bunch. Since her mom (my dad's sister), who lived there her entire life, passed in March at 94 years young, decisions had to be made.

There has never been a non-family member living in that house since Grandpa Giuseppe purchased it in 1918. Legend has it that he paid around \$2,000. That's what I call a very good investment!

Very few expecting mothers back then went to hospitals to give birth. My dad, the oldest, and all but one of his siblings were born right in that house.

The yard, which was the happy scene of 100 years of kids, grandkids, and great grandkids, remains almost exactly the same. Four generations enjoyed family parties in the yard with Auntie hosting her famous pizza parties well into her 80's.

How lucky were my children, fourth generation, to be able to not only know my loving aunt but to be able to also enjoy their great grandparents' backyard? Two of my three kids never knew either of my parents, as they passed before they were born, but were lucky enough to spend lots of quality time with their Auntie.

She was a lot like my dad and had a keen memory. We heard hundreds of touching and funny family stories about the early years. She kept the house going along with my uncle, her husband, who we lost in the 1990's.

Auntie was born in that house, and peacefully passed there, surrounded by the very adult nephew (me), great nephews, and especially close great niece, who she loved, entertained and nurtured.

The grapevine and gooseberries that we try the grapes and gooseberries.

enjoyed as kids are still intact and prospering in the yard.

So the house stays in the family. A million dollars is nothing compared to millions of warm and happy memories.

Gladly, my cousin has also inherited her mother's incredible memory and has hundreds of happy and serious stories to pass down. We remain incredibly close and speak several times a day and do fun stuff a lot. We also still hang around with all those kids I mentioned.

A fifth generation, my daughter's children who knew and loved Auntie, will hear the wonderful stories and be able to visit the house where their great, great grandparents started it all. They can also

Norwood man charged in fatal hit-and-run

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, Somerville Chief of Police David Fallon and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone announced last week that Edward Clark, 55, of Norwood, has been charged with leaving the scene of an accident causing death, in connection with the fatal hit-and-run that occurred on Powder House Boulevard on February 8.

The preliminary investigation suggests at approximately 7:16 p.m. Clark was allegedly operating a 2003 black Ford F150 pick-up truck traveling eastbound on Powder House Boulevard, when he allegedly struck two females, who were in the crosswalk at the intersection of Powder House Boulevard and Hardan Road, before fleeing the scene.

Somerville Police subsequently responded and both women were transported to area hospitals. Allison Donovan, 40, of Somerville, was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The other victim was



Surveillance footage captured at 7:15 p.m. in the area of Curtis and Winthrop St.

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Following the crash, investigators worked with community partners to locate several images recorded immediately following the crash believed to be the suspect vehicle in the areas of Powder House Boulevard, Curtis Street and University Avenue that appeared to show a full-size, black pick-up truck with a cover over the bed of the truck.

A Tufts University Police Officer located a truck with front-end damage believed to be the suspect vehicle on University Avenue and notified Somerville Police. Investigators located the suspect and registered owner of the vehicle and subsequently placed him under arrest. Clark was arraigned in Somerville District Court last friday, where he entered a not guilty plea, and is scheduled to be back in court March 15.

The investigation into the facts and circumstances is still active and ongoing and additional charges may issue. This matter is being investigated by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Somerville Police. The reconstruction of the crash is being conducted by Somerville Police.

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CENTURY 21 NORTH EAST

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By Jim Clark

'Skateboard Bandit' easily distracted by money

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the area around the Market Basket store on Somerville Ave. last week on reports of an armed robbery involving a gun that had taken place.

According police, a victim had reported that he had been robbed by a man, later identified as Rahkeen Gray, of Brooklyn, NY. The victim told police that Gray said he had a gun, but the victim never saw it.

After flagging down a police cruiser, the victim told officers that Gray had headed eastbound along Somerville Ave.

The victim provided police with a description of Gray and the clothing he was wearing, adding that he was carrying a plastic shopping bag and a skateboard.

Soon after broadcasting a be-on-the-lookout for anyone matching Gray's description, an officer on patrol spotted him entering Bull McCabe's on Somerville Ave.

Officers entered Bull Mc-Cabe's and approached Gray, as he matched the description given and was also in possession of a skateboard and a plastic bag. The officers asked Gray to step outside to talk.

According to reports, Gray started to get loud and said, "I didn't do anything to those white people."

Gray reportedly became increasingly belligerent, so he was placed in handcuffs. A pat frisk for weapons was conducted but none were found.

When asked if he had any weapons on him Gray reportedly told the officers that he had a knife in his backpack. Once outside, the officers retrieved from Gray's backpack a large yellow and white serrated knife.

Officers at the Market Basket spoke with the reporting party, and it was further determined that there were three victims. The officers questioned each victim separately.

The first victim told police that he was out to dinner in Union Sq. with two of his friends, and they walked east on Somerville Ave. away from Union Sq. While on Somerville Ave. between Carlton St. and Church St. they were allegedly approached by Gray, who reportedly stated, "Hey, give me a dollar."

One of the parties told Gray "no" but he again demanded money from the group. After repeatedly refusing to give Gray money, he reportedly told them, "Ok, now you all are getting robbed."

Gray allegedly stated that he had a gun and he put his hands into his coat pockets, but did not display a firearm. Fearing that Gray might actually have a firearm, one of the parties pulled out his wallet and began throwing money onto the ground.

Once Gray's attention was drawn to the money on the ground, the group ran away and immediately called 911.

Another victim told police that he was out to dinner at El Potro with two of his friends, and after leaving the restaurant they proceeded to head east on Somerville Ave.

Just after the group passed

Carlton St., Gray reportedly walked very closely past the group, and possibly coming into contact with one of them.

According to the victims, Gray began to follow them. and eventually demanded money twice. Each time he was told "no" Gray reportedly stated to, "Now you all are getting robbed."

Once again, Gray reportedly claimed that he was in possession of a firearm but none was ever shown.

As with the first group, one of them took out his wallet and began throwing money onto the ground. Again, while Gray was distracted by the money the group fled down Somerville Ave. towards Market Basket and immediately called 911.

Finally, police spoke with a third victim who told them that she was out with her friends, walking along Somerville Ave., when Gray walked very close to her. As with the others, Gray reportedly proceeded to follow them and he twice demanded money from them.

Each time Gray was told "no"

he reportedly told them that they were being robbed and that he had a gun. Again, no weapon was shown.

One of the group took out his wallet and began throwing money onto the ground, and when Gray's attention was drawn to the money the group fled the area, then called 911 to request police assistance.

Members of each group of victims agreed to conduct a show-up identification and they reportedly positively identified Gray as the robber.

A search of Gray's front left pants pocket turned up crumpled money, totaling \$48. There were two \$20 bills, one \$5 bill, and three \$1 bills. The money was tagged and logged into evidence.

Gray was transported to the station and booked on charges of armed robbery and attempt to commit a crime.

A search of the surrounding area was conducted in an attempt to locate a firearm. As was expected, no such firearm was ever found.

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Rahkeen Gray, of 163 Polaski St., Brooklyn, NY, February 11, 9:25 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges

of armed robbery and attempt to commit a crime, and on warrant charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon, and miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation

William Nelson, of 85 E. Newton St., Boston, February 13, 1:45 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Joshua Resendes, of 371 Windsor St., Cambridge, February 17, 1:00 a.m., arrested at Oliver St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, armed burglary and assault, and witness intimidation.

Voting rights in municipal elections under consideration for 16-17-year-olds CONT. FROM PG 1

Brody and Torres are participating in a statewide campaign to lower the voting age for municipal elections.

Brody shared with the Committee that there are two decision making processes: hot cognition and cold cognition. Hot cognition is quick and reactionary. This is not developed by the age of 16. Cold cognition is already developed at the same level at 16 as is it at 18, and is a more weighed, thoughtful decision making process.

Torres added that creating a culture of civic engagement is very important, and seeing the effects of this engagement at the and trust in government and politics. It also helps develop the long-term habit of voting.

Brody told the Committee that there are many other municipalities where students are pursuing this right.

Councilor At-Large William A. White asked for data to better inform this decision, particularly around the legal implications involved in the matter. He also expressed a desire for a public hearing to be held around this issue.

Brody asked that a public hearing be held at a time that is accessible to high school students. He felt that a good

Brody and Torres are partici- age of 16 builds a greater faith time would be after school or ple 18 years of age or older, regardless of additional inforating in a statewide campaign and trust in government and on a weekend.

and younger individuals are mation. The Committee Chair,

Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis said that the engagement of these students and their ability to organize and speak about complex issues makes a strong case for enfranchising this age group.

Councilor At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah noted that, as Parkland demonstrated, young people can teach adults how to lead.

Council President Katiana

Council President Katjana Ballantyne noted a connection to the civic education law that was recently passed.

Councilor At-Large Stephanie Hirsch commented that the census data only lists people 18 years of age or older, and younger individuals are considered children, and thus their data remain private, so the Council would have to resolve the technical question of how to get these individuals added to the voter rolls.

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott requested information about what the opposing argument would be.

Councilor White responded that one argument is the legal age of majority, but he would also like to hear both sides of the debate.

Ward 1 Councilor Matthew McLaughlin shared his support regardless of additional information. The Committee Chair, Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang agreed with McLaughlin

Councilor White said that taking additional steps, such as a public hearing, will likely help in getting approval from the state legislature.

Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti suggested that the students use the media available at the High School to produce materials to support a Home Rule Petition.

The request was kept in Committee pending the results of the proposed public hearing and further study of the legal ramifications of the HRP.

'The Future Is Now: A Somerville Panel'

By Denise Keniston

On Wednesday, February 13, a panel of local talent and new arrivals to Somerville's business and entrepreneurial scene joined WBUR's Senior Innovation Reporter Callum Borchers at Greentown Labs in Union Square for The Future is Now: A Somerville Panel.

Greentown Labs is the largest hardware-focused cleantech incubator in the country located in a renovated factory in Union Square. In seven years, Greentown has gone from having one employee to providing space for more than 450, with a wet lab, in-house machine shop and more. It's raised more than \$350 million in funding.

The discussion quickly turned to Somerville's growth: what's gained and what's lost. One of the startups Greentown Labs nurtured is RightHand Robotics, which graduated from Greentown and took over the 24,000-square-foot Post Office in Union Square. The company is now looking to expand again. "It's bittersweet because some Somerville spaces are opening up, like automotive spaces, because they're going out of business. They're going

out of business either because they chose to or because they can't stay there," says panelist Nadia Cheng, RightHand Robotics Operations Manager.

New business brings with it the need for affordable housing to attract premium talent. Soaring real estate values have priced out 80% of Somerville's current households from buying a condo or single-family home, according to a recent Somerville zoning report. As such, cash-strapped Greentown startups struggle with paying new workers accordingly so they can afford to live in Somerville. Panelist Julia Travaglini, Sr. Dir. Marketing for Greentown Labs added, "Our startups are hyper-concerned about how much money they have until they run out. It's a challenge when new companies want to attract premium talent from out of state or town, and they look at the cost to rent and Somerville's overall cost of living. It's a balance."

Also, Somerville's traffic problems were a hot topic. Panelists agreed the planned extension of the MBTA's Green Line T stop to Union Square would play a big part in mitigating Somerville's in-



The panel featured Nadia Cheng from RightHand Robotics, Zach Baum from Bow Market, Julia Travaglini from Greentown – Photo by Denise Keniston Labs, and Dan Bartman from the City of Somerville as panelists.

creasing congestion issues. "The Green Line T changes everything," said Dan Bartman Senior Planner for the City of Somerville, "When the Green Line is completed, 85% of Somerville residents will have access to public transit. People who have jobs along the Green Line will be able to transfer out of their cars and onto transit."

Zach Baum, a partner at Bow Market located in Union Square, agreed with Bartman. Bow relies primarily on foot or biking traffic to its 30 small businesses and retailers. "The Green Line extension provide a burst of biking and foot traffic for us. Currently, we are trying to expand our day traffic to our restaurants and retailers. The

Green Line will go a long way in making that happen."

The Future is Now was sponsored and organized by Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Somerville YIMBY, Union Square Main Streets & Greentown Labs. For information on upcoming events at Greentown visit their website at www.greentownlabs.com.

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Adults and students, middle school and high school, are needed to help plan and execute the city's annual Patriots Day event, a Colonial Fair at Foss Park on Monday, April 15, which for many is also a holiday, beginning of Spring Vacation Week, and Boston Marathon Monday. Fair occurs from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. with set-up and clean-up support helpful.



Volunteers are needed in sever-

al areas, including: community outreach; working with youth to create drawings about the event and our community in Colonial times; and assistance with event logistics, by leading Colonial era games, serving refreshments, and distributing and stamping Colonial Passports. New ideas for the games and passports are always welcome.

All volunteers will be asked to dress in Colonial era clothing. They have clothing to lend and/or tips for what to wear of your own. They will also teach you games to lead, including hop scotch, cat's cradle, and ring toss.

For more information or to volunteer, contact SHPC Director Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext. 2532, or BWilson@somervillema.gov or Eileen Schofield, President of Historic Somerville, a co-sponsor, via eschofield2014@gmail.com

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local legislators' votes on roll calls from January 30 and January 31. All roll calls are on proposed changes to House and Senate rules. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

ALLOW 30 MINUTES TO READ AMEND-MENTS (H 2019)

House 47-111, rejected a proposed new House rule giving members 30 minutes to read any amendment that is proposed on the floor when the House is in session. The 30 minutes would start when all legislators and the public have electronic access to a copy of the amendment and all members also have a printed copy on their desks in the House chamber.

Supporters said it is reasonable to give members 30 minutes to read an amendment. They said currently an amendment can be proposed and voted upon before members have even had a chance to read it.

Opponents said the rule goes too far and would unnecessarily impede the movement of bills. They noted many of the amendments are technical in nature and are not controversial. They argued that printing and putting a copy of each amendment on each of the 160 members' desk would be bad for the environment and would make extra work for the House clerk.

(A"Yes" vote is for the rule. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

EQUITABLE OFFICE SPACE FOR EACH REP (H 2019)

House 11-146 rejected a proposed new House rule that would require the Personnel and Administration Committee to establish standards for the allocation of office space as equitably as possible among the representatives, committees and their staffs. The standards would be reviewed and would have to be approved by the Director of Human Resources and the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer prior to it taking effect.

Amendment supporters said that the state should consider the standards used by the U.S. Congress in which a giant lottery is held and when a member's name is drawn, he or she can choose any office he or she wants. They argued this would be the fairest system and also help reduce the speaker's power by not allowing him to reward loyalists with the best offices.

"Each of us arrives in this building as equals to represent the voices of 40,000 constituents," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston). "We weaken that voice by enabling the speaker to use subjective processes to allocate offices, staff, and resources. The distribution of the people's property and resources should be done in a manner that does not make the allocation susceptible to implicit bias and favoritism."

Amendment opponents said setting standards would be impossible because it's subjective which office has the best location and furnishings. They also noted that the random lottery would not work because chairs of committees have larger staff and would not be able to fit them in a small office.

(A"Yes" vote is for the rule. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

TELEVISE INFORMAL SESSIONS (H 2021)

House 36-121, rejected a proposed new House-Senate joint rule that would require broadcasting of informal sessions of the House and Senate in the same manner and format as formal sessions are currently broadcast online. Informal sessions are ones in which there are no roll call votes and everything is approved or rejected on an unrecorded voice vote. However, at an informal session, a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session by doubting the presence of a quorum. A quorum is when 81 of the 160 members are in the chamber. Currently, informal sessions are not broadcast.

Supporters said that some informal sessions are not the brief, quiet sessions that they used to be. They said major legislation is sometimes approved at these sessions and the public should be able to watch these online.

Opponents said it would be expensive to broadcast these informal sessions which rarely deal with controversial matters.

(A"Yes" vote is for the rule. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT (S 9)

Senate 39-0, approved a new rule that would prohibit any senator, officer or staff member from violating the Senate's anti-harassment policy and require that everyone receive anti-harassment training within 90 days of the opening of the biennial session. The rule also prohibits retaliation against an individual who has complained about discriminatory harassment or retaliation against an individual for cooperating with an investigation of a discriminatory harassment complaint.

Supporters said it is vital that the Senate offer protection against sexual and identity-based assault on Beacon Hill. They argued the amendment will promote a safe and healthy workplace+ on Beacon Hill.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SPILKA AND DELEO APPOINT THEIR LEAD-

ERSHIP TEAMS – Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland) announced her leadership team which includes Sen. Cindy Cream (D-Newton) in the number two position of majority leader; William Brownsberger (D-Concord) as president pro tempore; Joan Lovely (D-Salem), Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) and Mike Barrett (D-Lexington) as assistant majority leaders; Mike Rush (D-Boston) as majority whip and Julian Cyr (D-Truro) as assistant majority whip.

House Speaker Bob DeLeo unveiled his leadership team which includes Reps. Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy) as the second in command as majority leader; Patricia Haddad (D-Somerville) as speaker pro tempore; Joe Wagner (D-Chicopee) as assistant majority leader; Paul Donato (D-Medford) and Mike Moran (D-Boston) as

second assistant majority leaders.

The most important appointments were Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport) and Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) to the powerful position of budget-writing Ways and Means chair in their respective chambers.

Members of the leadership team and committee chairs receive additional pay ranging from \$5,200 to \$75,000

INCREASE WAGE OF TIPPED WORKERS -

Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield) and Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) unveiled their bill to raise the tipped Massachusetts minimum wage to the general minimum wage by 2028 and match any increase after that. The current tipped worker minimum wage is \$4.35 per hour while the general minimum wage is \$12 per hour and will rise to \$15 by 2023.

The bill would raise the minimum wage for tipped workers incrementally over several years to \$13.95, and then in 2028 require that all workers be paid the full minimum wage under the minimum wage law.

"There are thousands of food service workers in Massachusetts who struggle to make ends meet for themselves and their families because they are living off tips," said Jehlen. "And if you're dependent on tips, you depend on your manager for good shifts, you depend on cooks and other staff members to help you do your job, and you depend on customers' whims. The sub-minimum wage creates too many opportunities that can be exploited by predators. This needs to end."

"The women who put food on our tables cannot afford to put food on their own family's tables," said Rep. Farley-Bouvier. "This is an issue that disproportionately affects women, as well as people of color and immigrants."

COSTS OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS THE HIGHEST IN BOSTON – The INRIX 2018 Global

Traffic Scorecard was released and ranked Boston as the most congested city in the U.S. The average Boston driver lost 164 hours to peak traffic in 2018, worth about \$2,291 in additional costs based on federal Department of Transportation estimates. Nationally, Americans lost an average of 97 hours a year due to congestion, costing them nearly \$87 billion in 2018, an average of \$1,348 per driver.

The runner-up was Washington D.C. (155 hours). The top ten included Chicago (138 hours), Seattle (138 hours), New York City (133 hours), Los Angeles (128 hours), Pittsburgh (127 hours), Portland (116 hours), San Francisco (116 hours) and Philadelphia (112 hours).

"Congestion costs Americans billions of dollars each year," said Trevor Reed, transportation analyst at IN-RIX. "It will continue to have serious consequences for national and local economies, businesses and citizens in the years to come. If we're to avoid traffic congestion becoming a further drain on our economy, we must invest in intelligent transportation systems to tackle our mobility challenges.

"We didn't really need a report from INRIX to tell us that congestion is a growing problem in Massachusetts, particularly in Boston," said Bay State Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack. "I think our goal is to understand why. Why is congestion worse? Because then for every why, there's something we can do differently."

Beacon Hill Roll Call

continued



HEALTHY FOOD IN VENDING MACHINES IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS - Rep. Natalie Blais (D- Sunderland) has filed a bill requiring all foods or beverages sold through vending machines located in government buildings be limited to items that comply with the nutritional standards established by the state's commissioner of public health.

The bill also requires items that items that meet these nutrition standards be placed in the prime selling positions in the machine and be available at prices equal to or less than the prices for similar products that are available and that do not meet the nutrition standards. The measure also requires that food and beverage items that do not meet the nutrition standards options are banned from be promoted through discounted prices, bundled meals or promotional signs.

Blais did not respond to Beacon Hill Roll Call's request for a statement on her bill.

REPEAL "ESTATE/DEATH" TAX - Rep. David DeCoste has filed a proposal that would repeal Massachusetts' estate tax, also known as the death tax – a tax on the value of the decedent's estate before distribution to any beneficiary. Most Republicans are against the tax and coined the name death tax to imply that the government taxes you even after you die. Most Democrats support the tax and call it an estate tax to imply that this tax is only paid by the wealthy.

The first \$1 million is exempt from this tax and the tax on anything over \$1 million is a graduated one that according to the Department of Revenue's website ranges from .8 percent to 16 percent.

Repeal supporters said this regressive tax is unfair and noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not exist.

Repeal opponents said the tax is a fair one and argued the state cannot afford the revenue loss.

DeCoste did not respond to Beacon Hioll Roll Call's request for a statement on his bill.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – A chat with Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), the newly-minted Senate Ways and Means Chair.

"20 minutes ago." — On when the Senate President's office informed him that he was going to be Ways and Means chair.

"I'm not saying yes or no to anything right now. Because I don't even know what to say yes or no to." — On whether he will support a tax increase.

"I'm concerned but I'm not panicked as of yet." — On whether he is concerned about declining state revenues.

"We go way back. We served in the House together. She knows me and she knows I can do this job. — On his relationship with Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland).

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of im-

portant work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of February 11-15, the House met for a total of one hour and 31 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hours and 42 minutes.

Mon. February 11 House 11:02 a.m. to 12:29 p.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 12:48 p.m.

Tues. February 12 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. February 13 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. February 14 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Fri. February 15 No House session

No Senate session

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

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

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

'Our Somerville' exhibit tells the story of the city CONT. FROM PG 1

Paupeck let the donors decide what items told the story of Somerville best. "I was interested in how people interpreted the call," said Paupeck.

The exhibit shows that people heard the call for everyday items that have a story, in many different ways, from a bat broken by Manny Ramirez to aged whiskey, to an entire rubber duck collection, the Somerville community provided plenty of unique displays.

Paupeck says she wanted the exhibit to highlight the diverse interests and stories the people of Somerville have. This exhibit creates a space to let people show off items that are unique and hold a lot of meaning to their owners.

Dan Soszynski, a Somerville resident who had a crochet blanket on display, appreciated the communal aspect of the exhibit. "I think it's really cool that it brings together such a variety of different memories and stories from people from town," said Soszynski, "Like things that are decades and decades old and things that are more recent."

Soszynski also likes that this

exhibit gives people the ability to say their items have been displayed in a museum. "It's a unique thing to be able to say to family or friends I have a thing in the Somerville Museum this month," said Soszynski.

The Our Somerville exhibit will be putting on different events throughout the month of March. Starting off with a tour of the exhibit led by Paupeck. A closing ceremony, where the owners of the displays will explain what their item means to them will take place on March 31.













Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Mussels

There are a few different ways to make mussels. Some recipes call for curry and coconut milk, or tomatoes with white wine aka mussels marinara, or a simple broth with garlic.

I like all of the aforementioned, but recently, I was reading through a cookbook where beer was used as a broth. I tried it and really liked it. However, I have made some changes to the original recipe by Melissa Clark, Dinner In An Instant.

The original recipe was written for an electric pressure cooker. I have adapted it for the stove top with a change of some ingredients.

- 2-3 lbs. Mussels
- 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil
- 3 Tablespoons Butter* see note below 1/4-1/2 Teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes (optional)
- 2 Shallots, thinly sliced
- 1/2 Fennel Bulb, thinly sliced
- 4 Garlic Cloves, thinly sliced
- 8 Oz Pilsner or Lager Beer, enjoy the

other 4oz

1/2 Bunch Fresh Parsley, Rough Chopped

Use a large enough pot to hold all the mussels, or a large skillet with a cover. Add the olive oil and * 1 tablespoon to the pot over medium heat. Once the butter is melted, add red pepper flakes, the shallots and the fennel, and sauté for approximately 8 minutes until softened. Add the garlic. After about 30 seconds, add the beer and bring to a simmer, over medium heat. Once the mussels are rinsed and beards removed, make sure that the shells are closed and none are broken. If the mussels won't close when you tap it, don't use it. Once all the mussels are rinsed and cleaned place them in the pot and cover.

After about 3 minutes, give the pot a shake and leave on the stove top for an additional 2 minutes. After these 5 minutes, remove the cover and see if all the shells opened. If not, cook an additional 2 minutes. Remove the mussels with a slotted spoon to



a bowl. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and the parsley to the pot and mix well. Serve the mussels in smaller bowls, then spoon the broth over the mussels. Serve with a crusty bread of your choice. Serves 2-3 people.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddi-marzo2002.wix.

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A diet to fight climate change

By James Healy

2018 was recently announced the fourth hottest year on record. A year in which we saw California burn while normally moderate regions like Ireland experienced unseasonal snow storms. This tale of fire and ice will be our future reality, as climate change accelerates the frequency and severity of extreme weather events.

The effects are impossible to ignore here in Somerville also. Increasingly rising sea levels will worsen winter flooding, show cased during last year's Nor'easter. Summers will continue to echo the near record breaking heat of 2018 which New England experienced. Exacerbated by Somerville's urban heat island effect, local temperature highs will further increase worsening the public health threats of overheating on the elderly and young.

With a president in climate denial, with cities like Somerville and Boston slow to implement substantive carbon neutralizing measures, and with

an ever increasing, ever carbon expending global population the need to revise our cultural climate norms is clear. Could our diet be the answer?

A report recently published by the Lancet from researchers at Harvard set to address these challenges of over population and climate change through diet. The flexitarian or planetary health diet aims to sustainably feed the 10 billion people set to occupy our planet by 2050.

The need for dietary revision is cited by EAT-Lancet which highlights the environmental impact of agriculture. As mentioned by the report, agriculture accounts for 30% of global greenhouse gas emissions and consumes 70% of the world's freshwater. Animal agriculture, particularly red meat production, received a special mention due to the disproportionally large share of greenhouse gas emissions it accounts for.

For health and environmental reasons, the diet promotes a larger intake of fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains and plant proteins like beans and lentils.



Animal products like dairy, but mainly meat and fish are greatly reduced in the recommended diet for environmental reasons. 98 grams of red meat, 203 grams of poultry and 196 grams of fish are advised per week.

In a tip of the hat to the farm to table movement whose popularity is rising in Somerville, the report speaks of "voting with every plate" and the importance of sustainably sourced local produce. The global health benefits of a largely plant based, low red meat diet are cited in helping to tackle the cardiovascular disease and obesity crisis we also face.

As a lover of a great steak who has given up meat and fish for 2019, I can testify that with good recipes and a bit of creativity it feels fantastic to give up meat and fish from an

ethical and health stand point. Therefore, as the flexitarian diet incorporates red meat, fish and poultry, the popularity of a sustainable diet to save and feed the world seems plausible.

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Somerville educator nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award

Amber Jackson, a pre-calculus and algebra 2 teacher at Somerville High School, has been nominated for the 2018-2019 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

Jackson has been with Somerville High School for seven years. She was recognized as a LifeChanger in her community for delivering high-quality instruction while being a source of support for students. She stores snacks in her room for students who have skipped breakfast, and even shares her own meals with students who didn't have money for lunch. She also uses names from her school's various cultures in the practice problems and assessments she designs, and she learns math phrases in various languages so she can communicate with students of varying abilities.

For the past three years, Jackson has also supported and organized The Matters Speak Series, an initiative to help students and educators share their life experiences through poetry, art, music, and dance. The goal of this initiative is to provide a safe space to discuss difficult topics such as gender, race, class, sexual orientation, and culture. Jackson has expanded the impact of The Matters Speak Series through her work on Somerville High School's Cultural

Proficiency Board (CPB). On the CPB, she works with a group of educators to promote cultural inclusion and provide equity training.

"Amber's passion for her students and empathy for the things that matter to them, as well as her ability to encourage other teachers to use these qualities, are what makes her a teacher leader," said Jackson's nominator, who would like to remain anonymous. "She has used her experience to mentor new teachers in the department over the years, partnering with them to unify the content and standards for student learning. By being data-driven and advocating for equitable access to classes, she has earned her reputation as a LifeChanger."

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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!

One Stop Shop Small Business Event, February 28

There's a lot to think about if you run your own business and the City's Economic Development Office is here to help. Stop by the One Stop Shop Small Business event on Thursday, February 28, between 5 and 7 p.m. to get your questions about alcohol permitting, hosting a temporary event, financing, City business support programs, and more. The event will be held at the Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square. Register for the event at bit.ly/OneStopSmallext. 2537.

Summer Camp and Activities Fair, March 5

There are a lot of summer activity options for youth in and around Somerville. Come learn about some of them at the Somerville Public School's Summer Camp and Activities Fair. Over 30 programs will be there to provide information and answer questions. The fair will be held on Tuesday, March 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. You can also visit bit.ly/2019SummerActivities-Fair to find the 2019 Summer Activities Guide, which will be posted soon.

Community Meeting to Discuss Parking during High School Building Project, March 11

Work is moving along on the new Somerville High School and our next quarterly meeting to discuss parking around the whole Central Hill campus is coming up on Monday, March

Biz or by calling 617-625-6600 11. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St. You can also get updates and provide parking feedback online at www. somervillema.gov/shsparking. Along with a general feedback form, there is also a short survey specifically about on-street parking in the neighborhood.

> Joint Public Hearing on Open Space Requirements and Public and Private Trees, March 12 Residents are invited to give testimony on three proposed zoning amendments related to new proposed regulations about protection of trees including trees on private property and new open space requirements for mid- and high-rise buildings at a public hearing on Tuesday, March 12, beginning at 6 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. You can learn more about each proposed amendment at bit. ly/312PublicHearing. This is a joint public hearing being held by the Planning Board and the City Council's Land Use

Committee. If you would like to submit comments outside of the meeting, please send them planning@somervillema. gov, citycouncil@somervillema.gov, and cityclerk@somervillema.gov.

Share Your Artistic Talents

The Somerville Arts Council is getting ready for another season of fun cultural activities. These events wouldn't be possible without the amazing talent the Arts Council recruits each year. Right now there are a few calls for artists up at www.somervilleartscouncil. org, and don't forget to check back throughout the winter as more will be added.

Be an Urban Agriculture Am-

Learn how to safety grow food in an urban environment with the City's Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program. Participants will attend four Saturday sessions to learn about topics like building a raised bed, pest control, Somerville's urban agriculture rules, and some of

the basics on bee and chicken keeping. In exchange for these classes, ambassadors must complete 30 hours of volunteer work with City agriculture programs or local non-profits. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 8. Visit www.somervillema.gov/ urbanag for more information and to apply.

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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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There's been a lot of discussions about community participation and the newest buzz word "equity" in our city. We talk about how we're building a community through processes that allows the public to be active participants in decision making.

Of course, Somerville has always been on the leading edge in instituting community participation. We're a city full of activist, organizers, and we're home to some of the most progressive people in the state if not the country. One of the earliest forms of community involvement in government has been our boards and commissions. We have over 35 standing boards, commissions, and authorities in the city and there are many more ad hoc committees formed.

Many of these committees can impact our neighborhoods, and our futures. The Planning Board has power to grant permits for construction, the Zoning Board of appeals can give special permit vari-

ances such as building higher than what zoning allows. Too often these processes create huge impact, but the question I keep asking are the people who will be most impacted by these changes serving on these boards?

In 2014 a report came out called "The Silent Crisis: Including Latinos and Why It Matters, Representation in Executive Positions, Boards, and Commissions in the City Governments of Boston, Chelsea, and Somerville". It showed that out of a total of 232 board and commission seats within Somerville, only 4 seats are filled by Latinos. I was unable to find numbers of other people of color, but it is clear that lack of representation exists. My observation, the more power a committee is, the more likely it is to be filled white affluent mostly men. The same is true of our schools where a majority of the students are people of color and most of our students qualify for a free or reduced lunch. If we do see plenty of people of color on a commission it is more than likely those people of color work for the city, creating an AstroTurf effect on diversity.

Last year the owners of Assembly Row wanted to waiver from having to build the 20% affordable housing that is mandated through city law. Out of this came a deal where no public input was taken where the developer would build 6% and give 10 million dollars to the Affordable Trust Fund. I wonder what would have been the results if a person of color who is rent burdened was on the committee? I often ask the same questions over Union Square's redevelopment and many other decisions that occurred without any real input from those most impacted.

We need to ensure that all voices are heard. Somerville talks about diversity, equity, and equality, yet our boards are not representatively diverse and their decisions do not always advance equity. It's time the Mayor and the Board of Somerville

Aldermen ensure all aspects of government reflect our city's diversity. I propose that all commissions and boards should intentionally recruit diverse, representative candidate pools for consideration. A few tactics to achieve this goal could include:

- · Announcing openings in both English newspapers and newspapers in other languages
- Creating a centralized location on the city website where all commission and board openings are posted
- · Sharing openings with organizations and associations that work with and represent the many communities in Somerville

I urge the City Council to pause confirmations of appointments until a recruitment process is established that results in a more diverse candidate pool.

Ben Echevarria

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



OK, we get it. A lot of trees got taken out all over the city and we need to conserve what is left, along with bringing many new ones in. But who owns and determines the fate of the trees on one's property? Can the city legally regulate how one's property is landscaped? What exactly is going on here?

If you haven't heard the news yet, here are the basics:

The City Council is proposing - as

a revision of the city's Tree Protection Ordinance – that property owners who intend to cut a tree greater than six inches in diameter may be required to plant replacements and/or pay into a replacement fund.

Advocates of the plan suggest that it will be a big help in restoring the recently decimated tree population and result in the gradual rehabilitation of the city's fragile green canopy.

In practice, the plan is to require property owners to file a permit application that includes a plan showing which trees would be removed and where new ones would go. A "Tree Fund" fee would be charged at the time of filing the permit application. An option to request a waiver of fees for financial hardship, because a tree is damaging a building, or for any reason at all, is also to be implemented.

While those advocating the plan insist

that it does not constitute a "ban" on cutting trees, some feel that the whole thing still smacks of undue regulation and encroachment of private property rights.

A public hearing on the matter will be held on March 12 at City Hall, 6:00 p.m. Those interested can attend the meeting to share their views or send it by email to CityCouncil@somervillema.gov. The city's website has detailed info on the plan as well. Get and stay informed.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Class Day activities. Class Day will take place on Friday, May 24, starting at 9:00 a.m. at SHS, 81 Highland Ave. If you are an SHS Class of 1969 graduate and would like to be a participant in the Class of 2019 Class Day activities, please email Barbara Favaloro, SHS Main Office, Head Clerk at bfavaloro@k12.somerville.ma.us, or call (617) 625-6600, ext. 6110 to sign up. The Class of 2019 looks forward to seeing past graduates from the Class of 1969.

East Street Main Streets presents Board Game Nights. From beginner to advanced - games and gamers of all types are welcome. Meet new people, taste some delicious food and drink, and have a blast playing with old friends and new. Just bring a positive attitude. Thursday, February 28, at the Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jen at Director@eastsomervillemainstreets.org.

The 17th Annual Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night takes place Thursday, March 21, from 6:30-11:00 p.m. at the Tufts University's Cous-

ens Gym. Join the fun and support a great cause. The Brian Higgins Foundation's goal is to help children with special needs and their families have a fun quality of life. Along with a fun and friendly trivia competition, the evening includes a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, numerous raffles to win, a light dinner and a cash bar. Donations are tax deductible. Enter a team for \$250, or purchase an individual ticket through PayPal and join an existing team. Registration deadline is March 1. Learn more about this event and the Brian Higgins Foundation at http://www. thebrianhiggins foundation.org.

Want to learn how to play tennis this winter? Somerville Parks & Recreation has you covered with an Indoor Tennis Program for youth ages 8-12 years. Learn more about this program at https://www.somervillerec.com/info/activities/program_details.as-px?ProgramID=30059. The program runs February 26 through April 2. Visit http://www.somervillerec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?type=activities to learn all about the Somerville Parks & Recreation Department's cur-

rent programming.

The Health and Human Services Department, Community Clothing Closet of the Somerville Public Schools, and 311 are collecting donations of new or gently used winter clothing for residents and students who need them with their Somerville Hosts Winter Clothing Drive. Items most urgently needed include winter coats, pants, hats, gloves, socks, and boots for children (sizes 4T and up), as well as winter items for teens and adults. You can drop off donations through February at one of three locations during their normal business hours: The welcome desk at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., the Health and Human Services Department, 165 Broadway, and the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. If you have a child in the Somerville Public Schools and need help with getting winter clothes for your family, please contact Francia Reyes at freyes@k12,somerville.ma.us or (617) 625-6600, ext. 6994.

Somerville's Health and Human Services Department is looking for

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

A Community Land Trust in Somerville is being set up, and they need your help to get it off the ground. The mission of this organization is to create and preserve permanently affordable housing in Somerville, for Somerville residents, by Somerville residents. The Somerville CLT will be an independent, community-based non-profit organization. You can learn more at the Trust's Go-FundMe page: https://www.gofundme.com/somerville-community-land-trust-

launch-fund.

Council on Aging Valentine's Day **Dinner**

Somerville seniors enjoyed a night of dinner and entertainment on Valentine's Day. The Council on Aging hosted a the dinner at Dilboy Post in Davis Sq.

The Moonlighters, lead by Brian Bishop along with the mayor, sang songs, while the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire departments served food to the seniors.



































Photos by Claudia Ferro







SPORTS

Prospect Hill Academy undefeated entering upcoming tournament

By Katie Harris

The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards, with a final record of 17-1, finished the high school girls' basketball season last year as the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) North Division Champions and as the MCSAO State Tournament Champions.

Additionally, their head coach, Brian Harris, was selected as the North Division Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches. PHA junior power forward, Kaleesha Joseph, received North Division Most Outstanding Player of the Year honors. Her teammates, junior point guard Ashley Ca-

det and junior center Samaya Belizaire-Arrendel, were named North Division All-Stars.

Prior to the start of the 2018-2019 basketball season, in the middle of this year's fall volleyball season, Samaya Belizaire-Arrendel collapsed at school. Later that day, she tragically died in the hospital without ever regaining consciousness. The entire school community, and far beyond, greatly mourned her passing. Once the 2018-2019 basketball squad was selected (a team that includes Samaya's freshman sister, Olivya), Samaya's classmates (fellow seniors Cadet, Joseph, N'yeshma Leroy and Ashley Fortune) compelled their younger teammates to ded-



Your Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) North Division Champion and MCSAO State Tournament Champion Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards.

Ms. Cam's Tio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. What is the official name for the Oscar award?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. In what year was the Academy Awards ceremony first televised?
- 3. On the Oscar statue, the knight stands on a reel of film with 5 spokes, what do the spokes represent?
- 4. What two actresses tied for Best Actress at the 1968 Academy Awards?
- 5. Who was the first African American actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?

- 6. Who has hosted the Academy Awards the most times?
- 7. In knitting, what does 'psso' stand for?
- 8. Who played Catwoman in the 1992 movie Batman Returns?
- 9. Who is the NFL's alltime leading rusher?
- 10. What has no flavor but is important for survival?
- 11. Where does the vegetable heart of palm come
- 12. What is a velocipede? Answers on page 23

icate the current season to their beloved deceased teammate.

The regular season ended last week. The Lady Wizards finished with an undefeated record of 17-0 and are again the MCSAO North Division Champion. Furthermore, they will enter this year's MCSAO State Tournament as the top seeded of eleven teams.

Thus far, PHA has offensively averaged 58 points per game and has defensively held opponents to 25 points per game. Returning stars, now seniors, Kaleesha Joseph (16.1 points per game) and Ashley Cadet (16.7 ppg) and emerging star, eighth grade sharpshooter Mia Mitchell (12.9 ppg) are among the MCSAO scoring leaders this year.

Additionally, Joseph mid-December became the first female player at Prospect Hill to score 1000 points on the varsity team. Cadet joined her teammate in the PHA's 1000 point club earlier this month.

The Lady Wizards will start state tournament play in the quarter-finals with a home game at the St. Clement Parish Gym, Somerville/Medford, the winner of a game between MCSAO's 8th and 9th seeded teams during the early part of the week of February 25. The winner of that game will play in the state tournament semi-finals on Friday, March 1.

The finals are scheduled for Friday, March 8. Both the semi-finals and finals are scheduled to be held at the Clark Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Boston at Harbor Point in Dorchester.





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> **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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7-9 Greenville Street (ZBA 2018-169): Applicants and Owners, Manuel and Julieta Barbosa, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing the basement. RA Zone. Ward 3.

34 Heath Street (ZBA 2018-176): Applicant, Fushuang Liu, and Owner, Boston Majordomo LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a three-story addition and decks in the rear of the structure, RB Zone, Ward 4.

23-25 Irvington Road (ZBA 2018-192): Applicants and Owners, Frank Kelly and Kimberly Rego, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing two dormers on the right side of the roof. RA Zone. Ward 7.

21 Harrison Street (ZBA 2019-04): Applicants and Owners, Aaron J Holman and Michaela J Kerrissey, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a rear deck. RA Zone. Ward 2.

88 Marshall Street (ZBA 2019-03): Applicant/Owner, Pedro Alvarado, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to renovate and expand existing rear decks, including reconfiguring exterior staircases and adding a roof to the second floor deck. Zone RB. Ward 4.

346 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-19): Applicant, 346 Somerville Avenue, LLC, and Owner, Palmac Realty Corp, seek Variances, Special Permits and Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a 100-unit residential structure with inclusionary housing. Among the zoning relief triggers are building height, lot area per dwelling unit, parking, inclusionary housing, FAR. SZO sections and articles including §4.4.1, §8.5, §7.11,

§5.5. CCD55 zone. Ward 2. 7-9 Greenville St: http://eepurl.com/ghQg_H 34 Heath St: http://eepurl.com/ghQhwr 23-25 Irvington Rd: http://eepurl.com/ghQhEb 21 Harrison St: http://eepurl.com/ghQhNL

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PLANNING DIVISION

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trol and Prevention, smoking is a leading cause of heart disease.

Smoking can lead to the narrowing of blood vessels and high blood pressure and quitting smoking greatly improves heart health. So, make a resolution for a healthier life for you and your family. If you're a smoker, quitting is the most important step you can take to protect your health, decreasing the risk of lung disease, cancer, and even early death.

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February is American Heart Month. Ac- offers both telephone and online sup- ant people and ask for their support. Dai- ing medications. Over-the-counter or cording to the Centers for Disease Con- port 24 hours a day, seven days a week ly encouragement and planned activities prescription medicines can help you quit (with some holiday exceptions) by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) or through KeepTryingMA. Online support includes quit planning tools and chatting with others who are trying to quit. Free nicotine patches, gum and lozenges are available to eligible users. The combination of coaching and quit-smoking medication can make you nearly three times as likely to quit for good!

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2. Tell your family and friends you plan odors can cause cravings. The Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline to quit. Share your quit date with importcan help you stay on track.

> 3. Anticipate and plan for challenges. The urge to smoke is short-usually only three to five minutes. Those moments can feel intense. Before your quit date, write down healthy ways to cope with cravings so you can get past them.

Healthy choices include:

- · Drinking water
- · Taking a walk
- · Calling or texting a friend

4. Remove cigarettes and other tobacco from your daily routine. Throw away your cigarettes, lighters, and ashtrays. Clean your car and home. Old cigarette

5. Talk to your doctor about quit-smokfor good; your quit coach and pharmacist can provide guidance.

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5 Things to consider when facing loneliness later in life

By Carolynn Nagao Marcotte

Loneliness is a common problem for older adults, and there is a growing body of research that indicates it can be hazardous to your health.

Some 43 percent of older adults self-identified as lonely during a six-year study by the University of California San Francisco. Published in 2012, that research indicated a 59 percent higher risk of decline for people who identified as lonely, with a 45 percent higher chance of death. Subsequent studies have suggested the hazards of loneliness are comparable to more traditionally recognized risk factors, such as smoking or being overweight.

Fortunately, there are some relatively easy steps you can take when facing loneliness later in life.

I recently worked with a woman who expressed that she was feeling lonely. When we started talking about her situation it came up that she loved doing yoga, but had gotten away from it. She was dealing with some mild memory loss, and it was difficult for her to organize or initiate activities on her own.

Working together, we found her a yoga class for older people, arranged transportation, and set up reminders for the class. It was something she was really excited to do. She just needed some support in making it happen.

Finding ways to reconnect with social pursuits is a great way to combat loneliness. Here are some other quick pointers: Isolation or loneliness? These are two different things, but they can be related. Isolation is when someone has limited social interaction. It's about quantity, not quality. Increasing activities and the amount of time spent around people are the best ways to mitigate isolation.

Loneliness is a subjective experience, because it's when someone feels that they're not having enough social interaction. There is a gap between the desired level of social engagement and the actual level of engagement. This is often about the quality of the relationships that a person has.

This might seem like a small distinction, but it's actually important to understand the difference. It is possible to be isolated but not particularly lonely. That said, it is usually a good idea to reduce isolation, because it increases risk for falls and poor health outcomes, especially with older adults.

The right level of interaction will be different for each person. For example, if a person has always been an introvert, that's probably not going to change. The key is finding something interesting and engaging, even if it is just having a friend or volunteer drop by and visit.

Re-establishing connections can be a very effective way to combat isolation or loneliness. People fall out of touch for many reasons, and understanding why is often an important first step. Building and maintaining meaningful relationships is the best way combat loneliness, and sometimes that's as simple as reconnecting with old friends.

The Internet offers many tools that make reconnecting easier. Social media, video chats, online forums for topics of interest - these are all ways that people can connect. Sometimes it just takes a

little effort and assistance with the setup.

If the issue is more isolation than loneliness, a person may be content with their social relationships but feel bored or purposeless, or perhaps crave the stimulation of social interactions. Isolation can be addressed by reconnecting with social spaces that previously brought joy. This could be exploring museums, attending concerts or events, or just being out in public spaces.

Rethink transportation Driving is a central component for many people's lives, and it takes some adjusting when that changes. Sometimes people become isolated when they haven't found the right replacement for driving. A small thing like setting up an Uber or GoGo Grandparent account or reviewing public transit options can make a big difference.

Be mindful of memory loss Social interaction generally boosts mood, improves cognitive health and slows cognitive decline. But memory loss can sometimes require rethinking social interaction. Dementia-friendly spaces can be helpful here. One example is Memory Cafés, which are social events that are safe and welcoming for people with memory loss. Elder service agencies are often a good starting point for learning about dementia-friendly resources in your community.

Hire a professional? An Aging Life Care Manager (ALCM) can help with several aspects of loneliness and isolation. The initial assessment should check for both, with the ALCM getting a sense of both the current amount of social interaction and if it is meeting the person's needs. If there is an issue, they should be able to



Aging Life Care Manager for the CLO program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services Carolynn

help, through a combination of recognizing barriers to socialization and providing

Isolation and loneliness are common issues that can lead to health problems and impact quality of life. Fortunately, we can often avoid that, by creating opportunities for fulfilling interactions that meet our social and emotional needs, and by removing barriers that prevent us from reconnecting to what matters to us.

Carolynn Nagao Marcotte is a dementia certified Aging Life Care Manager for the CLO program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services, a non-profit elder services agency dedicated to supporting the independence and well-being of older adults. For more information about CLO, visit the Private Care Management page at eldercare.org or call 617-628-2601 for a free consultation.

District Attorney Marian Ryan launches iPhone App to educate teens about healthy relationships

In recognition of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has launched a new mobile application for iPhones called Healthy Heart Matters to help young people identify when a relationship may be unhealthy or potentially abusive. The app provides young people with scenarios and asks them to evaluate whether or not the behavior described is cause for concern, and was developed with the help of high school students across Middlesex County. The app also provides tips and resources about healthy dating.

"Our goal is that Healthy Heart Matters will start a conversation among teenagers about healthy relationships," said District Attorney Ryan. "We know teenagers are likely to talk to a friend about their relationship, which is what makes this project is so important. This application development was spearheaded by local high school students, who provided us with feedback about what they wanted to know. The result is an easy to access tool that gives teens scenarios that will resonate with them and hopefully make them think critically about behaviors that may become normalized among their

The app was officially announced at a launch event on Friday, February 1, at the Boys & Girls Club of Wakefield Teen Center. During the event local teens were able to download the app and talk to representatives from local domestic violence service agencies including RESPOND, Inc., REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, Alternative House, Portal to Hope, Stoneham Alliance Against Violence, Wakefield Alliance Against Violence, Transition House, Voices Against Violence and Domestic Violence Services Network, Inc.



"Dating abuse is about power and control. Tools like the Healthy Heart Matters app allows teens- survivors and their peers- to become knowledgeable and empowered to recognize the signs of abuse and know where to turn if they need help," said Jessica L. Teperow, Director of Prevention Programs at REACH Beyond Domestic Violence. High school is a time when many young people are having their first dating relationship. Many patterns that in adult domestic violence cases can also be observed in teen dating relationships.

In the spring of 2018, recognizing the importance of understanding teens' knowledge level on the issue of abuse, and to hear their perspective on some of the unhealthy relationship dynamics they have observed among their peers, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office reached out to various schools across Middlesex County to form a Teen Task Force. The task force consisted of high school students from Arlington High School, Bedford High School, Greater Lowell Technical High School, Keefe Regional Technical High School, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School and Woburn Memorial High School.

The app was developed by students at Greater Lowell Technical High School and from Noble and Greenough School, and can be downloaded and is available for free on iOS devices.

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Thursday|February 21

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East Branch Library

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Family MOVIE Night: Paddington 2 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday February 22

Central Library

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East Branch Library

Read-To-Bead 'String & Snack 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|115 Broadway

Monday February 25

Central Library

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

West at TAB

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Tuesday February 26

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6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

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

Tuesday February 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Silver Arrow Band |8 p.m. Jason Anick& The Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. David Lawson, "Nazis & Me|7 p.m.

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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

Peoples

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Relix Presents: Grateful Shred Mad Alchemy Liquid Lights, Garcia

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co**

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Wednesday February 27

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

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

Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.

Andrea Beaton and Troy McGillivray

|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok Allstars

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Thunder Road Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

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

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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After Funk Quadrafunk

Jeb Bush Orchestra 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Wednesday Residency: Gentle Temper

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Strummerville Ukulele Club 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | February 20

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|February 21

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

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

Friday February 22

East Branch Library

Saturday February 23 **Central Library** Yoga For Success

9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Two Films by Director Peter Miller 1 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Getting Cozy at the East Branch 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Winters Farmers Market

East Branch Library

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards**

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

Sunday | February 24 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God

Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday February 25

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Laurie!

Family Groups

Holland St

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop with

Smith College School for Social Work 6 p.m.-8 p.m|79 Library

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway **Tuesday**|February 26

Central Library Handicapped accessible icon University of Massachusetts Lowell Physical Therapy Focus Group

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Learn English at the Library

Wednesday February 27 **Central Library**

5:30 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Mystery Book Club 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

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

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

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

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

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.)

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health Study – Are you starting to have problems with your memory or have trouble climbing stairs? Engage B might be right for you. 24 week study for people 60 to 89 years of age. Call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@Somervillema.gov for questions and additional information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foxwoods Casino - Tuesday, April 16. \$25 per person.

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

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

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

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

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

ABBA Tribute – Thursday, April 25 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Adventure Group - Please call for details *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Been Out Here Teen Open Mic

Teens from Somerville's Center for Teen Empowerment and elsewhere gathered at the Arts at the Armory on Wednesday, February 13, for an Open Mic event where kids from the community presented their poetry, music, etc., to an appreciative audience of their peers. The Been Out Here Teen Open Mic takes place at the Armory every second Wednesday of the month.

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2019 SMC Honors Gala

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



Evening Agenda

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

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.: Awards program

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

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

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

2019 SMC Honors Nominees List

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best News Production: In Transit, Technotrash, Greater Somerville

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4:00pm	Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty"					
6:30pm	Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping					
7:54pm	SPD Hit & Run Press Conference - 2.14.19					
8:00pm	MLK Day Celebration					
8:48pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19					
9:00pm	Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation					
9:45pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19					
10:00pm	Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing					
11:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol					
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12:00am	Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B"					
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8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout					
9:00am	Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation					
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SHS Boys' Basketball vs Danvers

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SHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg.

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School Committee Meeting - 2.4.19

Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 7:00pm 7:30pm City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan 8:00pm Tuskegee Airmen 9:00pm Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing 10:00pm Legislative Matters Committee Friday, February 22 1:00am Tuskegee Airmen

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Sunday, February 24 12:00am City Council - Finance Committee MLK Day Celebration 2:00am Legislative Matters Committee 3:00am 8:30am Fit-4-Life #4 8:50am SPD Hit & Run Press Conference 9:00am City Council - Finance Committee 11:00am Tuskegee Airmen Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:00pm Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing 12:30pm Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 1:30pm SPD Hit & Run Press Conference - 2.14.19 2:54pm 3:00pm Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing 6:00pm 7:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B'

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City Council Meeting - 2.14.19

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10:30pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education" SomerViva em Português Wednesday, February 27

School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19 12:00am 3:00am GLX Open House - 1.30.19 Adult-Use Marijuana 3:10am

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SHS Boys' Basketball vs MC

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Public Domain Theater					

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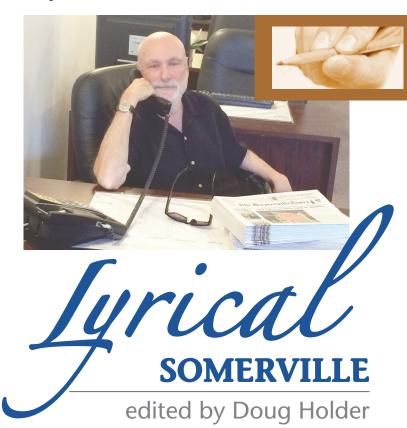
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ALL THE TIME

Poets stroll along dirt roads. The road has no end. --Adam Zagajewski

That's certainly true for me, but not just the dirt roads any roads, all the roads will do. I know they extend

far into the galaxies, every side full of dread and wonder, crooked arrows I can take a lifetime turning and turning

into and out of, women waving scarves and calling my name the closer I get, the ultimate end where friends who have died

are waiting, rooting for me to hurry it up, waiting to say "How can we start the party without you?" There's poetry

that will break your heart. What better honor could they accord this wise guy who's been heading in that direction all the time.

— Tim Suermondt

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- 4. Katharine Hepburn and Barbra Streisand
- 5. Sidney Poitier for his role in Lilies of the Field
- 6. Bob Hope, 19

- 7. Pass Slip Stitch Over
- 8. Michelle Pfeiffer
- 9. Emmitt Smith 18,355
- 10. Water
- 11. The inner core and growing bud of certain palm trees
- 12. A human-powered land vehicle with one or more wheel most commonly the bicycle

OFF THE SHEL

by Doug Holder

A Conversation with Lloyd Schwartz:

Somerville's New Poet Laureate

I have seen Lloyd Schwartz in various venues over the years. I read with him once, and had the occasion to talk to him a few times. Of course, I knew of his many accomplishments, his poetry, his body of work, his Pulitzer-Prize winning music criticism, his Elizabeth Bishop scholarship, etc.

Over the years I had lobbied for the creation of the Somerville Poet Laureate position, and finally Greg Jenkins, the director of The Somerville Arts Council, Harris Gardner and myself created the position, got the mayor's blessings, and formed a committee.

As it so happened I wound up on the committee that voted for Lloyd Schwartz for our third poet laureate. On a balmy day in February - the very day the Patriots marched through Boston with another Super Bowl win - I met with Schwartz at my backroom table at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square, Somerville.

Schwartz is easily recognizable with his shock of white hair, a slight scholarly stoop, and a flowing white, biblical beard. But if you look behind your initial take you will notice a man with child-like eyes, seemingly receptive, amused, and full of curiosity. They are not glazed over from that "been there, done that" of someone with a long and distinguished career.

Doug Holder: First off you had a poetry column in the Boston Phoenix for a number of years. This inspired me to have my own in The Somerville Times.

Lloyd Schwartz: Yes. I had that in the book supplement, the Phoenix Literary Section, for four or five years. I thought that this was the best book section in Boston. I was the poetry editor and I picked the poems. Years after the supplement closed people were still submitting poems.

DH: You have had a long and illustrious career. Why now did you decide to apply to be the Somerville Poet Laureate?

LS: That's a good question. It is nice that I have the title. I think I have lived in Somerville now for over thirty years, and it feels like home. It is such an interesting community, such a changing community. Somerville is probably the most densely populated city in the USA. It has been voted an All-American city three times. A lot of poets live here.

Somerville has had two previous poet laureates, like Gloria Mindock, Nicole Perez Dutton, each of them very different from the other. It means something to me to represent the city. I thought why not give it a shot? I told the committee that I have devoted my life to poetry, and teaching poetry. I have tried to convey my own passion to students. I thought, "Why not do that with my neighbors?" It is a new adventure. Maybe I can make a difference.

DH: Part of your vision for the poet laureate is to have elements of former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky's "Favorite Poem Project," in which the regular, non-poet kind of men or women can talk about and read their favorite poem.

LS: Yes. I have been advised to get a space first and establish dates, and then bring it to the mayor's attention. I really want to have the mayor part of this. I bet anything that the mayor has some poem or poetry that has been important to him. I don't want poets to be a part of this, at least not initially. I want people who are not necessarily part of the poetry community. I want regular folks to read a poem that was important to them, and explain why the poem is important to them. We need something like this.

DH: You are known as an accomplished music critic and poet. What did you start out wanting to be?

LS: I wanted to be an actor when I was a kid. I was acting in children's theater from the very start. One of the things I liked about theater was how much team effort was involved. Everyone connected for a show, working together for a successful event. Later I went to Queens College in New York City. One of the first things I did was go to a meeting of the drama club. I was really shocked that everyone there seemed incredibly self-important. This was not the kind of theater that I wanted to be part of.

The following week I went to a meeting of the literary magazine. The magazine was titled Spectrum. There were some remarkable writers there, some of whom went on to be fairly well-known. I felt a sense of community there that I didn't feel with the drama club. Later I became editor of the school magazine. I was also part of the more radical school magazine, New Poems.

Actually, I wasn't interested in poetry until my senior year in high school. I had a great English teacher – who loved poetry - and did everything he could to get us interested. I remember he used to leap on his desk and recite Shakespeare.

DH: You grew up in a working class family in Brooklyn. You said it was fortunate you had the option of a city college. LS: Oh yeah. My father worked in a sweatshop in the garment industry. He was from Romania. He never learned to

read or write in English. He was an extremely bitter man. My mother stopped working in the 1940s. Queens College, a city college, was essentially free. I couldn't have gone to college otherwise, because we didn't have the money. I got a Woodrow Wilson scholarship to go to graduate school at Harvard.

DH: Was Harvard a culture shock for you?



LS: Yes and no. But it was a great adventure for me. You know I always loved music. I used to go to shows with my mom, I took it all in. I remember I moved into my first floor room on Oxford St. near Harvard's Natural History Museum. It was a hot day in August, my window was opened, and I heard a passerby whistle a theme from Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra. I thought this was fantastic. The best thing that came out of graduate school was the friends I made, especially other poets, like Frank Bidart, and later the poet Elizabeth Bishop.

DH: Did you take a workshop with Lowell at Harvard?

LS: I never took his official workshop. I was a regular member of what was called his "office hours." This was opened to anyone, whether you were from Harvard or not. People came off the street to share their poems. It was an amazing group of people. I went every week for years.

DH: How did you meet Elizabeth Bishop?

LS: I met her through my friend Frank Bidart. I loved her poems. In 1970 she replaced Lowell and gave a reading at Emerson Hall in Harvard Yard. Frank asked her if he could introduce his friend Lloyd Schwartz. I said to her, "I really love your poetry." She replied, "Oh, thank-you," and walked away.

She was very shy, also self-conscious. She also had a drinking problem. She was an odd alcoholic. She would go on binges. If she had one drink, she was over-the-top. When she wasn't drinking she was fine, very caring. At the time I had been struggling with my PhD thesis. So I decided to change my topic. So I thought, "What about Elizabeth Bishop?" I think we became friends around 1974 or 1975. I called her up and asked, "How would you feel if I write about you?" She said, "There isn't much to write about." I said, "Let me worry about that." I had to promise that I would finish my thesis."

One thing Bishop couldn't stand was talking about herself. But she agreed to meet with me as long as I finished the thing. When I met with her she would talk about the circumstances around the poems but she would not talk about interpretation. She never got over the feeling of not being an academic. She questioned the worth of poetry itself.

DH: Did you ever meet Denise Levertov when she lived

LS: I never met her. She did teach at U/Mass. One of my first professional reviews was in the Boston Herald. It was a review of a new book of hers. I thought it was awful. I hated to do it, but I panned it. But this is the critic I think I am. I have to say what I think. Her poetry in this case was very political and I thought it didn't succeed as good poetry. I went out of my way to avoid meeting her because of that review. It is hard to write good political poetry.

DH: What do you find unique about Somerville?

LS: Somerville has changed a lot. I bought my house here in 1984, in East Somerville. I used to live in Cambridge, and I loved Cambridge. Eventually I lost my apartment. Then I came into some unexpected money. I found a house I could afford.

The whole neighborhood was Italian and Irish. A resident told me that you could tell the difference between an Irish and Italian household by looking at their front yard. An Italian family would have tomato plants next to their Madonna statues, the Irish family would not. Way back then Vinny's Restaurant opened on Broadway. Great Sicilian food. I still eat there today.

But the community has changed. Now I live next door to a Haitian minister and his family. It is a much more inclusive area. Just look at all the varied new restaurants that line Broadway. Somerville has changed radically. We now have the Assembly Row Mall. If you had told me in the past I would someday be able to walk to a Brooks Bros. store from my house - well, I wouldn't have believed you. I just find the city so much more interesting - with all the young folks coming in – all the ethnic groups in the mix. I am lucky to be here. I would never sell my house, unless they had to cart me away to some nursing home





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