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City edges closer to having a Council



 $Goodbye\ Board\ of\ Aldermen, we lcome\ City\ Council, as\ the\ current\ membership\ pushes\ for\ a\ change\ of\ name$ for its body of legislators.

By Jim Clark

After much recent discussion within the community and among civic leaders, a change in the name of Somerville's legislative representatives from Board of Aldermen to City Council is most likely soon to be a done deal.

At the latest regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, an order was put forward asking that the City Solicitor prepare a home rule petition to make the name change official.

The suggested home rule petition would amend the City Charter as follows: "Section 2 of the City Charter would be amended so that the words "board of aldermen" be changed to "city council." Further, that thereafter in said City Charter, the term "city council" replace "board of aldermen" wherever it appears in said City Charter. Further, that wherever the term "alderman" appears, it be replaced by the term "city councilor" wherever it appears in said City Charter."

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Somerville Museum showcases the art of putting things together

By Emily Blackwood

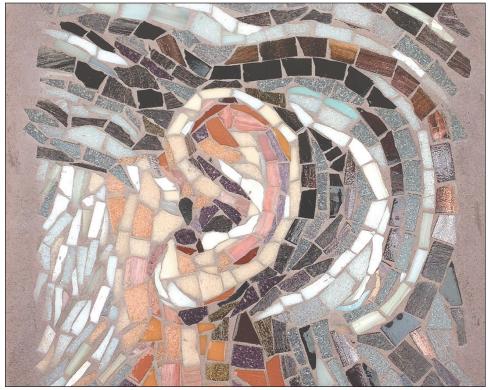
Some forms of art can be a little intimidating for those who doesn't believe they possess the creative gene. But with mosaic, mistakes are not only acceptable, they're encouraged.

"You don't have to be perfect about everything," mosaic artist and exhibition co-curator for the New England Mosaic Society Karen Edlund said. "You can cut up pieces of glass or pottery. You can break your grandma's plate and put it back together and it doesn't have to be perfect."

Edlund is one of 60 artists and members of the society who are featured in the upcoming exhibition at The Somerville Museum. Four of those members, including Edlund, are Somerville residents themselves; Ann Collins, Emily Bhargava, and Liane Noddin.

"It's just different," said Edlund. "People don't always think of it as art, but as arts and crafts, but it's really a wide variety of expression."

After a decade of creating



Continued on page 5 Ear by Liane Noddin, part of the upcoming mosaic works exhibition at the Somerville Museum.

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School vacation is this week and we hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. During school vacation the Somerville Public Library has lots of activities for kids, preschoolers and teens, including a puppet show at the East Branch this Thursday. Visit their website to learn more: http://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/programs-events.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to Donna Alibrandi, who is celebrating this week. We hope she has a great day. Celebrating this week is our good friend **Denise Racicot-Kallis**. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Happy birthday to Lauren Daddio, a nice lady who we hope gets some hot chocolate on her special day. Happy birthday to an old friend, Roberta Reid Powers. We hope she enjoys her day. Happy birthday another popular lady, Celia Taylor, who is looking good with her Florida tan. We hope she has a great day. Happy birthday to Sammy Alves, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to retired Somerville Police Officer Scott Gamble. He's enjoying retirement and we hope he enjoys his birthday this week. Happy birthday Kelly Hanley Callinan, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday as well to Sam Natale. We hope he is having a great day. Happy birthday to Robert Lomanno, a nice guy with a great personality. We wish him the very best. Former Spring Hill resident and good guy Brian Barton is celebrating his birthday this week. Big time happy birthday to a real good guy, Elio LoRusso, who is celebrating this week as well. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish you a happy birthday.

We read on Boston.com that \$23M in funding has been approved for a proposed walking/bike bridge between Assembly Square and Wynn Casino. It will span 780 feet over the Mystic River. It will be the most expensive and largest walking/ bike bridge in in the Greater Boston area. The Department of **Conservation and Recreation** is building the bridge. Imagine, \$23M for 780 feet. Once again, money is no object. One final note, of course, it will be the most expensive bridge.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City to review and update gender equity policy

#nothappy says:

Social engineering at its' finest. Where are the numbers for women who have applied for these jobs and been turned down? That's the only number that would be relevant. I would suggest that more men than women wish to be firefighters or police officers. There is also a process to be hired in those positions. Firefighting, particularly and for good reason, has a rigorous physical and mental testing phase that many men don't pass much less women. Last week it was your title, now this. Can we move onto some of the important issues facing the city? Please?

FNR says:

Stephanie better go back and check her analysis. Police, fire and fire alarm are all civil service positions. This means a state wide test where only the top scorers are interviewed; this is followed by a physical endurance test that separates the best from the rest. Is the board considering by-passing this process in favor of gender equity? Be prepared for the city to pay tens of thousands of dollars in lawsuits. If you really want to promote gender equity train residents to take both the civil service test and the physical endurance test then maybe some equity will evolve. But for now as a resident I am for the best being hired regardless of their gender or race.

Lord Tennyson says:

If 9.5 percent of existing officers are women (having passed the aforementioned rigorous testing), but only 3.5 percent are in leadership positions, is that not disparity?

IHAB says:

Let's get this straight, the only way to get hired or promoted as a police officer or firefighter is to take and be the higher scorer on a standardized state wide test. So if there is no gender equity or diversity in the departments then either they are not taking the test or are not the higher scorer. Period. To the Alderperson whose father was a firefighter, you should be ashamed of yourself. You're father is rolling over in his grave for you to suggest bypassing qualified individuals for a lesser quilified candidate jeopardizing public safety in the process!

ritepride says:

I knew a great gentleman who served as a volunteer on the Somerville Auxiliary Fire Dept. He started in 1942 served up into the 1980s I believe. I asked him why he did not get on the paid fire dept. back in the 40's. He old me back then the city had 22 aldermen and if you wanted to get on the FD or PD you better have 22 white envelopes with a Hundred (\$100) dollar bill in each envelope if you wanted a job back then.

In years past there were women who served in Fire Alarm and Lieutenant positions in the Fire Dept. There are many (men/women) fire fighters who had the qualifications to move on to higher rank but did not

as by doing so they lost the function of the job that they enjoyed so much. When you move up in command on the job you can no longer be an engineer (drive/operate) the Engine, Tower/Ladder, Rescue trucks. You no longer hold the hose nozzle, operate the ladder equipment, open up walls searching for hidden fire, operate the jaws of life and other rescue equipment.

I personally knew two firefighters who remained not only in their original titles but also in the same station on the same company as they had relatives who held positions in elected office and did not move as they did not want anyone saying that they were favored. Though you can be sure that it may have happened by some.

TTT says:

As a civil servant in public safety in Somerville I thank the Lord that this board of alderman wasn't in place during my processes. I am now an officer and was hired and promoted on MERIT. I studied for and took the civil service tests and scored high each time. However each time there was a diverse candidate behind me on the list. The process is fair and I would hate to see it change for diversity purposes. Determination, hard work, studying (for hundreds of hours of studying) is how I was promoted. The Lord help the people of Somervile if this process is changed.

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Somerville pursues home rule petition to allow divestment from fossil fuel industry

The city of Somerville is fighting back against regulatory opposition that blocked it from divesting the city's pension system from the fossil fuel industry.

At its February 7 meeting, the Somerville Retirement Board approved a home rule petition that would allow it to divest from the fossil fuel industry. In June 2017, the SRB moved \$9.2 million in assets, representing 4.5 percent of the system's total funds, into a fossil fuel free index fund. The move was the first part of a four-part plan to move the retirement system's assets out of funds that include the top 200 fossil fuel companies.

But the compliance office of the state Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission compelled the board to reverse its decision on a procedural issue and later told the SRB that it couldn't engage in further attempts to divest from the fossil fuel industry, claiming that the SRB can't restrict investments from fossil fuels without a state law directing it to do so.

In response, the SRB has drafted a home rule petition that, if ultimately approved by the state Legislature, would establish the board's authority to divest from the fossil fuel industry. Representative Denise Provost suggested this approach to the SRB at their November 2017 meeting. Fossil Free Somerville supports the

SRB as it seeks to make prudent investment decisions that take into account dangerous long-term trends.

"I am thrilled the retirement board is pursing the home rule petition," said Samantha Akiha, of Fossil Free Somerville. "They are passionately committed to moving ahead on divestment, and I commend them utilizing all possible paths forward."

"Our retirement board's decision to divest from fossil fuels is not just good policy, it puts them in good company"

Divestment from the fossil fuel industry has been a priority in Somerville for years. Mayor Joseph Curtatone has been calling for divestment since his 2014 inaugural address, and the Board of Aldermen passed a nonbinding resolution in support of divestment that year after Fossil Free Somerville led a successful petition drive.

"Our retirement board's decision to divest from fossil fuels is not just good policy, it puts them in good company. A growing number of financial enti-



ties, colleges and governments - from the City of New York to the nation of Norway and the World Bank -- view fossil fuels as both a financial risk and as the wrong choice for our planet," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "No city should be forced to sit on the sidelines and watch as climate impacts intensify and their pension funds are exposed to foreseeable risks. Cities must be empowered to take action now.

The Board of Aldermen is currently reviewing the home rule petition. If it is approved by the board and the mayor, the petition will be submitted to the Legislature. Fossil Free Somerville believes it could provide a framework for other communities to divest their pension funds.

"Despite various setbacks, I am proud of the SRB's steadfast commitment to do what's right not only with their fiduciary responsibility but also to combat the threat of climate change with divestment," said Victoria Gasidlo, of Fossil Free Somerville. "It is my hope that the Board of Aldermen expedites the home rule petition so Somerville can continue to lead and pledge to be carbon neutral."

— Fossil Free Somerville

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Residents sought for Appointments Advisory Committee

Applications are now being accepted for positions on Mayor Joseph Curtatone's recently established Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC). The committee will be tasked with reviewing applications and making recommendations for vacant Mayor-appointed posts on boards and commissions with regulatory or decision-making authority.



Individuals on the AAC will be entrusted with making nonpartisan and informed recommendations for appointments to critical boards and commissions that serve the community such as, but not limited to, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Ethics Commission. Members will be expected to review applicants based on relevant qualifications and skills and their ability and commitment to represent and serve the interests of the entire community. Members will also be required to uphold all equal opportunity standards.

The city will continue to be responsible for advertising and accepting applications for vacant board and commission seats as they become available. At the close of the application period, all applications will be sent to the AAC to review the applicants' qualifications and eligibility. The committee will then present their recommendation to the Mayor who will make the final selection and submit it to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation, as required.

The AAC will be composed of three members, all of whom must be Somerville residents. Members will serve for a 1-year term and meet as needed when vacancies arise.

Once the application period concludes, the Administration will select two residents and the President of the Board of Aldermen will select one resident from the applicant pool.

Interested residents who wish to apply for the Appointments Advisory Committee should submit their name, address, telephone, email address, and a brief statement outlining their interest and any relevant qualifications by Monday March 5. Information can be submitted by emailing aconnor@somervillema.gov by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on March 5, or by mail with a postmark on or before March 5 to Attn. Annie Connor, Legislative Liaison, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. This is a volunteer position.

EWEEK IN CIR By Jim Clark

Facebook threats taken very seriously

Somerville Police received a tip last Saturday that a man, later identified as Tyreek Smith, of Medford, had posted threats of violence on Facebook.

In investigating the matter, a whole bunch of people who

police located the post in question, dated February 17, wherein Smith reportedly stated, "I wanna shoot up a school that s**t would be fun, just shooting think the matter in the head."

Smith reportedly added the hashtags #imnottho and #sikeyaneveerno. followed by #sueme.

The post reportedly got a comment from a female mentioned

the Full Circle School in Somerville. Other people responded to the post as well.

More information was gathered that Smith is the younger brother of someone who is well

known to the SPD and could have access to fire arms.

Smith was subsequently located and placed under arrest, charged with false bomb threat and threat to commit a crime.

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Arrests:

Alam Deoliveira, of 221 London St., East Boston, February 13, 1:06 a.m., arrested at Glen St. on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jeffrey Solomon, of 1370 Broadway, February 13, 5:39 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of conspiracy and shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise.

Adrianna Sousa, of 48 Laurel St., February 14, 3:05 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and juror failure to appear.

Luis Lizardo, of 48 Waverly St., Roxbury, February 15, 5:06 p.m., arrested at Glen St. on charges of armed robbery and

attempt to commit a crime.

Jonathan Kitchen, of 39 Boylston St., Boston, February 15, 9:50 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on charges of shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Antonio Dasilva, of 43 Sargent Ave., February 16, 5:33 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of unregistered motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Shaheim Grant, of 52 Glen St., February 17, 12:44 p.m., arrested at home on charges of distribution of a class D drug, drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school, and assault and battery.

Tyreek Smith, of 52 Evans St., Medford, February 17,

8:10 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on charges of false bomb threat and threat to commit a crime.

Robert Komnenus, of 359 Medford St., Apt. 1, February 18, 4:59 p.m., arrested at Union Square on warrant charges of distribution of a class B drug, motor vehicle lights violation, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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change, Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. told the Board, "For the many years I've been on the Board folks have questioned where does the name Board of Aldermen come from, what does it mean."

White reminded the Board that the term meant "elder men" or "elder statesmen" and that in this day and age it is hardly appropriate for this name to be continued in use.

"If we were today meeting to name the form of government that the city should have - it was a fresh start – would anyone come up with the name Board of Aldermen," White asked. "I don't think so."

White pointed out that the name Board of Aldermen was an old English term, from English law. "There was a Board of Aldermen and then there was a

Common Council for all municipalities," said White. "When cities were formed in this country, especially in Massachusetts, the cities adopted the same model.

"It became a relatively unwieldy way to run a city, even in the late 1800's," White continued. "So most communities around the turn of the century decided to go to one body."

According to White, most communities took the name City Council, but some retained the term Board of Aldermen for the one municipal body, as Somerville did in 1890.

"Right next door in Boston when they made the switch, they went to City Council," said White. "Right next door in Cambridge when they made the switch, they went to City Council. Other communities, like Somerville, kept the name, but as time went on they've changed them as well. Chelsea changed it to City Council. Newton just recently changed it to City Council. Everett changed it to City Council."

White went on to point out that in England the name Board of Aldermen was abolished in 1972 under their Municipal Reform Act. They too changed to Council.

"So when you look across the spectrum of all communities, it seems appropriate to name it City Council," White stated. "I think the time has come because in this community it's not a majority of senior men who live here. The majority is women, and it is one of the youngest communities with a median age of 31."

Virtually the entire Board signed on to the order and many



Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. has been a vociferous proponent of changing the name of the civic governing body to City Council.

voiced their support for the change at the meeting.

It was determined that the order should be referred to the Legislative Matters Committee for recommendation and review of the home rule petition that the City Solicitor would prepare.

On February 15, the Legislative Matters Committee voted unanimously to approve the change of name from Board of Aldermen to City Council.

It will go before the full Board this week for a final vote to make

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mosaic pieces, Edlund believes it's an art form that anyone can learn.

"It's a forgiving art," she said. "If you put a piece there and you don't like it, you can pick it up. And the grout can cover up any holes or mistakes. You can make it your own."

The show coincides with the 2018 Society of American Mosaics Conference that's coming to Boston March 13, and will also feature the work from three internationally known mosaic artists, Cyn-

thia Fisher, Isabel Margolin, and Lisa

From February 22 to April 7, over 60 different pieces of mosaic art will be showcased. Workshops for both children and adults will also be available throughout the exhibition.

You can find out more about the show by visiting www.somervillemuseum.org or by attending the exhibition's opening reception from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on February 25.



The Fight for Freedom by Emily Bharoava.



Detail from The Sacred Quetzal by Karen Edlund.



Patchwork by Ann Collins.

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Somerville resident honored at AFCEA International Conference



Sarah Loerzel was honored at an Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) International conference held in San Diego, CA, last week. Loerzel is a resident of Somerville, MA.

AFCEA International is a non-profit association serving the military, government, industry and academia as an ethical forum for advancing professional knowledge and relationships in the fields of communications, information technology, intelligence and global security.

Loerzel received the prestigious New England-Upstate New York Region's Distinguished Young AFCEAN Award for her outstanding contributions to AFCEA's Lexington-Concord Chapter.

Loerzel was commended for her role as Young AFCEAN Vice President of Membership, where she spearheaded Chapter efforts in recruiting young engineers in Hanscom Air Force Base. She has also personally inspired attendance at Chapter events, including the "Run for STEM 5K," membership luncheons and annual Gala.

Loerzel was also cited for her personal involvement in community projects, from judging at high school science fairs, assisting in Hanscom's ScienceShare program, helping scholarship participants and serving as proctor/grader at MathCounts Competition.

In the words of AFCEA Lexington-Concord Chapter President Pat Dagle, "Sarah Loerzel is truly a model Young AFCEAN who has distinguished herself personally and professionally."

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representative's votes on roll calls from the week of February 12-16.

RIGHTS OF CONSUMERS ON CREDIT REPORTS (H 4232)

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate legislation that would prohibit consumer reporting agencies, like Equifax, Experian and TransUnion from charging fees for freezing and unfreezing a person's credit information. Under current law, companies can and have charged up to \$5 per freeze or unfreeze. A freeze makes the report inaccessible until the consumer unfreezes it. Since banks and other lenders require access to the borrower's credit report before giving a loan, this greatly reduces identity thieves from getting a loan or credit in another individual's name.

The proposal gained momentum following the 2017 crisis when from May to July the personal information including names, social security numbers, addresses, driver's licenses, and credit card numbers of 145 million Americans was stolen from Equifax's systems. Equifax didn't reveal the breach until September and consumers lost valuable time to act.

Other provisions prohibit businesses from obtaining a consumer's credit report without obtaining written, verbal or electronic consent from the consumer; shorten the waiting period to implement a freeze; allow consumers to request a freeze by phone or electronically; require notice of any breach to be sent out immediately even if the scope of breach has not yet been determined; require credit monitoring services to be available for one year for some consumers affected by a breach and establishes additional protections for minors and incapacitated adults.

"Every year, thousands of Massachusetts residents become victims of credit fraud, costing them millions of dollars, collectively," said Rep. Jennifer Benson (D-Lunenburg), the sponsor of the original bill. "I filed legislation last year to make it easier to freeze consumer credit reports so that victims of fraud could more quickly regain control of their credit and their lives. After the Equifax breach, I worked with the attorney general and advocates to strengthen the bill with additional language offering further protections."

"Massachusetts will become the fifth state to provide free credit freezes to all residents," said Rep. Tackey Chan (D-Quincy), one of the bill's sponsor. "[The bill] updates current laws to reflect the modernization of our world, with the addition of electronic and verbal communications procedures for consumers' interactions with consumer reporting agencies."

"Older adults are increasingly the target for identity theft, and one of the most effective ways to protect consumers is through a security freeze, which safeguards a person's credit report," said Michael Festa State Director of AARP Massachusetts. "Without access to this information, identity thieves would be unable to obtain credit in that person's name, minimizing potential for fraud."

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

EXPAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM (S 2297)

Senate 35-0, approved and sent to the House a bill expanding the Community College Training Incentive Program. According to the state's website, the program "encourages public community college training opportunities that promote workforce development, minimize the shortage of skilled workers and raise economic opportunity. Grants are awarded through this program to expand vocationally oriented course offerings and develop partnerships with Massachusetts employers."

Under current law the program is only available to "not-for-credit students." The bill would expand the program to allow "for credit students" to take advantage of the program.

"While the commonwealth laudably helps not-for-credit students obtain job-related skills, no sound policy rationale exists for making a course for a biotechnology technician degree ineligible for a training incentive grant," said bill sponsor Sen. Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell). "Given the need to increase our talent pipeline, my legislation improves the status quo by expanding the program to include for-credit courses so that community colleges can more effectively educate our future workforce."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MARIJUANA SUMMIT #2 - The second Massachusetts Marijuana Summit will take place on Friday, March 2 from 8:15 a.m. to noon at the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Center, 10 Winter Place in Boston. The doors open at 7:30 a.m.

The event, open to the public and sponsored by the State House News Forum, features a keynote address from Cannabis Control Commissioner Shaleen Title, as well as two expert panel discussions of topics including the industry's regulation by the state, the federal government's threat to the industry and the financial hurdles faced by retailers and other players.

"As one of the region's most reputable news sources, the State House News Service has truly encapsulated a forum that brings all the industry stakeholders together to discuss this burgeoning industry," said Aaron Bluse, president and CEO of marijuana grower and retailer Altitude Organic Corporation and one of the panelists. Bluse said the first Marijuana Summit in November was a big success and that he saw the value first-hand in bringing this group together to discuss an amazing plant and its implications for the Massachusetts economy. "With twelve licenses in Colorado and as one of the nation's longest standing licensed cannabis businesses, we look forward to sharing our unique perspective and providing substantive information," he said.

"Anyone interested in participating directly or indirectly in the new cannabis industry would be wise to attend the March 2 summit," said Jim Borghesani, one of the panel's moderators and Director of Communications for "Yes on 4," the campaign that was in the forefront of the successful effort to legalize marijuana. "The organizers have already demonstrated a knack for putting together panels with deep knowledge of current happenings in the regulatory process and practical insight into what to expect moving forward. I have no doubt that the upcoming summit will be as helpful as the first."

Other panelists include Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone; Meg Sanders, Managing Director of Revolution Clinics; and Jim Smith, former state representative and partner in Smith, Costello & Crawford, a consulting, lobbying and law firm specializing in regulatory and legislative policy.

The doors open at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, pastries and networking and the program begins at 8:15 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mass-marijuana-summit-ii-new-regs-federal-threat-financial-hurdles-tickets-42277590411 or by contacting David Art at dart@massterlist.com or 617-992-8253.

PROTECT ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE (S 2296) – The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would require health insurance companies to issue "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB) summaries only directly to the patient even if the patient is not the primary subscriber. Currently, most insurers send the forms to the primary subscriber.

"Patient confidentiality is a foundational element of the patient-provider relationship," said Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), the lead sponsor of the bill. "Unfortunately, young adults, minors or victims of abuse are often reluctant to seek certain types of treatment, fearing that their personal health information will be disclosed to a parent or spouse. This bill is a crucial step to ensure all Massachusetts residents can safely access the health care services they need."

"We all deserve the right to seek medical attention without risking personal harm or stigma, and I'm proud that the Senate passed the [bill] today, which will guarantee privacy for all patients including those seeking services for sexual and reproductive health, domestic violence or sexual assault and mental health and substance use," said Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton).

BUY LOTTERY TICKETS ONLINE (S 134) - A bill before the Senate Ways and Means Committee would allow the Lottery to sell tickets online.

Supporters say that allowing online sales would likely increase Lottery sales and reach a younger, tech-savvy market.

Opponents argue that online sales would hurt many small mom-and-pop stores that currently sell tickets and increase gambling among people who cannot afford it.

Currently, five states – Georgia, Illinois, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania – sell lottery tickets online.

ASSESSMENT ON PAINT (H 4136) – The Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a public hearing on a bill that would create a mandatory program, run by paint manufacturers, to coordinate the collection, recycling, reuse and environmentally sound disposal of used leftover house paint purchased by consumers. The program would be funded by the manufacturers adding a fee to paint sold in the Bay State.

The bill mandates that under the plan, at least 90 percent of residents must have a collection site within a 15-mile radius and at least one collection site is established in each city and town with a population of 50,000 or more.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



Supporters say this environmentally friendly and fiscally responsible program will increase the recycling of paint, save millions of dollars in paint disposal costs for cities and towns and create many green jobs. Some opponents say the fee is nothing more than an unnecessary tax on consumers already overburdened with taxes. Others say this would create a slippery slope which could lead to this type of recovery system and tax on other items including spray cans, pillows, mattresses and tires that the government would decide are required to be handled the same way.

\$15 MILLION FOR PUERTO RICO STUDENTS (H 4242) – House and Senate approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a fiscal 2018 supplemental budget.

Provisions include \$15 million to help school districts educate students who came to the Bay State from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Maria and Irma. Another \$420,000 is for the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) to hire additional employees and to conduct training on sexual assault and harassment to address the recent rise in these complaints.

Supporters said the \$15 million will help reimburse cities and towns for the additional costs of absorbing an estimated 2,400 new students who fled here with their families following the hurricanes. They argued that the additional funding for the MCAD is needed in order for the agency to do its job.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Our political system is completely corrupted by big

money and insider politics. To change it we need principled candidates, who cannot be bought, with a bold vision and who will offer an alternative to the establishment by advocating for human dignity, environmental justice, diversity, and democracy. If you have ever thought about running for office, this is the year to step forward. — From an appeal by the Green-Rainbow Party looking for candidates willing to run in 2018 for one of four statewide offices: attorney general, secretary of the state, treasurer, or auditor.

"I won't promise you today that I won't be back some-day, somehow." — Former Dorchester Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry in her farewell speech to the Legislature following her resignation to take a job with Suffolk Construction as vice president of Northeast region, diversity, inclusion and community relations.

"She's a great friend, she was a terrific partner, wonderful, wonderful family, and I think you heard from her remarks today why she is so beloved and, frankly, why we hunger for that collaboration and collegiality in this Legislature and beyond." — Former Gov. Deval Patrick following Forry's speech.

"Let's face it, there's still far too many people dealing with this horrible addiction and this epidemic and losing their lives to it, but at least after 15 years of nothing but really bad news, at least we did see a reduction." — Gov. Baker on a report that the number of opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts fell an estimated 8.3 percent from 2016 to 2017.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many leg-

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

During the week of February 12-16, the House met for a total of eight hours and 43 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 58 minutes.

Mon. Feb. 12	House 11:06 a.m. to 12:01 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.
Tues. Feb. 13	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Feb. 14	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:34 p.m. Senate 1:08 p.m. to 4:04 p.m
Thurs. Feb. 15	House 11:00 a.m. to 3:12 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 3:23 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 16	No House session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No Senate session

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	Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ov	er the Past Mo	nth:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
82 Line	6 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	40	\$1,449,000	\$1,375,000
66 Chandler Street	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	8	\$1,500,000	\$1,525,000
28 Hawthorne St	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Other	18	\$1,549,000	\$1,575,000
23 Elston St	9 room, 5 bed, 4f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$1,795,000	\$1,915,000

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Month	:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
15 Wilson U:1	5 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$849,900	\$825,000
211 Tremont Street U:9	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$875,000	\$940,000
1 Summer St U:6	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Loft	84	\$995,000	\$1,000,000
33 Glenwood U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	24	\$998,900	\$998,000
30 Teele Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	95	\$1,044,900	\$1,010,000
33 Glenwood U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	46	\$1,178,900	\$1,164,500
79-1 Irving U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	145	\$1,199,900	\$1,200,000
290 Highland Ave U:3B	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Low-Rise	125	\$1,275,000	\$1,225,000

		Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over t	the Past Mor	ith:	
	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
	14-16 Joseph St	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,265,000	\$1,150,000
	35 Merriam St	3 unit, 20 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,269,000	\$1,240,000
	90 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	26	\$1,290,000	\$1,205,400
	52 Porter St	2 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	55	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000
	24 Belknap Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,579,000	\$1,400,000
	34 Heath Street	6 unit, 24 total room, 6 total bedroom 5-9 Family	23	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000
	255 Highland Ave	6 unit, 23 total room, 8 total bedroom 5+ Family	7	\$2,500,000	\$2,560,000
	11 Austin Street	6 unit, 34 total room, 16 total bedroom 5+ Family	125	\$2,750,000	\$2,500,000
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SHS Girls Basketball Senior Night

The Somerville High School Girls Basketball Senior Night was held last Thursday evening just before the home game against Gloucester. Flowers and candy were given to the seniors, along with a Dr. Seuss book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, from Coach Sheila Freitas-Haley, who also thanked her assistant coaches Indira Evora and Karina Duran by presenting them with flowers. Melina Pimental's mother paid for a DJ to play during the last home game of the regular season. The seniors now head into the playoffs for the upcoming tournament games.





#2 Destiny Augustin – "Force on the court"



#5 Melina Pimental, Captain – "Silent Leader"



#20 Jennifer Cremone, Captain – "Born Leader"

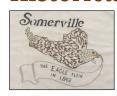


#31 Emily Sabatino, Captain – "Motivational Leader"



— Photos by Bobbie Toner

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

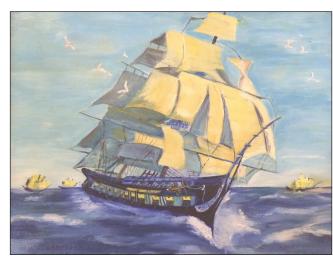


Eagle feathers #147

The Eagle of the Sea

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The Navy's U.S.S. Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides or the Eagle of the Sea, is one of New England's main historic attractions. Launched in 1797, the 220-year-old wooden navy frigate is the oldest floating, commissioned war ship in the world. She is a National Historic Landmark and for over two centuries has more than honored that distinction.



Located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, she draws about 530,000 visitors each year to explore beneath her rigging. One of the long list of commanders of the Constitution was Somerville native Richard Bradford Amirault, who led her from 1991 to 1995.

"Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute" was the rallying cry for America's victory over Tripoli, and the Constitution led the way. She was the flagship of the Mediterranean Fleet that helped defeat the Barbary Pirates. One of the heroic officers who gave his life during that war was Commodore Richard Somers, Somerville's namesake. He planned his last mission on September 4, 1804, while on board Constitution; but, regrettably, never survived to return to her deck.



A few years later, the American Navy found itself at war once more. This time it was with England, and the Constitution again built on her legendary fame for the part she played. It was the War of 1812, and during this time she acquired a new nickname after her defeat of the British ship, Guerriere. During this battle, the enemy's cannon balls repeatedly bounced off her rugged oak hull causing the American chant, "Her sides are made of iron." Old Ironsides went on to achieve a perfect battle record ... never boarded, never defeated.

Throughout her gallant history, the Constitution has been restored many times with her most recent restoration completed in 2017. In 1830, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' epic poem, "Old Ironsides" saved her, and a century later children from across America helped

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6 tips for defusing family disagreements about care

By Carolynn Nagao-Marcotte

Differences of opinion often come with the territory when dealing with relatives. But family disagreements about care can be a huge problem when there's a crisis and a loved one's best interests are at stake.

Unfortunately, this is a fairly common situation. But a bit of preparation and a collaborative approach can make a world of difference.

I recently worked with a woman in her early 90s, who was living at home and maintaining an active social life. However, her husband had died a few years before and her children worried about her living alone.

Some of the children wanted her to move into assisted living. Others wanted her to receive in-home services. They couldn't agree on what was best. Meanwhile the mother was happy living at home and didn't feel that she needed any help.

It was a complicated situation that was starting to take a toll on their relationships. But, working together, we eventually reached consensus on a plan that addressed the most pressing needs and everyone is much happier. It wasn't quick or easy, but here are a few strategies for navigating this kind of family disagreement about care:

Start with what the elder wants. Overlooking this is a common mistake, especially

when there's a crisis. It's natural to have strong feelings about the health and well-being of a loved one, but it's also vital to respect that person's autonomy and wishes.

Asking for help isn't easy and it's fairly common for people to initially refuse in-home assistance, even if they need it. Talk about it, and really listen. Remember that you're both on the same side, and that trying to force somebody into a situation they don't want often creates more problems than it solves.

Plan ahead. Discussing the elder's wishes in advance is crucial, and it's just as important to record those wishes and designate a trusted Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy to ensure those decisions are carried out. Programs such as Honoring Choices or tools such as 5 Wishes can be very helpful here.

People often procrastinate, but a bit of preparation here can make all the difference. Instead of being divided by perceptions of what the elder may have wanted, the family can unite to carry out that person's wishes.

Respect all opinions. Say there's a crisis, where it's not clear what the elder wants and there are conflicting ideas on what to do next. This can create a potentially explosive situation.

Talking things out is a good way to defuse things, but only if there's trust that everyone's opinions will be respected. Identifying the concerns and goals of each family member is often a crucial first step toward finding consensus. And keeping everyone in the loop can go a long way toward warding off resentment.

Identify shared goals. Every family has history, and it's easy for that to bubble up during crises. Focusing on shared goals can help keep the conversation positive and minimize the chance of revisiting old conflicts.

Keep an open mind. Family members often disagree on the best course of action and become attached to just one solution, when it's possible that alternative measures could deliver better outcomes. It's best to keep an open mind while exploring

Hire a professional. An Aging Life Care Manager (ALCM) can help families reach consensus on health decisions in several ways. A good ALCM should be deft at facilitating family discussions, while also providing expertise on assessing the elder's needs, delineating their options, and recording advance directives.

Whatever course of action you take, it's important to have realistic expectations, and understand it's entirely possible your loved one isn't going to want drastic changes over the short term. A more productive tack is to identify the highest priority needs and try to address those first, with the hope of opening up an ongoing discussion about what's best for future.

In the case of the family I dis-



Aging Life Care Manager Carolynn Nagao-Marco.

cussed earlier, it turns out they weren't really aware of the services that could help their mother stay at home safely. Once they learned about that, they regrouped and decided to work together on a plan that would address their concerns and keep their mother happy.

And at the end of the day, isn't that what it's all about?

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 ways on handling family health disagreements, call CLO 617-756-1026.

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Somerville Historic Preservation Commission seeking volunteers

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) and Historic Somerville are currently seeking volunteers for the city's Docent Program, which offers guided tours and information about Somerville's historic sites.

Somerville's Docent Program operates on a scheduled basis from May through October. Public openings are offered at three historic sites, twice a month: the Milk Row Cemetery on Somerville Ave., the Prospect Hill Tower, and the Powder House in Nathan Tufts Park.

The Docent Program was started in 2012 and expanded in 2017. Each site opening is for a two-hour period. Docents are encouraged to wear clothing associated with the historic period (clothing is provided by the program). No prior experience is required, and all selected Docents will complete a training program. Docents are also invited to participate in City celebrations such as the Memorial Day Parade, First Flag Ceremony, Patriot's Day Ceremony, and others.

Interested applicants should submit a brief statement of interest and personal profile, along with full contact information, to Lois Greenbaum of Historic Somerville by emailing LoisG@comcast.net. For additional information, please contact Brandon Wilson at the SHPC at Bwilson@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2532.

COMMENTARY

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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!

Community Preservation Act FY18 Application Accepting Comments through 2/22

An estimated \$2.3 million in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding is available for historic preservation, open space and recreation land projects in fiscal year 2018. But before CPA money can be awarded, the projects need to be selected, and we need your help to prioritize the potential projects. Project information can be found at www. somervillema.gov/cpa by clicking on the 'CPA Projects' tab and then '2018 Projects.' Written comments can be submitted by emailing CPA Manager Kristen Stelljes at kstelljes@somervillema.gov by Thursday, February 22. (CPA affordable housing projects will be funded through a separate Affordable Housing Trust Fund process later this year.)

Apply to be on the City's Internet Access Task Force by the 2/23 deadline

In his 2018 Inaugural Address, Mayor Curtatone vowed that the City would explore options to preserve and expand affordable and neutral internet service across

Somerville. Earlier this month, the City announced the formation of an Internet Task Force to do just that, and interested community members are encouraged to apply to be members through February 23. Area experts willing to serve as occasional or onetime advisors are also sought for a wide range of knowledge areas from public utilities management and small cell technology to federal communications policy. Task Force members will meet with experts, conduct research, and develop recommendations to submit to the Mayor. Areas for consideration may include, but are not limited to, increasing internet service provider competition, establishing a municipal or quasi-public internet provider, and developing policies that encourage equitable access and service. To apply, send a brief statement of interest and information on any relevant qualifications to mackerman@somervillema.gov by Friday, February 23. Persons interested in serving as advisors may send their information on a rolling basis to mackerman@ somervillema.gov as well. While there is no deadline for advisors to respond, early replies are welcome.

West Branch Library Landscape Walkthrough, 2/24, and Community Meeting, 2/26

Join us on Saturday, February 24, for a walkthrough of the proposed landscape upgrades at the West Branch Library from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Branch Library. Then on Monday, February 26, at the Community Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be a community meeting to review the findings

of the walkthrough and further discuss the renovation and landscape. For more information on the West Branch Library renovation, visit www.somervillema. gov/westbranchlibrary.

When/where: Walkthrough on Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the West Branch Library, 40 College Ave. Community meeting on Monday, February 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

You too can be an Urban Agriculture Ambassador, Apply by the 3/1 deadline

The City's Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program (UAAP) is accepting applications for the 2018 class. Taught by Somerville-based Green City Growers, UAAP offers free training around urban growing techniques to 20 residents each year in exchange for 30 hours of volunteer service in garden projects throughout the city. Applicants must be Somerville residents who are at least 16 years old and are required to attend four intensive Saturday workshops. Applications and additional information are available at www. somervillema.gov/urbanag, or www.somervilleurbanag.tumblr. com, or by emailing urbanagambassadors@gmail.com. Applications are due Thursday, March 1.

Apply for the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee by 3/5

Mayor Curtatone's recently established Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC) will be tasked with reviewing applications and making recommen-

dations for vacant Mayor-appointed posts on boards and commissions with regulatory or decision-making authority such as, but not limited to, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Ethics Commission. Interested residents should submit their name, address, telephone, email address, and a brief statement outlining their interest and any relevant qualifications by Monday March 5 by emailing aconnor@somervillema.gov. More information is available at www.somervillema.gov/appointmentsadvisory.

Zoning Overhaul Public Hearing, 3/13

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

When/where: Tuesday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at City Hall in the 2nd Floor Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Ave.

Community Discussion about Central Hill Campus Parking Changes, 3/19

With site preparation for construction on the new Somerville High School building project underway, gradual changes to parking options on the Central Hill Campus (which includes City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Somerville Public Library) and the surrounding public streets have begun. All interested residents are invited to attend public quarterly meetings, with the first one taking place on Monday, March 19, where City staff will provide updates about parking changes, new data collection, and strategies for impact mitigation.

When/where: Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m. in the Somerville Public Library Auditorium, 79 Highland Ave.

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City Newsletter

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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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Dear Editor,

Rep. Christine Barber is right: "it is easy to feel distraught and cut off by what is happening at the federal level." She's also right that positive change is possible here. But she could add that taking personal action locally quashes feelings of powerlessness and despair. Barber must model for her constituents how to take effective actions.

For example, regarding one issue, Barber noted she's working on a bill to incentivize utilities fixing gas leaks. That's nice, but not enough.

In addition, Barber should join my representative Frank Smizik, who has long been a leader on climate legislation, in supporting an omnibus energy and climate bill just introduced by Senators Pacheco and Eldridge (An Act to promote a clean energy future, S.479). This

bill tackles more than just gas leaks. It bans new gas pipeline infrastructure, protects ratepayers from pipeline taxes, eliminates caps on solar net metering, sets emissions targets for 2030 and 2040, sets essential energy storage goals, accelerates plans for wind power, accelerates electrification of transportation, and requires the administration institute a market-based carbon-pricing system-of Governor Baker's choice--to begin by

2021 for the transportation sector, 2022 for the industrial sector, and 2023 for residential development. And the bill does much more.

Readers should please urge Barber to support this omnibus energy and climate bill.

It's critical to helping us feel better now.

Judy Weiss Brookline, MA

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City Council

Are we up-to-date or living in the past?

Our View Of The Times



It's been a long time coming, and some would say it's long overdue. After much prodding and pushing by certain members of the community and a few public officials, the name of our city's legislative body is about to be changed from Board of Alderman to City Council.

What's in a name, one might ask? Plenty, if you happen to be neither an "alder" (aka "elder") nor a "man." In

other words, the archaic honorific harkens back to a time when not only did (mostly old) men run things in city government, but women didn't even legally have the right to vote.

This move to change the name to City Council was championed by Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr., who recently reminded us that when Somerville became a city in 1872, it established a

Board of Aldermen because all cities in the state at that time did so, and it had nothing to do with Somerville in particular. In 1889, Somerville decided to abolish the Common Council but kept the name Board of Aldermen for its legislative body. Other neighboring cities, including Cambridge and Boston, took the name City Council after they abolished their common councils. England, where

the term "board of aldermen" originated, abolished theirs in 1972, with the exception of London. In 2011, Everett took the name City Council, and Newton followed suit in 2016.

Somerville has emerged as a forward-thinking, progressive force in the region. It only stands to reason that we should update our principal institutions as we forge ahead into the future.

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

Don't forget, if you miss the Board of Aldermen meetings on Somerville City Cable (Comcast 22, RCN 13) or online at https://www.somervillema.gov/video every other Thursday night, you can view them in their entirety by going to http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public.

The mayor wants to institute a transfer tax on those wishing to sell their homes, anywhere from 1% to 2%. which will go to the City Treasury (probably to buy some more city vehicles – doesn't it seem like everyone working for the city has one?). Did you know the city already

gets a piece of the sales tax? Check that DD slip next time you get a cup of coffee. We hear that the new current Board is excited to pass this tax on to us, the taxpayers. It seems like the city has never done a tax cut, not even once, but looks like it is in the hands of the Board of Aldermen. One wonders about the constitutionality of it.

Another thing to watch and make sure your voice is heard is the new zoning proposal as this Board of Aldermen is taking another look at the proposed changes. They will affect everyone in the city in all parts of the city. You can go online to the city website and view the suggested changes. We will keep you notified of the public hearings. As of now, March 3 at City Hall is the next scheduled public hearing. We ran a story on it a few weeks ago, so go back and read it if you haven't already.

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to join in its lifesaving mission by giving blood. The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hos-

pitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed to help those rely on blood products. Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Infrastructure work on **Powderhouse Blvd.** completed this fall. Now they need to plan the re-paving and discuss traffic dampening ideas. A meeting will be led by the **Director of Traffic & Infrastructure**, City Engineer on Monday, March 12, 6:30 p.m., at the West Somerville Neighborhood School cafeteria.

The City of Somerville is hosting a Taza Chocolate Factory Tour on Thursday, March 1, 11:00 a.m., 561 Windsor Street. Find out how Taza Chocolate grew into the amazing business it is today and why they chose Somerville as a business location. Explore the growth and harvesting of cacao, where and how the beans are sourced, and how it's turned into stone ground chocolate. Go here to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taza-chocolate-factory-tour-tickets-43102065438.

The Somerville Theatre's film series Something of Value: Sidney Poitier on Screen runs from February 23 - March 18, bringing together 15 of Poitier's greatest performances, all shown from 35mm prints. More information about these films can be found at: http://somervilletheatre.com/repertory-programs.

The City of Somerville is accepting applications for the 2018 Urban Agriculture Ambassador Program class. Each year 20 residents get free urban agriculture training from Green City Growers in exchange for 30 hours of volunteer work in gardens around the city. If you're interested, visit somervillema.gov/urbanagambassador. Applications are due March 1 and training will be held on Saturday, March 24, 31, and April 7, and 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Kennedy Pool has lots of lap swim and family swim hours. Visit their website to learn more. City-wide swim meet for Somerville students in grades 1-8 is coming up on March 3, so don't miss the opportunity to get some practice in. http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/swimming-pool

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Mardi Gras with the Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Ave. celebrated Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 13. The theme to this year's Mardi Gras was "I Love _____!" because Ash Wednesday is also Valentine's Day.

The different residents' floors, the Pavilion Residents, and the different staff departments each came up with what they "Love." The King and Queen were residents Jim and Isabel Raber.

The residents and celebrate Mardi Gras at the home because they welcome Lenten Season. It is a very holy time at the home.

They will be having the stations of the cross every Friday afternoon and visitors are welcome.







































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SPORTS

SHS Girls Basketball update - February 21













On Thursday of last week the SHS Girls Basketball teams played their last home games of the regular season against Gloucester in Somerville. Girls Varsity moved forward to the playoffs. All three teams beat Gloucester, with the Freshman scoring 18-12. Junior Varsity prevailed 36-32, and Varsity won by a score of 66-52.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #616

- 1. When is Mardi Gras celebrated?
- 2. What are the official colors of Mardi Gras?
- 3. What must people wear when riding in the parade float?
- 4. When was snowboarding first included in the Winter Olympics?
- 5. What colors are the five interlocking rings on the Olympics logo?
- 6. What are the colors of the "Olympic Rings" derived from?

- 7. Why are there 5 rings in the "Olympic Rings" logo?
- 8. What profitable business did George Washington own?
- 9. Which Presidents and Vice Presidents have won a Nobel Prize?
- 10. Which President had the most children?
- 11. What president wore a ring with a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair?
- 12. Who invented the coffee filter?

Answers on page 17

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Doors open at 6:00 p.m. – game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this citywide event go to scholarships for Somerville High School Seniors

Purchase tickets before the game: \$8 students, \$10 general admission, at the door: \$10.00 students, \$12.00 general admission.

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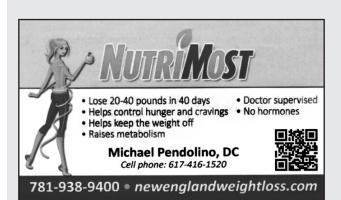
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION**

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

31 Irvington Road (ZBA 2018-12): Applicant/Owners, Ronald K. Taylor & Stacey D. Purviance, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a dormer providing head height in the stair and a bathroom to the existing 3rd floor. RA zone. Ward 7

160 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2018-15): Applicant and Owner, 160 Highland Realty Trust, John P. Murphy Trustee, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish a fifth residential unit on the site by converting an existing storage space into a studio apartment and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief. RC Zone. Ward 3.

105-107 Washington Street (ZBA 2017-91) (re-advertisement): Applicant and Owner, 105 Washington 5 LLC, seeks Special Permits with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a 7-unit residential structure in the RC zone, Special Permits under Section 4.4.1 of the SZO to extend existing non-conforming setbacks, and special permit and/or variance for parking under Article 9 of the SZO, variances for height and number of stories. RC zone.

28 Rush Street (ZBA 2018-17): Applicants and Owners, Mariano Tavares and Leonor Tavares, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to build

6 Cutter Street (ZBA 2018-02): Applicant and Owner, 6 Cutter Street, LLC, seeks special permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the non-conforming FAR by finishing the basement. RB zone. Ward 1.

31 Irvington Road: http://eepurl.com/dlsPMX 160 Highland Avenue: http://eepurl.com/dlpQgi 105-107 Washington Street: http://eepurl.com/dlsStz 28 Rush Street: http://eepurl.com/dlsTtP 6 Cutter Street: http://eepurl.com/dlsTLT

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 2/21/18 & 2/28/18.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. MI18P0232EA **MIDDLESEX Division**

Estate of: Gabriele Mancini Middle Name First Name

Also Known As: <u>Gabe Mancini</u>

Date of Death: October 20, 2017

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

Petitioner Karen Mancini of Somerville MA First Name M.I. Last Name (Citv/Town)

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

Mancini of Somerville Karen First Name M.I. Last Name (City/Town) (State)

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the

[] with [x] without surety on the bond.

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somer-

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the url associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.*** $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left$

114 Broadway (PB2017-29): Applicant/Owner, 116 Broadway LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 to approve replacement of a one-story building with a new construction 5-story mixed-use building (commercial ground floor and 8 residential units, 1 of which is an inclusionary unit with 0.6 of a unit payment-inlieu) and §6.1.22.G.7 for payment-in-lieu of parking for 11 spaces. CCD Zone. Ward 1.

114 Broadway: http://eepurl.com/dlrdWD

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm: Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at https:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in the Somerville Times on 2/21/18 & 2/28/18.

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ADVERTISTMENT

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT 8 BONARI STREET, FINANCE OFFICE SOMERVILLE, MA 02145** RFP# S2018-03

The School Committee of the City of Somerville invites sealed Proposals for a Consultant to Oversee the SomerVision for Learning Project for the Somerville (MA) Public Schools for the period March 31, 2018 December 31, 2018.

Each Proposal shall be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes clearly marked "Price Proposal for Consultant Services for the Somer-Vision for Learning Project" and a "Non-Price Proposal for Consultant Services for the SomerVision for Learning Project" in accordance with the Request for Proposal and Contract Documents which may be obtained at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145 on or after February 20, 2018 between the hours of Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All Proposals shall be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Finance Office, Somerville School Department, 8 Bonair Street, Somerville, MA 02145. There will be a Proposal review including possible interview with the finalists.

Please contact Leah Arredondo (larredondo@k12.somerville.ma.us) or call 617-629-5218 to receive the proposal and register as a proposal vendor.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on Tues-day, February 27, 2018 at 6:00pm, in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

35atSummer LLC proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone their property at 3-5 Summer St to NB.

Property owner of 125 Lowell Somerville LLC submitting a proposed zoning map amendment for certain parcels on Lowell Street, Belmont Street, Summer Street, and Highland Avenue, including the property they own at 125 Lowell Street.

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

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

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, BOA Land Use Committee To be published in the Boston Herald on February 13, 2018 and February 20, 2018

To be published in the Somerville times on February 14, 2018 and February 21, 2018

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 21, 2018 City of Somerville 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143

Russell Koty, Program Manager, 617-625-6600 ext. 2568

On or about March 1, 2018 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program (LHRD) is authorized by Section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. 4852) and funding is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31), approved May 5, 2017. The Healthy Homes Supplemental funding is authorized under Section 502 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-2). The following multi-year program/project The Somerville Lead Abatement Program will operate from January 16, 2018 through January 15, 2021. The Somerville Lead Abatement Program operates for the purpose of Lead hazard control, that is an integral part of the City of Somerville's ongoing effort to upgrade aging structures and ensure the health and safety of everyone who lives, works, plays, and raises a family in Somerville. The Somerville Lead Abatement Program's goal is to inspect and enroll 100 units and control hazards in 90 of the units, at an average cost of \$10,650 per unit. HUD will provide about \$1,703,572 in funding, the City will match at \$425,866.67, for an estimated total of \$2,129,438.67. Somerville is now the most densely populated city in New England with more than 80,000 residents living within 4.1 square miles. The amount of pre-1940 housing is fairly uniform across the City; 65% of Somerville homes were constructed before 1940. Much of Somerville's pre-1940s housing consists of owner-occupied 2-4 family homes. SLAP works with both landlords and tenants to provide funding for low-moderate income households. Residents are accepted into the program through an application and income verification process. Income verification guidelines are consistent with HUD requirements. The City of Somerville is requesting the release of \$1,703,572 in funding, the City will match at \$425,866.67 from January 16, 2018 through January 15th 2021.

The proposed hazard control activities to be funded under this/these program(s) is/are categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, but subject to compliance with some of the environmental laws and authorities listed at § 58.5 of 24 CFR Part 58. In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed and studied for the intended target area(s) listed above. Other applicable environmental laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area(s) has/have been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities have been established in this Tier 1 review: Floodplain Management, Coastal Barriers Resource Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act. In the Tiered 2 review, compliance with the following environmental laws and authorities will take place for proposed projects funded under the program(s) listed above: Historic Preservation, Endangered Species, Floodplain Management, Flood Insurance Program Requirements, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Environmental Justice. Should individual aggregate projects exceed the threshold for categorical exclusion detailed at §58.35(a), an Environmental Assessment will be completed and a separate Finding of No Significant Impact and Reguest for Release of Funds published. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at https://www.onecpd.info/ environmental-review/environmental-review-records, also at the City of Somerville, Russell Koty 33 Cross St Somerville MA 02145 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Somerville. All comments received by March 1, 2018 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville (b) the City of Somerville has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the City of Somerville has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD as follows: Karen M. Griego, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, Program Environmental Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 500 Gold Ave SW, 7th Floor, Suite 7301, Albuquerque, NM 87103-0906. Potential objectors may contact HUD directly to verify the actual last day of the objection/comment period.

Joseph Curtatone, Mayor

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board

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

To be published in the Somerville Times on January 31, 2018 and February 7, 2018, February 14, 2018, February 21, 2018, February 28, 2018 and March 7, 2018.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP 18-14 REBID

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

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Bid packages for may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema. gov/bidpostings or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Monday February 26th, 2018.

Sealed proposals will be received until Tuesday March 27th, 2018 at 11:00am. Late proposals will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

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Somerville Ave. **Project meeting**

Please join Ward 2 Alderman JT Scott, Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen, and the city's Capital Projects & Planning Department for a community meeting on Wednesday, March 14, to discuss upcoming construction on Somerville Ave. as part of the Somerville Ave. Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

The meeting will be held in the Academy Room of the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St., beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Somerville Ave. Utility and Streetscape Improvements project funding was approved on December 14, 2017. The project is currently in construction bid phase.

Construction will begin in April 2018, and addresses legacy storm water flooding issues in and around Union Square as well as streetscape improvements on Somerville Ave. between the Bow St./Washington St. intersection and Medford St.

For more information, please visit www.somervillema.gov/somervilleave.

West Branch Library meetings

Please join Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis, the Somerville Capital Projects and Planning Department, the Somerville Public Library, and the project design team for upcoming meetings to discuss plans for the West Branch Library. A walkthrough landscape meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the West Branch Library, 40 College Ave.

A full community meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church located at 31 College Ave. where there will be discussions on the findings from the walkthrough.

For more information about the project, visit www. somervillema.gov/westbranchlibrary, or contact Project Manager Robert Cassano at Rcassano@ somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 5126.



- The day before Ash Wednesday
- 2. Purple (signifies justice), gold (means power), and green (stands for faith)
- 3. Masks
- 4. 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan
- 5. Blue, yellow, black, green and red on a white field
- 6. They were meant to be made up of every competing nation's flag at the time it was designed
- 7. When first designed they
- were said to represent the five participating continents: Africa, Asia, America, Australia and Europe
- 8. Whiskey distillery
- 9. Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama and Vice President Al Gore
- 10. President John Tyler had 15 children
- 11. President Theodore Roosevelt wore it when he was inaugurated in 1905
- 12. Melitta Bentz

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | February 21

Central Library

Wilson reading tutoring 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Somerville Positive Forces

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

East Branch Library

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

Thursday | February 22

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave Lego Club!

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

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime

East Branch Library Rosalita's Puppets : The Sea Story! 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday February 23

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Teen Empowerment Event: Black History Celebration 2 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

Read-To-Bead Stringing Party 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Monday February 26

Central Library

Sing Along with Ed 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 27

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime

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

Wednesday Febraury 28

Central Library

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East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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Wednesday | February 21

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: Niamh Varian Barry (Solas) & Peter Staunton 7 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Exit 18, People Skills, Rebecca Moreland, Stairway to Zeppelin 7:30 p.m. 345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Moth: True Stories Told Live -Secrets 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Araqsana

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Thursday|February 22

Sally O'Brien's

The Ways & Means Committee 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Compa-Backroom Series: Noble Dust with Eva & The Oak|7 p.m.

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Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Blake Newman Group

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

The Loop 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday February 23

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents \$10 cover

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Monica Rizzo|7 p.m. Young Love and the Thrills 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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

Bull McCabe's

Be Nice Brass Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-

440-6045 Joshua Tree

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

Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Versus "It's Britney Bitch" Dance Party - Hosted By Sham Payne, featuring DJ Brian Derrick

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Session Americana 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. **Ghost Town**

8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. B.U.M.P|9 p.m.

Dirty Disney 10:15 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday|February 24

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Big Giant, Madame Bruja, The Daylilies \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room | Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! |4 pm.

The Beantown Buckaroos |6:30 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

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

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Thunder Road

Kids' Union Dance Party!|3 p.m. The Functionals Last Stand (Last Boston Gig Ever)|9 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

DJ J-Wall 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

KERPLUNK! 11 a.m. Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday | February 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Tsunami of Sound | 3 p.m. Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

Los Goutos 9 p.m.

Back Room Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sarah Bauhan: CD Release Party|4

p.m. Poetry & Music with Duy Doan, Skylar Kergil, & Poor Eliza |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road Sunday Funday Brunch.|10 a.m.| Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma|7p.m.

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Historic Somerville: An Afternoon with Kevin Dua 3 p.m.|Performance Hall

Cafe Rags 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

2018 Boston Marathon Fundraiser for Casa Myrna 12 p.m. The Late Risers | 2 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Monday February 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy |7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:30 p.m. Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session:9:30 p.m.

Back Room: The Secret To Getting Better Gigs|5:30 p.m. Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Learson Peak featuring members of The Indobox, lespecial, and guests 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Field Day

8:30 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 27 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Spider John Koerner 7 p.m. SYM Tuesdays |10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

McGowan|10 p.m.

345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen**

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

The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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

Thunder Road

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

Electro Politics 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Simpsons Trivia|7 p.m. Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m.

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Books and Brews: Hosted by the Somerville Public Library 6:15 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Pub Sing 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|February 28

Arts at the Armory

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

3589 The Burren

Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 Backroom Series: Robbie O'Connell with Rose Clancy 7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland Stl617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok Allstars

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

379 Somerville Ave **Highland Kitchen**

Thunder Road

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Ava Sophia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Arts Council LCC Grant Winners Reception 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | February 28

Central Library

Highland Ave

Mindfulness and Your Inner Strengths 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Working Parent Community Conver-

sations 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday February 22

West Branch Library

East Branch Library

Drop In Knitting

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

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Sustainability drop-in hours 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. 20th Anniversary of Ibbetson Street Press: Reading and Potluck 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Social Anxiety discussion group

7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

First Church Somerville

Friday | February 23 **East Branch Library**

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

program for people with problems

Saturday|February 24 **Central Library**

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

Stand-up comedian writers group 11 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Somerville Winter Farmers Market

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

Lovers

Book Group

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

Sunday|February 25 Arts at the Armory SLF February Market - Local is for

11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave 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 26 **Central Library**

Family Groups

Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Smith College School for Social Work Field Seminar 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Babywearing International of Boston

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway Tuesday February 27

Central Library Memoir Writing Workshop 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday | February 28

Postcards for net neutrality 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Central Library

Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: CENTE NIO

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class - A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Fiore's Restaurant - Monday, February 26 - \$25 includes transportation and lunch. Meal choice are salmon, lasagna or lemon pepper chicken. Check in time is 10:45 a.m. at Holland Street and 11:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

A Driving Symposium, with Lunch & Bingo - Tuesday, February 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Hear from our panel of guest speakers about staying safe behind the wheel. Followed by lunch and bingo. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lindsay Straw, Folk Singer & Guitarist – March 13 at 11:30 a.m. with a special Irish lunch then concert at 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Cost is \$5 per person - Traditional Irish ballads and classic Irish-American sing alongs. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lucky Leprechaun Super Bingo – Thursday, March 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center. \$12 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino – Monday, April 30th, \$25 includes transportation, \$10 bonus slot and a \$10 buffet. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

Finger Lakes Region – Monday, May 7 to Friday, May 11 – 5 days and 4 nights - \$989 per person double or \$1389 per person single - includes transportation, lodging, 4 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 winery, 2 casinos and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Belmont Stakes – Friday, June 8 to Monday, June 10 – 3 days and 2 nights - \$552 per person double or \$772 per person single includes transportation, lodgin, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, reserved seating for the Belmont Stakes, guided tour of the Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. For additional info or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 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 information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are February 21, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. t o 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

English Conversation – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday beginning at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English. Continue conversation throughout a healthy lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Arts & Crafts - Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Social Service Drop In – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 11:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS **SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

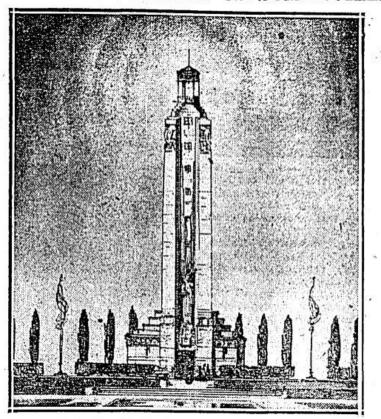
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'Toleration' Tower that never was

"TOLERATION" TOWER PLANNED BY MAYOR OF SOMERVILLE



PROPOSED "TOLERATION" TOWER AT SOMERVILLE

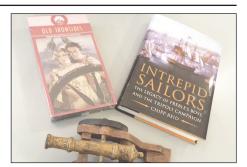
The tower, suggested by Mayor Murphy of Somerville, would be a combined radio broadcasting station and aviation beacon. It would have three chaptels, one for Protestants, one for Catholics and one for Jews, from which programs could be broadcast. It would be a monument to toleration and would be erected to mark the 106th anniversary of the burning of the Ursuline Convent in East Somerville by a mob, Aug 11, 1830. It would cost a million dollars, and, if sufficient funds are received, would be built to a height of 1500 feet, making it, by far the tallest structure in the world.

Few remember that back in 1934 then Somerville Mayor John J. Murphy proposed the construction of what he called a "Tolertion" monument, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the burning of the Ursuline Convent in East Somerville. Murphy envisioned the tower as housing multi-denominational religious groups at its base, while the rest of the structure would serve as a "World Broadcasting Station and Aviation Beacon" spreading teh idea of "Toleration" across the globe. Murphy proposed funding the monument's construction by means of an early form of crowd funding, soliciting donations from around the world. Needless to say, the structure was never built. But what a mighty sight it would have been then and now, if only the mayor's hopes were realized.

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Thursday, March 8, 7-8:30 p.m. at Malden Senior Center

It is no surprise that a free, open, and accessible internet is vital to our modern democracy. To ensure such protections, net neutrality rules were created to make sure all internet traffic is treated equally and enables freedom of the press, expression, and speech in the digital age. Despite the clear importance of net neutrality, the Federal



Communications Commission (FCC) voted to eliminate net neutrality and change the way Americans access the internet.

The public is invited to attend this panel discussion to learn more about Net Neutrality, our Internet future and what efforts are taking place to fight against this war on information access.

A stellar group of experts and advocates have been invited to join and lead the discussion. The full panel will be announced ASAP online at www.somervillemedia.org.

YOU MUST RSVP YOUR SPOT to Erica Jones at ejones@somervillemedia.org

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

Beyond Boston is a collaboration of regional community media centers whose mission is to bring awareness to topics that have impact and relevance beyond their own communities. This cohort produces a monthly regional news magazine spotlighting reporting from Boston, MA area community access centers – including Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) in Brookline, MA, Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) in Cambridge, MA, Malden Access TV (MATV) in Malden, MA and MA, Somerville Media Center (SMC/SCATV) in Somerville - in partnership with BINJ.

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:00am	Wide Angle	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	6:00pm	Beyond Boston	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	6:30pm	Hello Neighbor	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
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10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show		Tele Galaxie
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9:30pm	Reeling Review	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	10:30am	DW Conflict zone	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	5:30pm	What's new in Massachusetts?	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
10:30pm	Ojo Rojo	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	The New Tax Law and the Arts
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1:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film
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9:30am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	12:30am	SomerViva em Portuguès	7:45pm	Talking Business	11:30am	
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2:30pm	SomerViva en Español	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #2 2017	10:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 2.5.18 February 25	7:00pm	February 27
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8:45pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	2:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 2.5.18	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #3 2017	1:30am	Rally Point
9:13pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	6:30pm	SomerViva em Portuguès	9:00am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	2:00am	Multi-Lingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17
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Thursda	y, February 22	9:15pm	Rally Point				
12:00am	Senior Circuit	10:00pm		6:30pm	Talking Business	12:30pm	9
12:30am	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 2.8.18	Saturday	, February 24	6:43pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	6:00pm	MLK Jr. Day Celebration
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4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	12:00pm	3	1:00am	BOA Land Use Committee	1:00am	School Committee Meeting - 2.26.18
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:18pm	2018 Organizational Meeting	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #3 2017	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #3 2017

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Wednesda	y, February 21
9:00am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenzian
9:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS
10:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester
12:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem
2:00pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert
3:00pm	The Bilingual Brain Symposium
4:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
6:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenziano
6:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS
7:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester
9:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem
11:00pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert
Thursday,	February 22
12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett
1:30am	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
9:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Saugus
10:30am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Peabody
12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott
1:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Salem

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Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenziano

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Student of the Qtr. Awards - Argenziano

Friday, February 23

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Lawrence Kessenich won the 2010 Strokestown International Poetry Prize. His poetry has been published in Sewanee Review, Atlanta Review, Poetry Ireland Review and many other magazines. He has two poetry chapbooks, Pearland Strange News, and two full-length poetry books, Before Whose Glory and Age of Wonders.



Three of his poems were nominated for Pushcart Prizes and three read on Writer's Almanac. Kessenich has also published essays, including one read on NPR's This I Believe, and had short plays produced at festivals in Boston, New York and Durango, Colorado. His first novel, Cinnamon Girl, was published in September 2016. His latest book of poetry is titled Pearl.

Love: A Shearing

The beard was part of me—of us as it turned out—but my decision to remove it was unilateral. Perhaps, as she would later accuse me, it was an act of violence, a way to alienate, but it seemed to me our alienation

was a fait accompli. Perhaps it was a declaration of independence, for as I looked into that mirror I was moved to liberate the face beneath my ten-year-old beard, a face she'd never seen. I found a scissors

in my friend's medicine cabinet, slashed away, finishing the job clumsily from inexperience with his shaving cream and razor. Cheeks smooth and red as a baby's, I emerged. She looked as if

I'd slapped her face, instead of shaving my own, as if I were a stranger who had stolen into her life and made himself at home. Which, I suppose, is exactly who I was.

— Lawrence Kessenich

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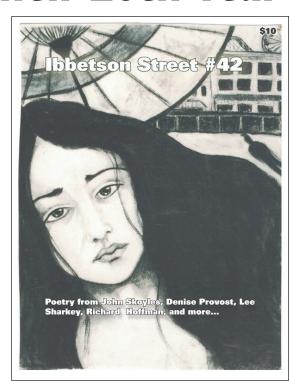
by Doug Holder

Ibbetson Street Press and Ibbetson Street magazine celebrate the new release of issue 42 and their 20th Year

Mary Buchinger Bodwell, president of the New England Poetry, published her first poem in Somerville's literary magazine Ibbetson Street. Robert Pinsky (former U.S. Poet) and Mike Ansara (founder of the Massachusetts Poetry Festival) have used adjectives like "impressive" and "distinguished" in describing this literary journal. Sam Cornish (former Boston Poet Laureate) opined about the press, "Ibbetson Press books are as varied and more provocative than most publications of poetry."

The press, founded by Doug Holder, Richard Wilhelm, and Dianne Robitaille in 1998 will be having it's 20th Anniversary Reading at the Central Branch of the Somerville Public Library on Thursday, February 22.

Now affiliated with Endicott College, Ibbetson Street has highlighted emerging poets as well as established poets like Afaa Michael Weaver, Ted Kooser, Marge Piercy, Andrea Cohen, Jean Valentine, Brendan Galvin, Cornelius Eady, and many more. It has also has published over 100 books of poetry and memoirs. In addition, it has started a Young Poet Series at Endicott College that pub-



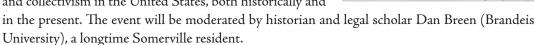
lishes the work of talented undergraduates. The potluck supper will start at 6:00 p.m., and the reading at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

An afternoon with Kevin Dua

On Sunday, February 25, join Historic Somerville for a moderated discussion with celebrated history teacher Kevin Dua.

Dua is the 2017 Massachusetts History Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He was also named a top ten finalist for the National History Teacher of the Year prize.

Recognized for his work at Somerville High School, Dua will address the roles of patriotism, freedom, individuality, and collectivism in the United States, both historically and



In addition to his other honors, the Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies recently awarded Kevin Dua with the 2017 Don Salvucci Award for Excellence in Promoting Civic Education. Each year the award recognizes one teacher in the state for their work in teaching democratic values and responsibilities.

This free event is supported by Mass Humanities and presented by Historic Somerville and the Union Square Somerville Playlist. Many thanks to support from Mass Humanities, whose grants inspire considered thought, conversation, and action through the humanities. We're happy to participate in their mission to improve civic life in Massachusetts. See more about what Mass Humanities does here: www.masshumanities.org.

The events begins at 3:00 p.m. at Arts at the Armory.

SHS student scores 1000th point

Lucas Saint Jean is pictured with Coaches Desmond and Antonelli after he scored his 1000th point on the road vs. Everett. Saint Jean joins Ron Perry (1950) and Franklin Salvador (2010) as the only three males to score 1000 points for the Highlanders. Congratulations to Lucas!







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