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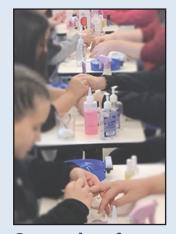
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According to studies cited at the city's Open Space, Environment, and Energy Committee meeting last week, sturdy bamboo is one alternative to plastic. Others include paper and steel.

By Denise Keniston

An ordinance regulating the distribution of plastic straws and stirrers was met with some resistance at the Somerville City Council's Open Space, Environment, and Energy Committee meeting on February 20.

The proposed ordinance would ban plastic straws and stirrers in Somerville bars and restaurants and any other public location that distributes straws.

Plastic straws are necessary for some people with disabilities. As such, an amendment to the ordinance would allow for anyone with medical needs to request a plastic straw, for example in a restaurant or bar. However, Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott believes requiring anyone with a disability to ask for a plastic straw is invasive. "I'm having a hard time getting past someone ordering their smoothie, then having to disclose to their cashier they have, for Continued on page 4

'Many Years Ago' and now there is Robin Lane

By Blake Maddux

Before establishing herself in the Boston music scene of the late 1970s and early 1980s, Robin Lane had been immersed in two very different Los Angeles entertainment realms.

Her father, Ken Lane, was Dean Martin's pianist and had - the year that Robin was born - co-written Everybody Loves Somebody, which was recorded by Frank Sinatra, Dinah Washington, and Peggy Lee before Martin took to #1 in 1964.

In the 1960s, Robin was a denizen of the Laurel Canyon singer-songwriter community. This led to her singing on a track from Neil Young's 1969 album Everybody Knows This is Nowhere. From 1968 to 1970, Lane was married to guitarist Andy Summers, who joined The Police in 1977. All the while, she

was composing her own songs in the folk-rock mode of those whom she had befriended.

In was in this musical frame of mind that she arrived in Cambridge, MA, in the late 1970s. However, she was soon engrossed in the punk scene that centered around the Kenmore Square venue The Rathskeller, or "The Rat." She formed The Chartbusters with former Modern Lovers members Asa Brebner and Leroy Radcliffe on guitar, bassist Scott Baerenwald, and drummer Tim Jackson. Robin Lane & the Chartbusters released two albums and an EP on Warner Bros. and their video for When Things Go Wrong was the eleventh one to air on MTV.

Tim Jackson used the title of that song for his 2014 documentary about Robin Lane because, for reasons that were least of all their Continued on page 7



The Robin Lane & The Chartbusters CD Release Show takes place at The Burren Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

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Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Ward 7 City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne, Somerville Police Chief David Fallon, and city staff invite you to a Powder House Blvd. Community Meeting on Tuesday, March 5. The meeting will include an update on the investigation into the February 8 fatal hit and run at Powder House Blvd. and Hardan Rd., as well as information about traffic calming measures on Powder House Blvd. Discussion will include information on the interim measures already in place, upcoming measures planned for the spring, a proposed plan for new permanent measures, and remaining options for community consideration. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.

The annual Somerville Maple Syrup Project has returned for its 16th season. It began with a local maple tree tapping on January 27 on Tufts University's campus Somerville/Medford campus. The project will culminate in the Maple Syrup Boil Down on March 16 at Groundwork Somerville's urban farm at 138 South Street, Somerville, MA. Each year over 1000 community members participates in the maple events. Go to www.groundworksomerville.org for more info.

Somerville Rotary Club will be holding a night of comedy and fun for charity. You can help out by placing an ad or buying tickets. To place an ad, email it as a PDF or high-quality JPEG to Patricia McGovern at pmcgovern@ecsb.com. Ads must be submitted by Friday, March 8. For additional information about the event, please email Gilda M. Nogueria at gnogueira@ecsb.com. The event takes place March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Giggles Comedy Club, 517 Broadway, Saugus.

Join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 City Councilor Mat-

thew McLaughlin, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, City of Somerville staff, and representatives from the GLX team for Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Letter to the Editor – February 20

Christopher says:

This.

People can make whatever excuses for it they want. But the math doesn't lie. Somerville Boards and Commissions over 98% white. And this from a City Hall that's constantly crowing about Somerville's vaunted 'diversity' and inclusiveness. Gross inequity like this doesn't just happen by chance or organically.

In Somerville, Black lives may matter enough to put on a PR-ready banner across the front of City Hall, but not enough to appoint to a City position. And to the thousands and thousands of Latino Somerville residents = Gracias, pero no gracias. Of all of the hypocrisy that we see around here, this fact - that nobody wants to talk about - may be the most shameful of all.

Villenous says:

The FRIT waiver has become my measuring stick of whether someone is a serious person. Note how the BOA/City Council hasn't touched that waiver in the past two years. They want no part of that fight. It's a lawsuit begging to be lost, and they wanted the Planning Board to be the one to have to defend a decision doomed to be overturned.

The whole thing was an exercise in posing. And seeking to stack the Planning Board with people stupid enough to take a proxy beating for the CC isn't going to serve anyone well. I'm glad we don't have a board that gets sued over frivolous decisions made for the sake of appearances.

BMac says:

If truly worried about the most at risk in the community, which is actually likely to do more for

Holding a new construction to a higher number of "affordable" units that are still out of reach of those at risk people, or SCC getting a big endowment to try to keep the actually affordable units in the neighborhoods, where the at risk live, as affordable?

BottomLine says:

Are qualified minorities making themselves available for these appointed positions and then being turned away? That would be a problem. If not, then not a problem.

And where did that 98% # come from? Any proof?

Katie Gradowski says:

Somerville is hugely dependent on white professional expertise.

It's built in at every level — in the makeup of our elected bodies, in the range of experience represented at OSPCD, in the makeup of our boards and commissions, and in the tenor of our political advocacy — and it has a persistent impact on the nature of our planning discussions.

The data on diverse leadership is well established, and the impacts are measurable — not only for communities of color, but for white communities who are adversely impacted by displacement and segregation. The measures that Ben suggests are very reasonable and should be the baseline for *all* recruiting efforts in the city. A color blind process that recruits primarily for credentials and professional expertise will push us further along the current path — a predominantly white city, designed and built for white people, with white priorities leading in every discussion.

Marjie Alonso says:

It's simply AMAZING to see white people picking nits about nonsense rather than looking at, and responding to, the issue being reasonably and well-presented by the author.

Before we comment on things we're not schooled in beyond your own opinion (sadly, opinion is not the same as fact, no matter how much we believe what we're saying), go LOOK. Read. Not just the Herald or your local Facebook group of other "yous."

Stretch. Think. Ask and learn. THEN, all comments are worth reading and considering. Until then, I'll take the guy ACTUALLY WORKING AT THIS to inform my opinions.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments





Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Wowie Kazowie! The Bozo Show



Larry Harmon's Bozo the Clown character originated in 1946 as a read along kids record. Bozo became a part of popular culture and was even the center of a Seinfeld episode. But more importantly Bozo is a piece of our Somerville/Boston childhood.

My generation is referred to as baby boomers. Many boomers in the area grew up watching locally produced kids shows such as Rex Trailer's Boomtown (boomers on Boomtown!), Big Brother Bob Emery, Major Mudd, Romper Room, Zoom and, of course, The Bozo Show. These programs gave kids the opportunity to participate in a live TV production of a show they watched religiously and loved.

The late great Frank Avruch, besides his many other important TV accomplishments, played Bozo on Boston's WHDH TV 5 from 1959-1970. After we

world's most famous clown," he would peddle on stage in the Bozo-mobile with two lucky kid guests in the front seat.

... remember what Bozo says ... "Always keep laughing!"

A happy, laughing Bozo would sing, "I am such a funny clown I love to travel round and round the circus is my home, but I always seem to roam! In a rocket ship I soar or I enjoy the ocean floor but you must know I never go unless you come along. Bozo, Bozo, always laughs never frowns Bozo, Bozo, Bozo the clown." I still know it by heart.

Bozo had a cast of characters in costume including Kookie the Boxing Kangaroo, and Mr. Lion, played by Carroll Spinney, who went on to portray Oscar the Grouch and Big Bird on Sesame Street. Other characters were Clank the Robot, and a lucky kid

child got to wear an oversized ringmasters hat and coat. There were lots of games where kids could win prizes but everyone went home with a goody bag.

When your parents brought you to the TV studio to be on Bozo it was a bit scary but very special. I was surprised to discover how many of my Somerville friends actually appeared on the Bozo show live.

Here are some of their mem-

"I went in the second grade with my Brownie troop! I won the Treasure Chest. I can still remember everything that was in it. I was so sad my mom missed me on TV because she was at work. My lucky number was 43!"

"Myself and two brothers were on Bozo back in 1964. One of my brothers was chosen to tell Bozo a riddle. As a prize he got a large Tootsie Roll container fllled with tootsie rolls."

"I was on Bozo twice! Butch for a day also! Loved that show when I was younger!"

"...I was picked to wear the big pants while the other person up with patent leather shoes and

white gloves!"

"I was on Bozo in 1966. Bozo chose me when we all raised our hands to tell a joke. I said, "What did the big chimney say to the little chimney? You're too young to smoke." I was so proud of myself. I think I got a gift for telling a joke. At least it was clean."

My own kids got introduced to the Bozo experience at Canobie Lake Park in Salem New Hampshire in the early 2000's. The Canobie Bozo was a very kid friendly and approachable fellow. My oldest son became an

him a few times and so did I.

We amassed quite an extensive collection of vintage Bozo memorabilia, some that can be seen in my son's music video The Next Night at Joeydel.com and YouTube. As Bozo would say, "Whoa Nellie!"

I was never on the old Bozo show as a kid but my sister and I were on Big Brother Bob Emery. Many Somerville friends were on the other locally produced shows, especially Rex Trailer's Boomtown, a story for another day.

You can find nostalgic clips and stories about Bozo online. In the meantime, remember what Bozo



(2) Malden, and (3) Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Medford, and Somerville.

By Jim Clark

He could have shot his eye out with that thing

A police officer on conducting traffic enforcement at the corner of Mystic Ave. and Grand Union Blvd. observed a vehicle run through a solid red light at the intersection. The officer immediately activated the cruiser's blue lights and pulled behind the car.

The vehicle reportedly slowed down but did not stop. While following the car, the officer ran the vehicle's registration, and it was revealed that the registered owner may have had a license to carry a firearm.

The officer followed the car into the Home Depot parking lot while activating the cruiser's siren. The car traveled all the way down one aisle of the parking lot, turned left, turned left again, then traveled a short distance up the second aisle before pulling into a parking spot.

The driver of the car, later identified as Joseph Lord, exited the vehicle, walked around the back, between his parked vehicle and the police cruiser, then began walking away from the officer towards Home Depot.

The officer ordered Lord to stop, at which time he reportedly looked at the officer and told him that he was not pulling him over. The officer informed Lord that he was pulling him over, and ordered him to return to his vehicle.

Lord reportedly became agitated and began shouting at the officer, calling him "a dirty cop."

The officer then called for additional back-up and ordered Lord to return to his vehicle several times, which he refused to do, all the while berating the officer and calling him a liar.

Lord reportedly stated that he did not know he was being pulled over, yet contradicted this by stating that he did not hear the siren until he was in the Home Depot parking lot.

The officer informed Lord that he was subject to arrest if he did not comply, at which time he walked over to the front passenger side door and opened it.

Lord then grabbed three arms full of trash from the vehicle, and threw it into the parking lot. Lord then entered his vehicle, on the passenger side and handed the officer his driver's license and registration, then shut the door and rolled up the window. The officer ordered Lord to roll down his window so he could communicate with him, but he refused to comply.

After backup officers arrived on the scene, it was observed that in the back of the vehicle there was a paper target with apparent bullet holes in it. After running Lord's license and registration, it was learned that Lord had a suspended license to carry, and should not have a firearm.

Police ordered Lord to exit the vehicle, and he complied. Lord was placed under arrest and handcuffed. While attempting to double lock the handcuffs, Lord reportedly reached back and tried twice to shut the car door, hitting it against an offi-

Lord's car was searched, and a BB gun designed to look exactly like a real firearm was discovered in a holster in the center console.

Lord was placed in a prisoner transport unit, after which he could be heard kicking the door or wall repeatedly. Once at the police station he was booked on charges of disorderly conduct, failure to stop for police, and littering from a motor vehicle.

During booking, Lord reportedly accused all the officers involved with his arrest of being members of the Klu Klux Klan.

Arrests:

Kenny Rodriguez, February 19, 2:15 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on charges of removal of theft detection device and shoplifting by asportation.

Alexander Ventura, of 35 Fairview Terrace, Malden, February 19, 10:06 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on

under \$1200.

Joseph Lord, February 21, 4:04 p.m., arrested at Mystic

a warrant charge of larceny Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct, failure to stop for police, and littering from a motor

Plastic straw ban may be coming to Somerville soon CONT. FROM PG 1

for example, cerebral palsy or some other non-visible disorder that requires them to use a plastic straw," said Scott.

Plastic banning, including plastics straws, is now gaining momentum. Larger American cities like Seattle and San Francisco who have passed plastic straw ordinances are still ironing out issues of enforcement.

In the meantime, several European countries, in the name of combating plastic pollution in the oceans, have begun banning various plastic products: utensils, bottles, and bags that often get thrown away after one use. In December 2018, the European Parliament signed a provisional agreement to ban ten kinds of single-use plastics - including plastic cutlery and straws - by 2021, Popular Science magazine reports.

In just the U.S. alone, one estimate suggests 500 million straws are used every single day. One study published earlier this year estimated as many as 8.3 billion plastic straws pollute the world's beaches, according to National Geographic.

Closer to home in Somerville, councilors addressed questions of accessibility reflected in the ordinance; for example, restaurants and bars offering bamboo or steel straws as alternatives and providing plastic straws only on request. Ward 5 Councilor Niedergang addressed plastic straw alternatives. "We believe that there are now more robust alternatives (to plastic straws) that will hold up to heat and water, such as bamboo and steel. Council President Katjana Ballantyne and I very much want to move forward on this ordinance and parallel what's been happening across the country."

Should the ordinance pass, there will be penalties for any establishment cited for distributing plastic straws. The first offense will result in a warning, the second will result in a \$100 fine, while third and subsequent offenses will result in \$300 fines.

Committee members kept the ordinance 'in committee' to provide time to invite business leaders, the disabled and School Committee members to either provide feedback or attend the next meeting of the Open Space, Environment, and Energy Committee. The Committee will continue the discussion on the ordinance with a goal of sending it to the full council at the next meeting on March 20, 6:00 p.m., at Somerville City Hall.

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DavisNow still seeking Davis Sq. repairs

By Jackson Ellison

DavisNow, an organization focused on repairing Davis Square, held a public meeting on February 13 at the Dilboy Post. The purpose of the meeting was to layout the current problems with the area that need to be addressed immediately. The meeting was attended by multiple city and government officials, as well as members of the community.

Jack Connolly, a former Alder-

man, says the city of Somerville has neglected Davis Sq. for years, causing it to fall into disrepair. DavisNow is pushing for small improvements, "We want stuff that is easily discernible fixed, we want bricks fixed, we want crosswalks fixed," said Connolly.

There was a special task force dedicated to Davis Sq. that started in the 1970s and was active until the 2000s. the task force would meet and discuss what was going on in the area, they would also present their ideas in

front of the city council. "Davis Sq. was run down, and this task force put effort into building it up," said Connolly.

However, after the task force disbanded, Davis Sq. stopped being brought up to city council on a consistent basis, and the need for improvement went unnoticed for a number of years. Connolly says there was a lot going on in Somerville so people forgot about Davis Sq. but now it's time to give it the attention it deserves. "You can't go thirty years without fixing sidewalks and tree wells, "said Connolly.

DavisNow, is trying to replicate the task force, by having the sole purpose of improving Davis Sq. as soon as possible. Members have already gone around the square and taken pictures of problem areas that need the most help, "This group has done the work the city should have," said Connolly.

Connolly estimates that the cost for the improvements DavisNow is proposing would be around \$740,000.

Davis Sq. has become a popular location in Somerville, with a lot of different businesses and people moving into the area. It is even a big generator



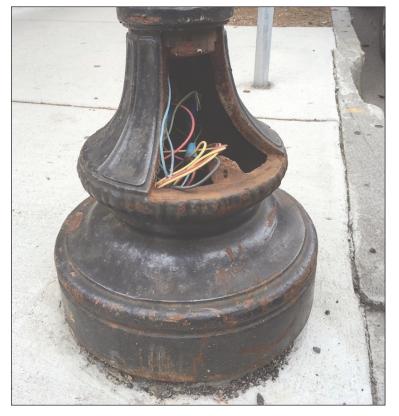
Infrastructure repairs in and around Davis Sq. are badly needed, according to the advocacy group DavisNow.

of tax revenue for Somerville. Connolly says that 25 percent of the city's taxes came from the Davis Sq. area.

There are longer-term goals planned for Davis Sq. like adding new office buildings, but DavisNow is pushing for small changes before the city launches

a major development.

Connolly says the response from the city council members could not have been better, as this was the first meeting put on by DavisNow, and already a second meeting is being planned for April to go into more detail on the planning process.



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

PROHIBIT TAX HIKES FROM BEING CON-SIDERED AT INFORMAL SESSIONS (H 2019)

House 32-125, rejected a proposed House rule that would prohibit tax hikes from being considered at an informal session of the House. Informal sessions are ones in which there can be no roll call votes and everything is approved or rejected on an unrecorded voice vote.

Supporters of the rule said it is unfair to allow tax hikes to be brought up at these lightly attended sessions often without informing members of the agenda.

Opponents said the rule is unnecessary because any single member who shows up at a lightly attended informal session can doubt the presence of a quorum, at which point the session would end because there is not a quorum.

(A "Yes" vote is for prohibiting tax hikes from being brought up at informal sessions. A "No" vote is against the prohibition.)

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

WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENTS (H 2019)

House 5-152, rejected a proposed amendment to a current House rule that allows the chief sponsor of an amendment to withdraw his amendment unilaterally without the permission of his or her co-sponsors. The amendment would keep an amendment alive unless the chief sponsor and all the co-sponsors agree to withdraw it.

Amendment supporters said the current rule gives too much power to the prime sponsor without considering whether the co-sponsors would still like to debate and vote on the amendment.

Amendment opponents said the current rule has worked well and the change is unnecessary and unfair. They noted many times the chief sponsor will withdraw one amendment in order to get another one approved and said this new rule would interfere with that negotiation.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the permission of the chief sponsor and co-sponsors in order to withdraw an amendment. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

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

REMOTE VOTING BY REPRESENTATIVES (H 2019)

House 32-125, rejected a proposed new House rule that would allow representatives who are attending a committee hearing in the Statehouse to cast their vote from the committee room when a roll call vote is being held in the House chamber. The rule also provides that a remote-control station with fingerprint recognition be set up in each committee hearing room in the Statehouse.

Supporters said many committee hearings are held at

the same time the House is in session voting on important issues. They said it is unfair that these members are denied the right to vote if they are in a hearing room giving or listening to testimony on various bills.

Opponents offered no arguments. Rep. Bill Galvin (D-Canton) the chairman of the Rules Committee that drafted the new rules did not respond to several requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.

(A "Yes" vote is for alllowing remote voting. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ATTEND AN EVENT: THE FUTURE OF OFF-SHORE WIND – Gov. Charlie Baker will be the keynote speaker at "The Future of Offshore Wind," a discussion about opportunities in the state's offshore wind future. The event is open to the public and will be held on Wednesday, March 6 at facilities at Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, 10 Winter Place in Boston from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. It is sponsored by the State House News Forum, a division of the iconic State House News Service in partnership with the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

Moderated by Jon Chesto of the Boston Globe, the forum will feature panel discussions including one titled "The Opportunity" that will focus on six ocean leases off the Massachusetts coast where advocates say there is enough wind to power half our state or a quarter of New England. Vineyard Wind, Orsted, Mayflower Wind and Equinor are the four companies that have secured these leases. You will hear why these companies fought hard for the leasing rights, how they hope to build out their areas and their views on the challenges and opportunities ahead."

"Offshore wind has reached a major inflection point as a source of renewable energy," said George Donnelly, who runs the State House News Forum and is working with the Environment League of Massachusetts on the event. "A lot is at stake this year and the interest in the event is extremely high. We're thrilled to have the governor and so many leaders in the offshore wind industry on stage and in attendance."

Tickets are only \$15 and can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-future-of-offshore-wind-tickets-55874320597

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED – Many bills that were defeated or died in committee last year have been refiled for consideration in the 2019-2020 session. Here are some of them:

BAN ON NATIVE-AMERICAN SCHOOL MAS-

COTS - Bans the use of any Native American mascot by a public school including names like Redskins, Savages, Indians, Indianettes, Chiefs, Chieftains, Braves or Redmen.

Supporters say the use of these symbols is demeaning to Native Americans and stereotypes them as savages. They said this decision should not be left up to local communities and noted a statewide ban will ensure that no schools use these offensive symbols.

Some opponents say the mascots honor Native Americans by emphasizing positive traits like a fighting spirit, bravery, pride and dedication. Others say this is a decision that should be made by individual cities and towns.

NEW STATE SEAL AND MOTTO - Creates a special commission to examine the state seal and motto including those parts of it which have been controversial or misunderstood.

The commission would develop a revised version of the seal which currently includes a Native American holding a bow in one hand, an arrow in the other hand and a disembodied arm holding a sword above him. The motto is "By the sword we seek peace, but only under liberty."

The commission would determine "whether the seal and motto accurately reflect and embody the historic and contemporary commitments of the commonwealth to peace, justice, liberty and equality, and to spreading the opportunities and advantages of education."

Supporters of the special commission say the current seal is politically insensitive and the bow and arrow depict violence. They note the sword-wielding arm is that of Captain Miles Standish, a pilgrim whose army killed many Native Americans in the 1600s and portrays Indians in a "surrender state."

Supporters of the current seal say that it is a sacred symbol. They argue that the depiction is appropriate and note that the arrow is pointing downward which is known as a Native American symbol signifying peace.

BAN SEXUAL ORIENTATION CONVERSION THERAPY - Prohibits psychiatrists and other mental health professionals from providing conversion therapy to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender minors under 18. The therapy is designed to change their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Supporters of the ban say being gay, bisexual or transgender is not a disease and therefore does not need a cure. They argue there is no sound evidence that this type of "junk therapy" even works and note it is known to have increased levels of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, homelessness and suicidal thoughts.

Opponents of the ban say the treatment has been successful for some children including those whose sexuality was influenced by sexual abuse. Others note that some people who underwent sexual reorientation therapy felt that they were better off afterwards -- even if the therapy was not effective in changing their sexual orientation. Some note that the therapy should not be used on any patient who believes that he or she is simply born with a specific sexual preference.

PARENTS CAN'T BE FORCED TO TESTIFY AGAINST THEIR CHILDREN - Protects biological parents, adoptive parents, stepparents and legal guardians of a child from being forced to testify against the child. The protection would not apply if the child is being accused of committing a crime against a family member. Current law only protects children from being forced to testify against their parents.

Supporters say it is time to get rid of this double standard and to have an even playing field.

NO SCHOOL ON ELECTION DAY - Prohibits public schools from scheduling classes on any statewide

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Election Day. The measure would designate Election Day as a professional development day to train principals, teachers and other professional staff in various skills.

Supporters say many schools serve as polling places on Election Day. They argue that crowds entering the schools on those days reduces safety at the schools and puts children in danger.

MUST SHOW ID TO VOTE - Requires all voters to show identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote. Acceptable forms of ID would include any unexpired state or federal government-issued photo ID. This includes a Massachusetts state driver's license or photo identification card and a United States passport. The measure also provides a free or reduced cost photo ID card to indigent voters who cannot afford to pay for one.

Supporters say it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and note that many other states have laws requiring IDs. They argue that people cannot cash a check, rent a car or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID.

Opponents say the bill would disenfranchise thousands of voters including people who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless shelter or domestic violence facility. Others said that there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'm proud of the work the prosecutors in my office have done to secure more than \$5 billion in civil and criminal collections and asset forfeitures, in 2018 alone. The District of Massachusetts has long been a leader in financial recoveries in the areas of health care fraud, securities fraud and civil settlements, and we will continue to aggressively pursue collections that return money to victims of crime and U.S. taxpayers, and that deprive criminals of their ill-gotten gains." — U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling on his office collecting more than \$5 billion in criminal and civil actions in fiscal year 2018.

"Declaring a national emergency to build a wall repeatedly rejected by Congress is an illegal power grab by President Trump and a violation of the constitutional separation of powers. My team has been in contact with the multistate group and is working to determine the full scope and impact on Massachusetts so that, if and when we challenge the administration's actions, we bring the strongest possible case." — Attorney General Maura Healey, in a memo to the State House News Service, on why Massachusetts has not joined a coalition of 16 states that filed a federal lawsuit in California challenging President Trump's declaration of a national emergency in order to divert funds toward building border walls.

"Early detection plays an important role in the protection of the economic and ecological resources of our state from invasive species. We ask all residents who have received potted plants this past December to help us protect Massachusetts' environment and agricultural industries by checking for and reporting signs of spotted lanternfly." — Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux telling Bay Staters that they should look in their potted plants for spotted lanternfly -- large, gray insects, about one inch long, with black spots and red underwings in their potted plants. Go to https://massnrc.org/pests/slfreport.aspx to see how to report any find.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of February 18-22, the House met for a total of 20 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 52 minutes.

Mon. February 18 No House session No Senate session

Tues. February 19 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:02 a.m Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:59 a.m

Wed. February 20 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. February 21 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Fri. February 22 No House session No Senate session

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'Many Years Ago' and now – there is Robin Lane CONT. FROM PG 1

own fault, the band did not become the commercial success that it could have been. They disbanded in 1983.

Since then, Robin Lane has remained active in music, most recently by founding the nonprofit organization Songbird Sings, which conducts songwriting workshops to benefit those who have suffered various traumas.

Although Lane says, "I thought that was the last gig" about a January 2016 performance at Johnny D's, another of her old band's sporadic reunions - with Billy Loosigian filling in for Leroy Radcliffe - will occur on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon at the Burren to commemorate the release of Many Years Ago: The Complete Robin Lane & the Chartbusters Collection. This 3-CD compilation includes all of the band's Warner Bros. material and more than 25 previously unavailable tracks.

Lane spoke by phone to *The Somerville Times* from Los Angeles, where she was visiting family, in advance of her eventful upcoming weekend.

The Somerville Times: What brought you eastward from Los Angeles to Cambridge, MA?

Robin Lane: I went to visit a friend in Pennsylvania in

Bucks County. He'd inherited a gentleman's farm, I guess they call it. And then I just ended up staying in Pennsylvania, then New York, and then I moved up to Boston, met a lot of people and played around as kind of a singer-songwriter type person and then eventually started my band.

TST: How did your musical style change once you started the band?

RL: I went from like a Cambridge person into a Boston person. I started hanging out at The Rat, and my whole musical style changed. People from Cambridge who had known my nice little songs from before thought I'd lost my mind. They just couldn't believe it. I went from somebody that would play at Passim, or there was this place called The Idler, into someone who would just be a banshee with my new band. I was just kinda hit over the head with a brick, kinda like, whoa, this music is really vital that I was hearing around. New music and all the bands that were playing at the Rat and those kinds of places. It was really a vital era for music. It reminded me of what was happening in the mid- to late-60s here in LA.

TST: Did you know anything about MTV when it premiered?

RL: No, because it had just started. We didn't even know why we were making videos, really. We didn't think ours was very cool, you know. You couldn't get MTV in Boston, so when we'd be on the road, we'd see the video in different places 'cause everybody was playing MTV in their clubs.

TST: Do you have any particularly unpleasant memories of being on the road?

RL: We played with The Undertones. They didn't like us at all. We liked them, but their fans were throwing lemons at us and screaming at us to get off the stage, calling us pop stars. One guy grabbed the mike from me at the Whiskey-A-Go-Go – this was after we were signed, but Warner Bros. was there – and was going, "You suck! You suck! You suck!"

When I was married to Andy Summers, he used to tell me stories about England in the early 60s, they had the mods and the rockers. It was just like that: the mods were for us and the rockers were for the Undertones. I guess those were Spinal Tap moments, but not really. I don't think we were quite as dumb as

those guys!

TST: What brought about the rerelease of the material included on *Many Years Ago?*

RL: Dan Perloff from Manifesto Records called me up a few years ago and said that he would help me get my copyrights back. And then about a year after that, he said, if you want, we could put those songs out — and anything else that you want — on a CD. That's how that came to be. I guess they do that with a lot of people, like the Turtles, Allan Holdsworth, a whole bunch of people.

TST: How did it feel to listen to those songs all over again?

RL: They remastered them, and they sound good. Kind of surprising. There are some songs I even like. (laughs) "Wow. This is really good!" In a way, some of them are dated and some of them are not. I mean, I moved on musically. I don't like to stay in one place.

TST: How did Songbird Sings originate and how has it evolved?

RL: I ran into a bunch of women when I moved out to western Massachusetts and they were having writing groups. It was some kind of method that came from Amherst. Not judging or critiquing, but more finding

what you liked.

They found out I was a songwriter and they asked me If I could teach them how to write songs. So I just jumped into it. I had no idea that all these women were survivors of various kinds of trauma, like childhood abuse, domestic violence, you name it. Later I found out, and it reminded me of some things that had happened to me.

And I just continued doing that and saw how the effect of writing their own story, or even part of their story, in a song, how that was so good for them. So healing. Then later I started my nonprofit, Songbird Sings. I started working with girls that had been trafficked, young girls, and some older women that were trafficked and had been kidnapped and sold into prostitution. The whole gamut of those kind of things that you hear about.

Now I work with veterans, too, with PTSD. When I get back, I'll be doing a workshop with people that are in recovery from addictions. It's so great. I just wish I had tons of money to be able to do it all the time and not have to go seeking money. Writing grants is not quite my forte!

The Villen Gourmet

Kelly's Diner

Sometimes we need to mention the obvious. The obvious being the old standby right in front of our eyes - that you see almost every day. The obvious, in this case, is Kelly's Diner. When a restaurant is doing a great job then it merits mentioning. We don't care if it's a hot dog stand or a pizza truck, if the product being offered is really good, then it deserves our attention.

Kelly's Diner is a Somerville icon in Ball Square, named one of the top five diners in New England by Yankee Magazine. Many of you know the history of how the diner was moved here in 1996 and reconstructed on the former site of Harold's Diner by the Holmes family. Some of us can remember a time when diners were fairly common. Today they are a cherished memory of the past.

Entering Kelly's is like walking into a time warp from the 1950's. You expect to see leather jackets and poodle skirts sitting at the counter drinking Coca-Cola and root beer floats through a straw. The counter, booths and tables are all vintage and look like they were just custom made to compliment the aqua and pink décor.

The food - let's get to the best part, good hearty diner food at diner prices delivered by veteran waitresses who fit in perfectly with the style and décor. The menu starts with breakfast and then morphs into lunch.

Of course, you can enjoy breakfast any time and the choices will not disappoint. Eggs every way, grilled bagels and cream cheese with any assortment of breakfast choices. Pancakes with various fruits, steak and eggs, glorious homemade corned beef hash, four egg omelets are offered, followed by a list of breakfast sandwiches. Their own version of Eggs Benedict is served on Sunday.

Lunch is everything a diner should be. There are luncheon specials served Monday through Friday with specials ranging from a roast beef dinner, chicken pot pie, fish and chips, pot roast and more – all under \$12!

The sandwiches are all worthy of consideration, big and well made. They serve a corned beef dinner on Thursdays, thus, you know that the corned beef for the Reubens and corned beef sandwiches is cooked on site. That makes a world of difference for those of us who crave a good deli schmear.

The half-sour pickles are the real thing with plenty of snap. The house special is a real turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The hot meals run through the list of great diner food: meatloaf, grilled steak, haddock and chowder on Fridays, franks and beans, chicken cutlet, chicken and beef kabobs with rice, salad plates, etc. Not to mention all the traditional fountain drinks and famous frappes being offered including bottomless coffee and sodas.

Kelly's Diner - great food, great service, all in a fabulous time capsule. What's not to like?

Kelly's Diner, open 7 days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. 674 Broadway, Tel. 617-623-8102.

Somerville Mentorship Program

A free pilot mentorship office hours event for Somerville's aspiring and existing entrepreneurs and business owners and operators to receive advice from experienced business professionals, entrepreneurs and investors will be held 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 27, at SPACES Davis Square, 240 Elm Street, Somerville (Entrance on 54 Chester Street; take elevator to 2nd Floor).

Bring your questions on business concept, start up, or funding or on retirement and financial planning. They will have experienced mentors on hand to answer those questions.

Office hours attendees can participate in a one-on-one 15-minute conversation with the mentors at the event.

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The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle feathers #173

The Third of March

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

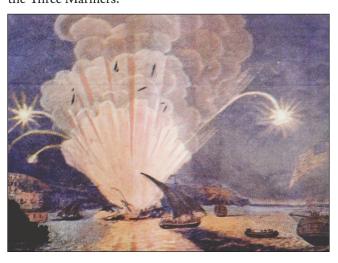
Celebrate, observe, proclaim, honor, live it up and show your pride. Somerville, it's your birthday, and you are 177 years young ... Happy Birthday!



Everyone has one, but people didn't always acknowledge the date of their birth. The Egyptians were the first to start the practice of honoring anniversaries and birth dates. The Greeks followed, adding religious candles to the day of remembrance. Later the Romans celebrated not only the birth of their gods but also the birth of the common man. The Germans added sweet treats and confections to the

Throughout the years, the Third of March has been an historic day for America.

• In 1634, Samuel Cole opened early Boston's first tavern, the Three Mariners.



+ In 1776, the Revolutionary War Fleet under Naval Commodore Esek Hopkins attacked and captured the British colony of Nassau in the Bahamas. It was March 3, and the scene of the first amphibious assault by what would later become the United States Marine Corps.



- In 1815, the United States first declared war on a foreign country, Algeria, in retaliation for the taking of prisoners and their demands of tribute from America. Captain Richard Somers, Somerville's namesake, fought and died in this undertaking.
- + In 1820, Maine and Missouri entered the Union. Maine, which had been part of Massachusetts, was declared a free state; and Missouri was declared a slave state. The bloody American Civil War would later settle their differences. Continued on page 14

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Somerville's push for sustainability

By Marshall Collins

The scientific community, lawmakers and much of the population know all too well that the climate is changing. This winter, we have seen extreme cold in Massachusetts and historically low temperatures in the Midwest. This past summer, high tides breached sea walls and eroded beaches up and down the New England coast. Most in the scientific community believe these extremes are a prelude to what lies ahead.

Somerville, along with many other cities across the country, is looking to take big steps to mitigate climate change. City leadership has set the goal of becoming carbon neutral and using 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. The city is also focused on taking simple but effective measures to get there, including installing LED lighting in schools and streetlights, and offering 75 percent rebates for the first \$2,000 homeowners invest in improvements like weatherizing, lighting, heating and cooling systems. Somerville is attracting and fostering new and innovative businesses focused on mitigating climate change at places like Greentown Labs.

On the development front, the city now expects those planning to build here to take meaningful steps to address climate change as part of any new development plans. Partners Healthcare created a sustainable campus as part of their headquarter relocation to Assembly Row. The project features high performance building materials, low-flow water fixtures and stormwater management, all designed to reduce environmental impact and preserve natural resources.

... Somerville has an amazing opportunity to make some serious changes.

US2, the master developer for Union Square, has also agreed to implement a number of strategies to help the city meet its climate and sustainability goals. Once completed, the project will serve as a mixed-use



transit hub, and as an example of environmental stewardship, with nearly all buildings in the project certified under LEED Gold performance-based standards. Sustainable building designs will also focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Outside of the buildings, approximately 2.5 acres of new open spaces will be created with new landscape areas and tree canopy that reduce the urban heat island effect and provide resilience toward flooding.

"We're proud to be contributing to the City of Somerville's sustainability goals by working to make Union Square more sustainable and resilient," stated US2 President Greg Karczewski. Electrical charging "EVready" parking spaces have been spreading throughout Somerville and will play a large role in Union Square helping Massachusetts meet its goal of putting 300,000 zero emissions vehicles on the road by 2025. The USQ development will also feature dedicated carpool and vanpool spaces, as well as dedicated car share spaces for Zipcar and others to help encourage residents to forego car ownership in the

square. Moreover, the project's approach to mobility management is focused on prioritizing pedestrians, cyclists and transit riders over vehicle use as envisioned in the Union Square Neighborhood Plan.

Somerville is already a city full of biking enthusiasm, and the proposed plans for Union Square will make it easier for cyclists to get around. The development will include increased access to bike share stations and contribute to the addition of over 1,800 linear feet of new bike lanes integrated into the streetscape of Union Square. Additionally, the project will add approximately 1,750 shortterm and long-term bike parking spaces, including 130 new MBTA bicycle parking spaces at the Union Square station. These will be built by US2 as part of their development agreements with the city.

Somerville is committed to making the city a more sustainable place and is pushing residents to do their part in reducing their carbon footprint. With the combined effort of residents, developers and the private sector, Somerville has an amazing opportunity to make some serious changes. The city encourages residents to take advantage of the chance to participate in this process. Through Green Somerville, residents of the city have a platform for their voices to be heard at community meetings. They can also participate in new city initiatives like the Curbside Textile Recycling Program.

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MONDAY March 4

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

TUESDAY March 5

8:00pm Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan

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7:30pm Wednesday bluegrass! with Kings Of Ghost Town CD release

THURSDAY March 7

7:30pm. BYOBluegrass / grassy Thursdays

FRIDAY March 8

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6:00pm Tom Hagerty Band 9:00pm Yes, 40, yaaasss! with June Millington, Liz Borden, Await Rescue, Christina Alexander, RES, Mizery - \$10 cover

SUNDAY March 10

4:30pm The Natural Wonders

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Zoning Board of Appeals meeting

A public meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will take place on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

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Investing in bus service is an investment in our future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Let's talk about buses. Every day, roughly 16,000 riders hop on a bus in Somerville. We have 15 bus routes that serve our residents, but MBTA buses are only on time about 60% of the time. While we like to blame the MBTA for that, that's not entirely fair. Anyone who tries to negotiate peak hour traffic knows it can slow to a standstill. We cannot pretend that if the MBTA simply funded more buses or drivers our bus service would improve. Buses can't pass through solid objects.

Bus unreliability creates a vicious cycle – our residents won't use the bus when they can't rely on it, which puts more cars on the road, which creates more traffic, which delays more buses, which puts even more cars on the road. It's

hard to blame someone who needs to be on time for hopping in a car, taxi, or a rideshare. The way to break that car-centric cycle is by recognizing that we own our streets and we as a community can prioritize buses as an efficient, equitable, low-carbon mode of transportation. Simply put, we need to make buses first-class citizens on our roadways.

The good news is we already know that prioritizing buses works. Research has shown that when municipalities take steps to improve bus service the buses start performing better. We took a first step at this in 2017 by installing a dedicated bus lane along Prospect Street leading into Union Square. The lane has shaved about six minutes off the travel time of the CT2 bus.

This spring we will be taking the next step by creating a dedicated bus lane along Broadway in Winter Hill. The lanes will run from Magoun Square to McGrath Highway, which will help streamline the trip for the MBTA's 80 and 101 routes. And in 2020, we hope to add another dedicated bus lane to help buses on the 87 and 88 routes get through traffic in Teele and Da-

vis Squares.

But we also need to recognize that regional cooperation will be key in making real change. The bus routes that serve Somerville also travel through other neighboring cities and if we all do our part we can make some real change. Imagine if Cambridge and Boston - the other two cities the CT2 passes through could shave a similar amount of time off its route. While six minutes makes an impact, 15 or 20 minutes could be game changing. Many of our neighbors have started doing their own work and hopefully more will come as they see positive results.

We need those results, not just to aid and attract more bus riders. There are also important side benefits to getting more people to ride the bus. Great public transit connects workers to better jobs, and reliable public transit means employees can get to those jobs on time. With better public transit options, there are also more residents who may decide to get rid of their cars and that lowers their cost of living. AAA estimates the average annual cost of owning a car is \$8,500 a year. If you can eliminate that cost and be connected to one of the strongest job markets in the country that can make a serious positive difference in your household finances, which can help make living here more affordable.

Better transit also keeps the air cleaner for all of us. About a third of our city's carbon footprint comes from motor vehicles. We have to eliminate those emissions in order to achieve carbon neutrality, and the urgency for that is only increasing. It is imperative we change how people get around this city by making greener choices like taking the bus practical and convenient.

When the Green Line Extension comes online it will take tens of thousands of vehicles off the road. While that's a huge step, the reality is that the Green Line, as well as other train lines, don't go everywhere in the city. Buses are essential for filling in those gaps and linking people to rail lines. That's why better bus service is also a matter of equity.

While cities and towns need to do their part, it's good news that the MBTA recognizes its part in maintaining a dependable bus network and last year kicked off the Better Bus Project. The process began with collecting rider feedback and, probably not surprising to many bus riders, one issue that rose to the top was more frequent and more reliable service. Based on rider feedback, the MBTA has proposed small changes to bus routes throughout the system, including to some routes that serve Somerville. You can see all the proposals at www.betterbus.mbta.com and share your thoughts. You can also find more information on how to stay involved as the Better Bus Project progresses.

We know that buses are an essential transit option for thousands of our residents and, with improvements; many more are likely to join their ranks. We also know that as a City, we have some ability to help improve bus service and that even small interventions can start making a difference. If we want to meet our carbon neutrality goals, reduce congestion on our streets, and a provide an affordable and equitable transit option to our residents we need to embrace a future of improved bus service and remain committed to doing whatever we can to make that happen.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

Here in Massachusetts, we're lucky to have an overwhelmingly big "d" Democratic Legislature. Unfortunately, it's not very small "d" democratic.

We saw that on display on January 30th when the Massachusetts House voted down a series of common-sense transparency proposals. These proposals, which were hardly radical, would have provided state representatives with 72 hours to read bills before voting on them, 30 minutes to read amendments before voting on them, and published

hearing testimony and committee roll call votes online.

All of these reforms would have helped bring we, the people, into the legislative process, in contrast to the status quo of deal-making behind closed doors (which moneyed lobbyists always manage to get behind).

Although almost every Democrat voted against these under pressure from House Leadership, Somerville's Mike Connolly and Denise Provost were among the handful of Democrats to vote yes across the board. Somerville residents should be thankful for such

progressive, independent-minded representation in the State House. We need more of these kinds of representatives who have the courage to do the right thing, even when it seems like it is easier to go along to get along.

It is also important to ask those who voted against these measures for some other gains, is it worth it? Is it worth it to have reps voting on bills they have not had the time they need to review? Is it worth it in the long term to have a system that is seen to be dysfunctional, untrustworthy, and needlessly opaque? You can say that is just the way it is. Or you can

say let's fight for a better more just system. We can do better. And we must do better. There is too much at stake not to

We are hoping that all those who voted against these amendments, including Somerville Rep Christine Barber, will make a different choice the next time this opportunity arises.

Sincerely,

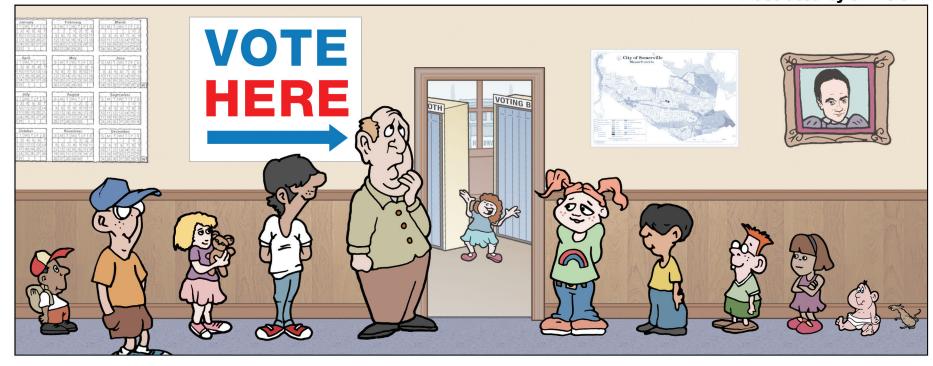
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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

First teens - then toddlers?



It might seem like a good idea to some, but others are a little wary of the prospect of those under the age of 18 to be given the vote, specifically for local city issues and initiatives.

Some very well meaning and civic minded parties have been pushing the idea, and the Somerville City Council has taken up the matter in consideration of filing a Home Rule Petition request for just such a change in our election laws.

The idea is to give 16 and 17-year-olds the right to vote in municipal elections. It has been cited that many young people in that age range have a strong desire to participate in the voting process. Advocates of the plan say it will foster youth participation in community affairs and serve as a springboard for further involvement in local government.

Those who tend to oppose the idea point to the fact that those under the age of 18 are not yet considered to be adults according to state law, and that traditionally voting has been the exclusive right of adults only, and that legal minors are not sufficiently experienced to make informed decisions about matters presented on the ballot.

This in itself would be a difficult thing to quantify, at best. Simply put, some kids are smarter and more concerned with serious issues than others are. How then do we determine just how qualified the average youthful voter would be to exercise such a right and privilege? And should we even be doing that?

It's not an easy thing to decide. We love and respect our kids, but is giving them the vote at such a young age the right thing to do? Maybe kids should just be kids for now, enjoying that while they can. Or maybe this very question should be put to a vote. What say you?

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

a community meeting on Wednesday, March 13, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Washington St. bridge closure and detour routes. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. Starting in April 2019, GLX Constructors will begin reconstructing the Washington St. bridge in East Somerville, between Union Square and Inner Belt. The underpass below the bridge will close to all traffic, and detours will be in place for cars, bikes, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 86, 91, and CT2. This bridge and the underpass will close for two different intervals: first, from April 2019 through the fall of 2019, then again from the spring of 2020 through the fall of 2020. Additional temporary bridge closures are planned elsewhere in Somerville throughout 2019 and 2020. The first to close will be the Broadway bridge, between Ball Square and Magoun Square, beginning March 22, 2019, for a full year. The city held two public meetings about the Broadway bridge closure in the fall of 2018; this meeting will therefore focus pri-

marily on upcoming construction and mitigation efforts in East Somerville. For more information, including detour maps, please visit www.somervillema. gov/glx or www.mass.gov/glx.

TEDxTufts is proud to present their 5th annual event, powered by the spread of ideas within and throughout the larger Tufts community. This year's theme is Mosaic in Motion, speakers each focus on a specialized topic, honing in on an individualized subject with passion and intention. Yet altogether, the talks create a mosaic of the human experience: what it means to explore, understand, take action, and question further. TEDxTufts 2019: Mosaics in Motion will take place on Sunday, March 10, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Cohen Auditorium on the Tufts University Campus. Tickets are \$10. Find them on sale NOW atwww.tedxtufts. com. Admission includes eight engaging speakers, free food from local restaurants, performances, and interactive experiential exhibits.

Somerville High School will face

Brookline High School on a new episode of WGBH's High School Quiz Show. The show airs Saturday, March 2, at 6:00 p.m. on WGBH 2. Tune in and support their team. High School Quiz Show is a seeded, single-elimination tournament is produced and broadcast by WGBH and hosted by Billy Costa. Sixteen teams of Massachusetts high school students compete in the televised academic tournament. The sixteen schools competing on High School Quiz Show earned the highest scores on an identical oral quiz at WG-BH's "Super Sunday" qualifying event at WGBH studios in Brighton, MA. *********

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The Somerville Museum will host The Unofficial Somerville Antiques Road Show, Saturday, March 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. As part of the Somerville Museum's current exhibit, Our Stories, Our Stuff, Our Somerville, and Community Curator Bess Paupeck, they will be hosting an unofficial antiques road show. Bring an object to the museum and let some of our local historians tell you what they think of it. \$8 admission, members are free. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood

Rd., Somerville.

Being an adult isn't always easy. There are a lot of day-to-day, mundane things to take care of that many people have had to figure out on the fly. To give teens a head start on adulting, the Somerville Public Library (MA) Teen Room and the Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc. have teamed up to offer an Adult 101 Fair. Teens can get information about things like meal planning, coordinating travel, budgeting, and many other exciting adult tasks. The event will be on Thursday, February 28, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Central Library. For more information, call Ellen at 617-623-5000 x2936.

K- 5 students and their families are invited to join the annual *Read by the River* event hosted by Tufts University students. Performances, activities, a book reading by a New England Patriots player, and lots of books. Students can fill out and bring the book report to receive a free movie ticket. Sunday, March 3, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Gantcher Center.

SHS Cosmetology Program in action

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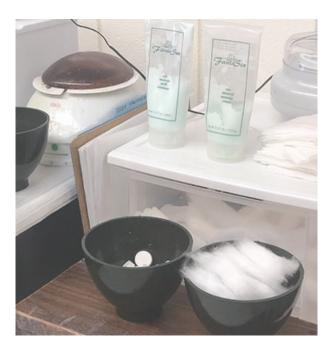




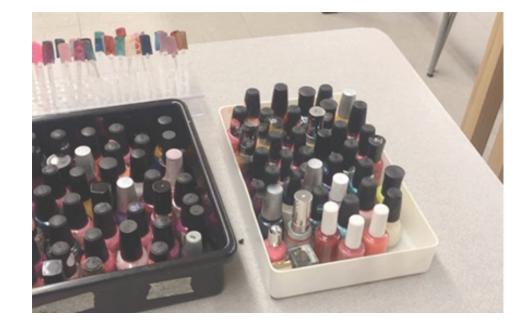








Photos courtesy of the SHS Cosmetology Program









SPORTS

2019 Summer Camp and Activities Fair

The 2019 Summer Camp and Activities Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School gymnasium, 50 Cross Street.

Representatives from more than 40 regional camps and organizations such as the Somerville YMCA, City of Somerville Recreation Department's Somertime Program, Parts and Crafts, Somerville Community Schools' Adventure Summer Program, and the Somerville Media Center, along with many others, will be in attendance.

Families will have an opportunity to learn about the many summer options available to

their children and to get detailed information from program representatives about summer camps, recreational activities, and learning opportunities for children of all ages. This is a free event open to Somerville residents as well as residents outside of Somerville. Interpreters will be available.

"The Summer Camp and Activities Fair has been an incredible opportunity to connect families with local providers," says Nomi Davidson, Director of the Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC). "Families at the event will be able to speak to a diverse array of providers face-to-face and



learn about potential summer programming and scholarship opportunities."

"We do everything we can to ensure there is something for everyone at the fair," says Jose Mendez, Out of School Time Coordinator for the City of Somerville. "Our goal to ensure we provide as many options as possible so all families will have access to a wide variety of opportunities for Somerville residents."

This annual event is a great way to plan a stress-free summer in one evening and help children discover new interests that may turn into lifelong passions. The 2019 Somerville Summer Activities Guide of all summer camps and programming will be available at the event. This booklet and regularly updated information can also be found on the Somerville Hub website: www.

somervillehub.org.

The Summer Camp and Activities Fair is a collaborative effort between the SFLC of the Somerville Public Schools and SomerPromise. To learn more about this event, visit the Somerville Hub at www. somervillehub.org or contact the Out of School Time Coordinator, Jose Mendez, at (617) 625-6600, x2343 or jmendez@ somervillema.gov.

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- 1. What is "abseiling" in rock climbing?
- 2. In what decade did the Beat Generation movement take place?
- 3. According to the ad slogan, what day was "Prince Spaghetti Day"?
- 4. What was the first feature film with sound?
- 5. What are said to be baseball star Joe DiMaggio's last words?
- 6. What is another name for a killer whale?

- 7. What product had the ad slogan "Once you pop, you can't stop"?
- 8. What was singer Freddie Mercury's first band he formed?
- 9. What are considered the "Six flags over Texas"?
- 10. What is the longest railway line in the world?
- 11. What type of pasta is shaped like a flower?
- 12. What is the opening line of the TV show Dragnet?

Answers on page 17

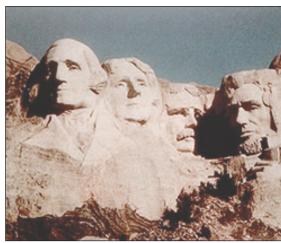
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+ In 1847, Alexander Graham Bell was born. He was the father of the telephone. Bell's first outside call went from an electrical shop at Ten Court Street in Boston to the East Somerville home of Charles Williams, Jr. at One Arlington Street. It was also the same day that Congress allowed the United States Postal Service to utilize postage stamps.

- In 1925, Congress approved the Mount Rushmore Project honoring Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.
- + In 1931, the United States Congress gave approval for the song, The Star Spangled Banner, to become our national anthem. This song honors our flag, the standard that was first raised on Prospect Hill in 1776. After 243 years, she is still there ... long may she wave!

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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 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 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.*

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

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

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

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

88 Marshall Street (ZBA 2019-03); Applicant/Owner, Pedro Alvarado, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to renovate and expand exist-

ing rear decks, including reconfiguring exterior staircases and adding a roof to the second floor deck. Zone RB. Ward 4.

346 Somerville Avenue (ZBA 2019-19): Applicant, 346 Somerville Avenue, LLC, and Owner, Palmac Realty Corp, seek Variances, Special Permits and Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a 100-unit residential structure with inclusionary housing. Among the zoning relief triggers are building height, lot area per dwelling unit, parking, inclusionary housing, FAR. SZO sections and articles including §4.4.1, §8.5, §7.11, §5.5. CCD55 zone. Ward 2.

7-9 Greenville St: http://eepurl.com/ghQg_H 34 Heath St: http://eepurl.com/ghQhwr 23-25 Irvington Rd: http://eepurl.com/ghQhEb 21 Harrison St: http://eepurl.com/ghQhNL 88 Marshall St: http://eepurl.com/ghRjAD 346 Somerville Ave: http://eepurl.com/ghTwkX

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

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

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 2/20/19 & 2/27/19

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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 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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346 Somerville Avenue (PB 2019-08): Applicant, 346 Somerville Avenue, LLC, and Owner, Palmac Realty Corp, seek Special Permits and Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a 100-unit residential structure with inclusionary housing. SZO sections and articles including §4.4.1, §8.5, §7.11, Article 9, Article 13. CCD55 zone. Ward 2.

346 Somerville Ave: http://eepurl.com/ghTwkX

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 2/20/19 and 2/27/19

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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 Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00pm, in the City Council Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

ADOPTION OF A NEW SOMERVILLE 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,

Per **Section 1.2.2.a and 1.2.2.d** of the proposed new ordinance, permits issued under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance will remain valid, subject to the conditions of the permit, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Councilor Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman, Planning Board To be published in the Boston Herald on February 26 and March 5. To be published in the Somerville Times on February 27 and March 6.

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

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Community Room & Meeting Room Mechanical System Replacement (AMP-2) for the Brady Towers in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Norian/Siani Engineering, Inc. dated February 27, 2019.

The Project consists of:

Community Room & Meeting Room mechanical system replacement. Replacement of existing hydronic unit ventilator units with two ducted fan coil units and two energy recovery ventilators and controls to serve the separate spaces. Project includes electrical work to facilitate demolition of existing equipment and power for new equipment and fire protection work to relocate sprinkler heads and piping to accommodate new mechanical equipment and ductwork within ceiling plenum.

The work is estimated to cost \$90,200 (including all alternates).

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A (2)(B) & to state prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/ Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

General Bids will be received until Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 2:00pm and publicly opened, forthwith online.

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

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

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

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

Deposits may be electronically paid or must be a check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00.

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

The Pre-Bid Conference and site visit will be on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 at 10:00am at Brady Towers Parking Area / Meeting Room at 252 Medford Street, Somerville, MA

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:40 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association, 249 Lowell Street the regarding a proposal by Applicants: Landera LLC to demolish the brick store at 98-100 Broadway; and David Reis to demolish the wood-frame store and apartments at 2-6 Porter Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant". Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved". For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 or Sarah White at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 or by e-mail at historic@somervillema.gov.

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Housing Type: Family 200-2 Development for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Brown, Richardson + Rowe.

The Project consists of: The repair of a selection of areas of deteriorated concrete paving across the housing development. Concrete is replaced by stamped asphalt, standard asphalt, and concrete panel replacement.

The work is estimated to cost \$ 99.895.87

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.30 §39M & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20th and publicly opened, forthwith.

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

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, download the Supplemental Instructions to Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects from www.projectdog.com/ For assistance, please contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978-499-9041

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available online and for purchase at pick up at www.projectdog.com, project code 830342.

LHA Address, Street, City, State, Zip (if using Electronic Hosting and/or eBidding insert language as provided by the Vendor) There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to the Awarding Authority Projectdog, Inc.

Deposits must be a certified or cashier's check, or money order. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within (3010) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for online at www.Projectdog.com. CD-ROMs are available upon request.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$35.00 per set, payable to the Awarding Authority Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection between 2PM and 4PM on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

For an appointment call Anthony DiGiovanni at (617) 625-1152 x330, AnthonyD@sha-web.org

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a Public Hearing regarding the HUD 5 Year Action Plan for 2019-2023 on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 4:45 p.m., at Hagan Manor, 268 Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. A seventy-five (75) day review and comment period will commence on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. Any questions may be directed to Kevin Bumpus or Brian Langton at 617-625-1152

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'The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part' - still awesome

By Michael LoPilato

Everything is still awesome in this world of talking toy bricks. The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part is playful, colorful, hilarious, and has a lot of heart to boot. Screenwriters Phil Lord and Christopher Miller continue their animated movie magic, and present a near perfect continuation of their hit, The LEGO Movie, of five years past.

The story follows Finn (Jadon Sand), as the human boy who is controlling, and playing with, the LEGO characters. Since the events of the first movie, he has started to grow up. On top of that, his sister Bianca (Brooklynn Prince) has joined the fray, with her larger LEGO DUPLO blocks. There is friction between Finn and Bianca, and thus, there is mayhem and disaster in the LEGO world.

The adorable and colorful DU-PLO blocks are laying waste to everything in sight in Bricksburg. The heroes Emmet (Chris Pratt), Wyldstyle/Lucy (Elizabeth Banks), Batman (Will Arnett), Unikitty (Alison Brie), MetalBeard (Nick Offerman), and Benny (Charlie Day) don't know what to do and cannot seem to stop the invaders from destroying their home faster than they can build it back up. This leads to them building Apocalypseburg, a perfect and often hilarious ode to the Mad Max film series.

The whole band is in top form throughout, with consistent one-liners to appease both the children and older audience of the film. This goes especially for Will Arnett's character of Batman, who continues his hilarity from the first LEGO Movie installment, as well as his stand-alone film The LEGO Batman Movie. He is unwavering in



The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part is currently playing at AMC Assembly Row 12

his pop-culture references that will make adults, and batman fans alike, grin from ear to ear.

New characters added to the story, including Queen Watevra Wa-Nabi (Tiffany Haddish), General Mayhem/Sweet Mayhem (Stephanie Beatriz), Rex Dangervest (also voiced by Chris Pratt), and a cameo from Maya Rudolph playing the mother, all bring their genuine comedic brilliance to the film. This goes double for Tiffany Haddish, as she has such a talent for making you laugh, and it doesn't seem to falter when her character is animated. She also has a couple musical numbers that really add to her voice acting presence.

The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part doesn't stray from what has worked in the past. I know people are going to feel tired out from the formula that LEGO has with its movies, since it really hasn't differed in any of its releases. They pelt you with joke after joke, full of pop-culture references for the adults, as well as colorful, and physical humor for the kids. There is catchy pop music (one of which is almost assured to Part: 4/5

get stuck in your head), and vibrant colors throughout that are mostly entertaining, however, admittedly, it can be exhausting at times.

For me personally, the formula doesn't get old, if the story is worth watching. Unlike its most recent predecessor, The LEGO Ninjago Movie, this film has the humor, but adds the emotions that are the cornerstone of successful animated movies. It is always interesting, and you genuinely want to know how it is going to end up, both in the LEGO world with Emmet and Wyldstyle, and the real world with Finn and Bianca.

The jokes are consistently funny and self-aware, which lends to the charm that this film brings. The animation is incredible yet again, the colors are full of life and eye-catching, the actors are having fun, and the music is truly catchy. All these elements combined make The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part a movie that will have adults and their little ones smiling on their way out of the theater.

The LEGO Movie 2: The Second

City seeking participants for 2019 energy efficiency program

Somerville residents and the City both stand to benefit if 230 Somerville households sign up for a no-cost Mass Save® Home Energy Assessment in 2019. The Mass Save Program can help Somerville property owners and tenants save on energy and maintenance costs, increase the home's comfort and value, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Meanwhile, if 230 households complete no-cost Home Energy Assessments and a cumulative 300 energy upgrades, the City can receive up to \$8,700 in grants from the National Grid Community Initiative. Both Eversource and National Grid customers in Somerville are welcome

"As our community moves for-

to participate.

ward with our Somerville Climate Forward goals to reduce Somerville's contribution to climate change, each of us will need to do our part and the Mass Save® Home Energy Assessment is a great way to start," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Not only will an expert help you identify how you can save energy but they are often able to provide free equipment and rebates on larger upgrades, to help you do so."

The Mass Save® Home Energy Assessment helps identify health risks in the home, provide ways to save on heat, electricity, and water bills, and create a more comfortable living space. During the assessment, participants may receive no-cost LED light



bulbs for qualifying fixtures, programmable thermostats, and smart power strips. Continued on page 23

1. Rappelling down a rock in a controlled descent using a rope

2. 1950's

3. Wednesday

4. The Jazz Singer, 1927

5. "I'll finally get to see Marilyn"

6. Orca

7. Pringles

A school band, the

Hectics, at age 12

9. The flags of Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederacy, and the U.S.

10. Trans-Siberian Railway (Russian Railways)

12. Ladies and gentlemen the story you are about to hear is true. Only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday February 27

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Thursday February 28

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East Branch Library Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broad-

Friday | March 1

Central Library Preschool Storytime for 2-year-

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland

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

Monday | March 4

Central Library

Sing Along with Ed the Music 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday | March 5

Somerville Community Baptist

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College

Central Library Girls Who Code

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

Wednesday | March 6

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville Positive Forces

1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library Preschool Story Time** 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC/ARTS Wednesday February 27

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

The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10

Andrea Beaton and Troy McGillivray |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

After Funk Quadrafunk Jeb Bush Orchestra

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Wednesday Residency: Gentle Temper

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Strummerville Ukulele Club 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 28

Sally O'Brien's

The Big Sway with Zip-Tie Hand-8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Second Annual Jamming for Justice Concert 6 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

Andrew Dimarzo with special guests The Drunk Monkeys, Lady Lupine, and Dan Cristo 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Lisa Bello

Marcela Cruz Shareef Keyes & The Groove 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Alison Keslow Trio 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

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

Friday | March 1

Sally O'Brien's Busted Jug|6 p.m.

Sex Ambulance, Strasser - \$10 cover|9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi

The Kennedys w/ Special Guest Jason & Jacob Sibi-Okumu|7 p.m. TBA|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville

The Very, The Milling Gowns 8:30

The After Party at ONCE Lounge 11 p.m. DJ Easy Ed 156 Highland Ave

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

Bull McCabe's

Ali McGuirk First Fridays 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Swimmer and Muscle Tough with special guest Slack Tide 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Aeronaut Brewing Co. First Friday Flamenco with Flamenco Boston! 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. Dreamland Silent Disco|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday | March 2

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Francine, Vic Firecracker, Speed Fossil - \$10 cover |9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Robin Lane & The Chartbusters CD Release Show |7 p.m. TBA|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

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Thunder Road

Next Generation Concerts' All Ages at Thunder Road!|1 p.m. Skull and Roses with Liz Biggar on Vocals|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

The 26th Boston Mardi Gras Ball 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Old Fox 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends

10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety show|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday | March 3

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Robin Lane & The Chartbusters CD Release Show |4 p.m. Cypress, Kaiti Jones, Front & Turner |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Americana Sundays with the Squeezebox Stompers 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Ladies Rock Camp Boston March 2019 Showcase! 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Possum with Therese Bellino & Dave Fredettel12 p.m. pindrop sessions 14: bach & banjo / shirley hunt + curtis eller's américan circus|7p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Monday | March 4

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

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

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Once Somerville Bloom. Donaher

7:30 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 | March 5

Sally O'Brien's Bar Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

666-3589

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

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band

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

Highland Kitchen

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

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

625-8200 **Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville 156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory Smut Slam 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | March 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar Wednesday bluegrass! with Kings Of Ghost Town CD release 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville

The Burren

Ave|617-666-3589

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 Téada with Séamus Begley |7:30

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Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Open Mic with Mike Morrissey

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday|February 27

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Mystery Book Club

Thursday | February 28

Ciampa Manor

Learn English with the Library! 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

Yoga at the Library

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland First Church Somerville

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Central Library

Irish Dance Workshop with Live

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory

The Somerville Flea: Cabin Fever 10 a.m., |Performance Hall| 191

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday | March 4

Laurie! 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Chess Night

Learn English at the Library

Wednesday | March 6

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

Creative Drama Workshop with

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway Tuesday | March 5

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Central Library

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library

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

(Upstairs Parlor).

Saturday | March 2

Winters Farmers Market

mory|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Sunday | March 3

Central Library

7p.m.-8:45 p.m|79 Library **East Branch Library**

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

TTY: 866-808-4851

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly Breakfast – Monday, March 4-9:00 a.m. at Renee's Café located at 198 Holland Street. \$7 to be paid at time of reservation. Seating is limited and RSVP is a must. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Create a Blog with Norbert –Monday, March 4, 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Have a hobby or topic to share that you think others will be interested in reading about? Come create a blog. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Lunch to follow

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Anthro New England Furry Convention

Anthro New England 2019 took place February 21-24 at Boston Park Plaza, with lots of furry participants, many from Somerville, dressing up as their favorite animals. Founded in 2014 and with its inaugural convention held in 2015, Anthro New England is one of the largest new furry conventions. Located in the very heart of Boston, Anthro New England celebrates the uniqueness of this historic city and the surrounding region - an area that is almost as unique as the people who live here.





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2019 SMC Honors Gala

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



Evening Agenda

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

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.: Awards program

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

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

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

2019 SMC Honors Nominees List

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best News Production: In Transit, Technotrash, Greater Somerville

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Wednesda 12:00am	ay, February 27	7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:00am 7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
9:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, M	arch 1	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
10:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
11:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
2:00pm	Science 360	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
4:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, M	larch 3	7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm	Off the Shelf	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV	Tuesday,	March 5
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
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11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	February 28	6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	11:00am	Graphic Content
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	Saturday	March 2	6:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:30pm	Teen Empowerment	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Legacies	1:00am	Boston Come Through	7:00pm	Cinema Somerville	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
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	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	6:30pm	Art & ideas Art Seen at SMC
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Wednesday, February 27								
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8:30am	City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan							
9:00am	Tuskegee Airmen							
11:00am	Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation							
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19							
3:30pm	City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan							
6:00pm	Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation							
6:45pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19							
7:00pm	Tuskegee Airmen							
8:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19							
11:00pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19							
Thursday, February 28								
12:00am	Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping							
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2:30am	SomerViva en Espanol							
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Friday, March 1

12:00am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 12:30am Public Hearing: Condo Conversion 8:50am GLX Open House - 1.30.19

9:00am MLK Day Celebration 10:00am Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty' 11:30am Somerville Learning 2030 12:32pm SomerViva en Espanol 1:00pm Tuskegee Airmen 2:00pm Powderhouse Studios Public Hearing 3:00pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 6:00pm Somerville Learning 2030 7:02pm SomerViva en Espanol 7:30pm Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation 8:15pm GLX Open House - 1.30.19 8:30pm Opioid Lawsuit Press Conference 8:45pm GLX Open House - 1.30.19 9:00pm SomerVision 2040 Meeting - 1.15.19 10:00pm Tuskegee Airmen 11:00pm City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan

Saturday, March 2 12:00am SomerViva em Português 12:30am 1:32am 2:00am 8:30am 8:50am 9:00am 9:30am 11:00am

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Somerville Learning 2030 GLX Open House - 1.30.19 School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19 Fit-4-Life #6 GLX Open House - 1.30.19 SomerViva em Português City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan Tuskegee Airmen

12:00pm Finance Committee of the Whole6:00pm SomerViva en Espanol 6:30pm Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping

Somerville Learning 2030 School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19 9:02pm Sunday, March 3 12:00am MLK Day Celebration 1:00am Public Hearing: Condo Conversion 8:30am Fit-4-Life #4

9:00am Raising Families "Special Needs Education' 9:30am Somerville Learning 2030 Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:00pm 12:30pm City Council Meeting - 2.28.19 6:00pm Tuskegee Airmen 7:00pm Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" SomerViva em Português 7:30pm City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan 8:00pm City Council Meeting - 2.28.19 8:30pm

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10:30pm 11:00pm Tuesday, March 5 12:00am City Council Meeting - 2.28.19 8:30am Fit-4-Life #5 9:00am Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation 9:45am GLX Open House - 1.30.19 10:00am SPD Hit & Run Press Conference - 2.14.19

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Wednesday, March 6 12:00am Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" 12:30am School Committee Meeting - 3.4.19

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Wednesday, February 27 SHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg 9:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett 10:30am 12:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School 12:30pm SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's 2:00pm Our Schools, Our City Parent Info Session on Marijuana 2:30pm 4:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin 5:30pm Student of the Qtr. - Argenziano School SHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg 6:00pm 7:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett 9:00pm Student of the Qtr. - Healey School SHS Hockey vs St. loe's 9:30pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin 11:00pm Thursday, February 28

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Wednesday, March 6

12:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford 2:00am Argenziano School MLK Concert

yruca **SOMERVILLE** edited by Doug Holder

Poet Allison Hasting writes: I am a student at Endicott College working towards my bachelor's in English/Creative Writing. I value time spent with family and friends and believe in the mantra 'everything happens for a reason.' I may always dream with my head in the clouds, but I think it's a little



more exciting to live life that way. In the future, I'd love to travel to as many new places as possible, so that unique cultural experiences continue to broaden my perspective on the world and inspire more story ideas.

London Sentiments

Walking the streets of London at age 18 With a heart, freshly sore I tried to paint a new scene -One that did not include you. I took in the colors of the city A canvas so bright and full of promise And felt renewed in the hope That a rearrangement in perspective was possible Holding onto a tiny belief That a new coating of memories Would be enough to cover up The remaining fragments of your silhouette. I breathed new life into familiar sights And tried envisioning myself as a free spirit Recalling what it felt like the first time I rode those red double-decker buses, Listened to musicians playing in Trafalgar Square, And sauntered through the night chaos Content to wander aimlessly Underneath the warm glow of street lights. Slowly but surely New memories started to seal in my mind, Like wax hardening as it cools. But my beautiful mirage began to melt Under the pressure of a thousand, Unspoken words And the worn-out memories of the past Quickly bled, like old faded watercolors Back into the foreground of your city. I suppose I was a fool to think I could paint over your remnants. You were always going to be the afterimage And I the sweeping brush Forever trying to cover the stain You left on my heart.

— Allison Hasting

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'No Common War'

by Luke Salisbury

Somerville Bagel Bard Luke Salisbury has a new novel coming out in the spring. I decided to reprint this review from The Forward.

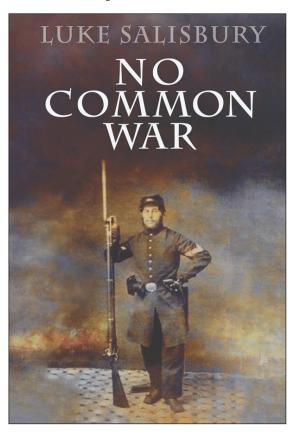
No Common War by Luke Salisbury (Black Heron Press) 2019.

Luke Salisbury's stunning Civil War novel No Common War brings America's bloodiest war to life through the eyes of a father, a son, and those who care about them.

Mason Salisbury, a staunch abolitionist, has seen the cruelty of slavery first hand. His son Moreau, called Ro, is an equally staunch pacifist - until he befriends a runaway slave. After Fort Sumter, Ro enlists and marches off to war with other young men from his small town in upstate New York.

Though it is narrated by both son and father, Ro emerges as the book's main character. Also taking the stage are his mother; Merrick, his cousin and fellow soldier; Helen, the girl he leaves behind; his uncle Lorenzo; and several fellow soldiers with whom Ro grew up and forms tight bonds. These characters are drawn from Salisbury's family stories; they are dimensional and complex from the first, and anxiety over their fates propels the story.

The text recreates battle scenes in granular detail, etching them in acid. It captures the isolation of soldiers within their own tiny cadres, picnickers who turn up to watch the first battles but leave disappointed at the lack of fierce fighting, and families traveling by wagon to battle sites in hopes of identifying and retrieving their dead or wounded kin. Such sharp details build a sense of realism that



ratchets up tension each time Ro and his comrades take the field.

The effects of the war on families at home are clear, too. Those who leave to fight never return the same, and the North is seen mourning for its lost innocence just as the South does. The book perfectly captures the pitch of the national upheaval and its emotional traumas.

Beautifully written, No Common War ranks as one of the best war novels in decades.

> —Susan Waggoner (March/April 2019)

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After the assessment, participants may be eligible for rebates for qualifying energy upgrades. Rebates are available for smart appliances including Wi-Fi thermostats, and air source heat pumpsthat provide high-efficiency heating and cooling. Eligible residents may qualify for financing in the form of a 0% interest HEAT Loan payable over a seven-year term.

Massachusetts households spend more on energy bills than the average U.S. household. This is mostly space heating costs which make up nearly two-thirds of expenditures.[1] According to the U.S. EPA, weatherizing can help save up to 15% in heating and cooling costs. Coupled with weatherization improvements, upgrading to a heating system a higher-efficiency rating can help increase comfortability in the home while and reduce utility bills year-round.

Landlords may receive additional incentives for installing insulation in rented units. Upgrading a rental unit's energy systems can reduce maintenance cost, increase tenant retention, and improve the home's value. Assistance programs are available through city and state income-eligible programs, too. For example, the City's Housing Rehab Program can provide a 0% interest, deferred loan of up to \$25,000 for home improvement projects in qualifying households. Additionally, the Department of Energy Resources Barrier Mitigation Grants can provide grants to income-eligible households to reduce barriers to weatherization upgrades through the Mass Save® Program.

Between 2013 and 2016, Somerville residents saved \$3.4 million through electric incentives from the Mass Save Program,[2] equivalent to the energy use of 1,238 homes for one year.[3] The National Grid Community Initiative helps inspire communities to take advantage of the statewide energy-efficiency program. Somerville was recently selected as one of four communities to participate in the 2019 Community Initiative Program.

To schedule a no-cost Home Energy Assessment, renters and property owners may call 855-891-9899. Please have your utility account number ready. If you are receiving fuel assistance, contact Menotomy Weatherization at 781-316-3436. To learn more and sign up to receive a call from a Mass Save® representative, visit www.somervillema.gov/seen.

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