



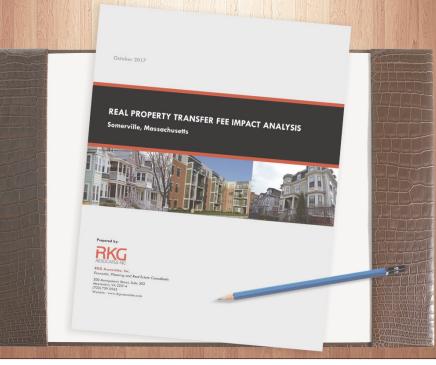
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City officials consider home rule petition on real estate transfer fee



A real estate transfer fee may soon be established for the City of Somerville.

By Jim Clark

A request by the Mayor's Office that the Somerville Board of Aldermen consider and approve a home rule petition authorizing a real estate transfer fee was presented at last week's meeting of the Board's Legislative Matters Committee.

The mayor's request specifically stated: "To the Honorable Board: I hereby request your consideration and approval of a home rule petition to authorize the City of Somerville to impose a real estate transfer fee. Please find attached the draft Home Rule Petition, a memorandum with updates on the Real Estate Transfer Charge Task Force, and RKG's transfer fee impact analysis. My staff will be available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Respectfully, Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor."

Intergovernmental Affairs Director from the Mayor's Office Tim Snyder Continued on page 4

Canopy City: The latest trend in Somerville coworking spaces

By Genevieve Bien-Aime

Nestled on a little side street, adjacent to Somerville Ave., is Canopy City, one of Somerville's newest coworking spaces. Billed as a social impact focused coworking space and startup the Tyler Street location has been their home for the past 11 months.

From their website, Canopy City offers this to say about themselves, "What makes the Canopy City experience unique is the organically-grown diversity of our community. Our membership base is comprised of entrepreneurs, engineers, policy makers, academics and artists – among others – who have harnessed the dynamic of cross-pollination to advance their vision." Although fairly new, Canopy City boasts forty-one companies that call it's third floor location home. Notable people who have worked out of the space include current mayor, Joe Cur-

tatone, who ran his most recent campaign from

a corner office. According to



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Join Somerville Local First and more than 40 local artists and makers for their February market being held on Sunday, the 11th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Arts at the Armory. Just in time for Valentine's Day (or Galentine's Day - take your pick) their market is built to spread the love. As always, you'll be able to sip on drinks and snacks from the Armory while you peruse all the fabulous goods.

A special happy birthday to our good friend Irving "Elmer" Johansen, who celebrates his 95th birthday. Irving has been a lifelong resident, a man who loves Somerville. He possesses a great memory and a great sense of humor. His church celebrated by throwing him a birthday party that about 80 members of his church attended after services on Sunday. Irving remembers when Republicans dominated the city and both the mayors and aldermen were all Republican. Of course, he realizes that times have changed, and guess what? He loves it. Like we said, he loves Somerville!

Happy birthday this week as well to the following: Happy birthday to John Arvantis, who is celebrating this week. Also, happy birthday to a good guy, Jason Ribeiro. We hope he has a great day this week. Happy birthday to our good friend and a great guy, **Bob McWatters**. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to a young lady who grew up here and works at Endicott College, Eleanor Pye. We hope she has a great day as well. Happy birthday to Harry Vaughan (Jr), who celebrates this week. To all those celebrating this week who we may have missed, we hope you have a great day as well.

Demets Donuts in Medford is getting very busy, but those donuts and the large variety are like the old Day's Donuts, huge and tasty. Almost a sin facing you when you come in for just coffee. It's hard to not get that jelly or lemon, not to mention the coconut donuts. The Somerville Times is available every Wednesday at the donut shop. Stop in, get a coffee and few of those delicious donuts, or maybe the real - and we mean real egg sandwiches, from real eggs. Continued on page 11



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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: Union Square Neighborhood Council

Craig says:

The council is not reflective of the community. When a slate is used, organizations are meddling with the election process thus tainting it. You were given the opportunity to do something different in this city and ruined it. I hope the administration doesn't listen to a word from the council.

Ruth Ann says:

Be careful. Some of the people involved in Our Revolution and Union United have a history of trying to shut down other people for expressing facts and opinions that don't line up with their talking points. They engage in social media attacks, name calling, and circulate lies to win supporters. They're like the left's version of the Tea Party.

Somerbreeze says:

@ Ruth Ann – Name particulars, OK? Don't indulge in juvenile innuendo.

Philip Hood says:

As a resident of the Union Square area I was unaware of this election. When did it occur?

DatGruntled says:

@Somerbreeze, go to any meeting and look who is doing the hissing.

Union Square Resident says:

The way this founding board was formed (ABCDE slate) is not representative of the community in which they claim to be representing. Union Square (Ward 2 & 3) is completely divided right now and is in the throws of a community war. I've lived in Ward 3 for 25 years and have never seen the community so disenfranchised.

Good luck to the new Ward 2 & 3 Alderman because they'll be one-term pols if they cannot figure out how to bring the two sides together. Ignoring the unrest in the community and acting like everything is just fine and dandy will be their downfall.

Response to: Union Square Portraits: Conversations about America – with JJ

Really? says:

It's quite a stretch to call this location Union Square. There must be businesses in Union Square you could highlight, certainly there must be some more deserving. I attended an event at Once and was shocked. Just a few short years ago it was a thriving, very nice function room, albeit with some problems and challenges. It is now a dump. It's too bad because it seems like they almost wanted to create a dive. There's no other explanation for how much it has deteriorated in such a short time. The drinks were awful, as was the furniture upstairs, and they didn't serve food. Just looking at the awning out front tells the story.

Dennis Fischman says:

That is nowhere near Union Square!

Jim G. says:

The article is about a person, not their business. The person lives in Union, as stated in the article. You might consider paying attention before spouting off.

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Cooper says:

I for one enjoy a good dive bar now and then. The slick hipster traps they've been putting up can get tiresome not to mention way too expensive and just plain boring.

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COMMENTARY

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By Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr.

In this year of 2018, I have thought long and hard about whether the name "Board of Aldermen" should be changed to "City Council." Folks have commented that "Board of Aldermen" is an outdated name which is non-inclusive. Many newer residents and folks from other communities do not even know what an alderman is. Other people say that the City of Somerville has had a Board of Aldermen since

Time for a City Council

our City was established in 1872 and that we should keep it for the sake of our history. The name "alderman" is an old English word that actually means old wise man or patriarch. "Boards of Aldermen" originated in English municipal law and many cities in our country adopted the term, long before women had the right to vote. As of today, women outnumber men in Somerville and the median age of our residents is 31 years, while the median for the entire state is 39. By population, we are one of the youngest communities in Massachusetts. So, in a city which has a majority of women with one of the youngest populations in the State, does it still make sense to name our legislative body after a word that means wise old man?

In Massachusetts city government, originally there was a common council and a board of aldermen. The common council was like the House of Representatives, which had more members, and the board of aldermen was like the Senate. So it seems that the intent was that a board of old wise men would oversee city government. When Somerville became a City in 1872, it simply established a Board of Aldermen because all





Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. believes that Somerville needs a "City Council" rather than a "Board of Aldermen."

cities in Massachusetts at that time did. It had nothing to do with Somerville in particular. In 1889, Somerville decided to abolish the Common Council and kept the name Board of Aldermen for its legislative body. Other cities around us did the opposite with regard to the name, including Cambridge and Boston, which both took the name City Council after they abolished their common councils. England, where the term "board of aldermen" originated, abolished their boards of aldermen in 1972, except for London. In 2011, Everett took the name City Council. Most recently, Newton changed from a Board of Aldermen to City Council in 2016.

In reality, Somerville only uses the name "Board of Aldermen" because of a decision made in 1899, which we haven't revisited in over 100 years. To me, it seems that the time has come to revisit that decision. Because of the reasons mentioned in this article, I believe that it is time for a change. As such, I have proposed a charter change at the next Board of Aldermen meeting to change our name to City Council.

Free flu shots still available

Flu season is in full swing and Somerville is no exception with new cases of flu diagnosed daily. The Somerville Health and Human Services Department still has vaccines available for children ages 4 and up, and their family members.

The CDC and Massachusetts Department of Public Health are still encouraging the vaccination through the rest of the flu sea-

son. If you haven't received a flu vaccine yet this flu season, please call 617-625-6600 x4320 to make an appointment.



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Allen Street Playground community meeting

Please join the Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, Ward 2 Alderman JT Scott, and Alderman at Large Stephanie Hirsch for a community meeting on Monday, February 12, to discuss upcoming renovations to the Allen Street Playground. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Public Safety Building at 220 Washington St.



For more information or with any questions about the project, please contact Arn Franzen at AFranzen@somervillema.gov.



They got the buyer, if not the seller

Members of the Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit were conducting routine narcotic interdiction surveillance last week within the East Somerville area.

At 6:00 p.m. Mark Verderber was spotted by the unit walking on Mount Vernon Street heading towards Wheeler St. Verderber is reportedly known to members of the Drug Control Unit due to his reputation involving the personal use of controlled substances. Verderber was observed as he reportedly met up with an individual on the corner of Wheeler St. by Mount Vernon St. This individual is also reportedly known to members of the Drug Control Unit due to his reputation involving the personal use and distribution of controlled substances and known to have been involved in a crack cocaine deal in December of 2017.

The two men were observed by the officers as they reportedly conducted a brief hand exchange, during which Verderber reportedly grabbed something from the other man with his right hand and immediately put the item in his right front pants pocket, then departed the area walking from Wheeler St.

Based on the training and experience of the officers on the scene, the behaviors displayed by two men during the course of this observation were consistent with that of a street level drug transaction.

At this point the officers ap-

proached Verderber, at which time he reportedly began to become confrontational. The officers who were following the other man stopped to assist with Verderber.

When asked where he just came from and if he had met with anyone, Verderber reportedly stated that he did not meet anyone and that he was going home.

As an officer attempted to search Verderber's right front pants pocket, he reportedly pushed away his hand. After a brief struggle, the officers placed Verderber into handcuffs for safety.

The officers then recovered a small baggie with a white rocky substance they believed to be crack cocaine from Verderber's right front pants pocket.

Verderber was subsequently placed under arrest on a charge of possession of a class B drug.

Additionally, an arrest warrant for the other man involved in the transaction was sworn out.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Leodan Salmeron-Molina, of 45 Marshall, January 29, 10:34 a.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a warrant charge of indecent exposure.

Mark Verderber, of 2 Mt. Vernon St., January 30, 5:24 p.m., arrested at Mt. Vernon St. on a charge of possession of a class B drug.

Kenneth Happas, of 36 Seargent Ave., January 31, 12:04 p.m., arrested at Montgomery Ave. on a warrant charge of unarmed robbery.

Derek Kennedy, of 50 Water St., Medford, February 3, 11:32 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Fernando Villalona, of 3 Cornelia St., Roxbury, February 4, 4:35 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of malicious wanton defacement of property and trespassing. **Genecy Mafra**, of 16 Putnam St., February 4, 5:06 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and state highway traffic violation.

Salvatore Coco, of 436 Medford St., February 4, 6:01 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a family or household member.

Bonnie Dwyer, of 35 School St., Everett, February 4, 7:25 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and disorderly conduct.



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City officials consider home rule petition on real estate transfer fee

explained that the proposal was a recommendation of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group and the main question is how to pursue a home rule petition (HRP) authorizing the city to impose this tax. According to Snyder, the first step is to secure BOA approval to move forward with the petition to the legislature, and if it is approved, the second step would be to develop a local ordinance to put in place exactly what would happen. Having specificity in the HRP is helpful, Snyder said, but if there is an unanticipated problem or issue down the road after a local ordinance is passed, the proposal would need to come back to this committee to be resolved and then put forth in another HRP to

the state legislature. Snyder added that although the city's state delegation is supportive of the proposal, the anticipation is that securing legislative approval would not be an easy task. The legislature's current 2-year session ends in July, and after that, any member can stop a bill by simply objecting to it. If the city wants this proposal considered this year, the HRP should be submitted by April. Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti suggested inviting the delegation to be present during the committee's deliberations of this item, to offer any advice on how to best draft the HRP. Snyder informed the committee that the city anticipates submitting additional HRP's and noted that Somerville probably

has more HRP's before the leg-

islature than any other community. He told members that the city needs to be aware of the time, effort and political capital expended by its delegation to support HRP's.

Committee Chairman, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, reported that the task force held discussions about a variety of key issues, including whether there should be varying fees, if a preamble should be included explaining why the tax is needed, who should be responsible for the payment and where the funds would go. Alderman At-Large Stephanie Hirsch added that the task force had questions about who would be exempted. She said that the tax would contribute to more stabilized neighborhoods. Board President and Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne said she thought that if the burden is on the seller, it discriminates against the elderly. She said there needs to be a discussion regarding the impact on se-

niors' financial well-being.

Ward 2 Alderman Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott asked if this item could be recommended for approval at this meeting and several members objected, citing the need to have additional discussions and time to schedule a public hearing, in order to make a better case. Chairman Niedergang voiced his agreement for scheduling a public hearing as soon as possible, but wants to develop a revised version of the HRP language for a transfer fee that reflects input from the aldermen. Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen went on the record in support of a transfer fee and said that it should be a top priority for the City. The matter was kept in Committee for further action.

Director of Housing from the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Michael Feloney spoke about how the recommendations came about and reviewed highlights of the memo.

Feloney told the committee that some Task Force members thought that it was appropriate for the sellers to pay the tax, while others felt that the burden should be on the buyer.

Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. inquired how the fees would be collected and asked how it is handled for the Cape Cod Land Bank.

Duhamel Education Initiative partnership helps strengthen Somerville Public Schools

Since 1996, the Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) has been committed to making a positive impact on Somerville Public Schools students. Their work honors the late Paul Duhamel by carrying on his work of dropout prevention and helping the disenfranchised. After the passing of their friend and colleague, Duhamel, who was a clergyman, community activist and member of the Somerville School Committee, a champion of the disenfranchised, and a kind and gentle man, seven friends founded the DEI in his honor.

One of the ways in which DEI supports Somerville students is through annual mini-grant awards of up to \$1,000 for projects that encourage students to "view school and education in a positive way through creative engagement." DEI hosts fundraising events throughout the year to support their scholarship program including an annual Fall Fundraising Dinner and a Pancake Breakfast in early spring. This year, DEI awarded the following mini grants for projects at schools throughout the district:

- + Strongwater Farm Therapy Equestrian (Doneghey, Next Wave/Full Circle)
- + My Rock (Artavia, West Somerville Neighborhood School)
- + Path Program (Burbridge, Somerville High School)
- + Improving Efficacy for Struggling Students (Alter, Somerville High School)
- Community Garden (Serino and Hazard, Next Wave/Full Circle)
- Young Scientists in Action (Seara-Galvez, Winter Hill Community Innovation School)
- + Cooking, Culture, and Costumes (Berkowitz, Kennedy School)
- + Bike to School (Robichaux, Next Wave/Full Circle)
- Meeting Diverse Needs through Flexible Seating (Rodriguez, Argenziano School)
- Book Bags for Achievement (Allen and Martinez, East Somerville Community School).

We're thankful for DEI's partnership and commitment to Somerville Public Schools students. Learn more about DEI at https://www.duhameleduca-tioninitiative.org/.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of January 29 – February 2.

\$15 MILLION FOR PUERTO RICO (H 4160, S 2280)

House 153-0, Senate 38-0, approved different versions of a fiscal 2018 supplemental budget. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

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

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

"This funding supports school districts across the state that have faced a sudden influx of new students," said Sen. Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "It is our duty to welcome these students with open arms and ensure they continue to have access to high-quality education."

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$1,063,978 TO REIMBURSE CITIES AND TOWNS FOR COSTS OF EARLY VOTING (H 4160)

House 151-0, approved an amendment to provide \$1,063,978 to reimburse cities and towns for the costs they incurred for the implementation of the state law mandating that communities allow early voting for the November 2016 election.

Amendment supporters said allowing early voting worked out very well and argued the state, not struggling cities and towns, should pay for these expenses. or are the least likely to receive care for the disease; and implementing a strategy to increase the diagnostic rate.

Another provision requires doctors, physician assistants and nurses to complete a one-time course of training and education on the diagnosis, treatment and care of patients with Alzheimer's, dementia and other cognitive impairments.

The measure also creates an Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research and Treatment to work with closely with state agencies and the Legislature.

"Alzheimer's disease is a growing epidemic. It's impacting hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents," said Jim Wessler, President and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter.

Supporters said that this disease affects more than 120,000 people in the Bay State and according to the Alzheimer's Association, that number is projected to increase by 25 percent to 150,000 by 2025. They argued deaths from Alzheimer's have nearly doubled from 2000 to 2014 and it is time for the state to step up to the plate and lead the way in the care for people with Alzheimer's and in the fight to eradicate it.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote

NO LONGER REQUIRE HAND-WRITTEN USED VEHICLE RECORD BOOK (S 2269)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill repealing the outdated current requirement that all car dealers maintain a book in which they enter extensive hand-written information about each used vehicle sold. This law was put on the books decades ago to ensure that used car sales were tracked so that police and other law enforcement could access them. The bill would allow the information to be maintained in the dealer's online database.

Supporters said dealers switched to online record-keeping years ago but under this antiquated law are still required to also maintain this hand-written book which duplicates what is online and is a waste of the dealer's time. They said they don't know of a single case in the Vega noted that it is important to point out that these storage lots are not open land - they require fencing, lighting and are required to follow many other municipal regulations. He said they can't be used for any other purpose other than a storage lot, as they need to be available for public authority police tows.

CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINTS (H 12434) -

The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring that children under the age of two or weighing less than 30 pounds, ride in a federally approved child passenger restraint that is facing backwards.

Current law is more general and requires children under eight to ride in a federally approved child passenger restraint but does not mandate that it face backwards.

"Research has shown that children up to two years old are less likely to be seriously injured when their car seat is rear-facing," said Rep. Claire Cronin (D-Easton), the sponsor of the bill."This bill reflects the current research and increases child safety at no additional cost to the consumer."

WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE? – While the 2018 elections are still months away, Secretary of State Bill Galvin announced that nomination papers for the 2018 State Primaries and General Election are now available at Galvin's Elections Division, Room 1705, McCormack State Office Building, One Ashburton Place, and regional offices in Fall River and Springfield.

The state party primaries will be held on Tuesday, September 4th, and the state election will be on Tuesday, November 6th.

Details, deadlines and the number of signatures required are at: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/ Candidates-Guide-18.pdf

All 160 state representative and state senator seats are up for grabs. Other offices to be filled include U.S. senator, U.S. representative, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, governor's councilor, district attorney, clerk of courts, register of deeds and county commissioner.

THREE POSSIBLE 2018 BALLOT QUESTIONS GET A HEARING – Three possible 2018 ballot questions were the subject of hearings last week.

The proposals would increase the minimum hourly wage to \$12 in 2019, \$13 in 2020, \$14 in 2021 and \$15 in 2022; create a program to provide paid family and medical leave to Massachusetts workers; and reduce the state's sale tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent and at the same time establish an annual two-day permanent sales tax holiday in August that allows consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 without paying the state's sales tax.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$1,063,978.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Didn't Vote

PLAN TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO COM-BAT ALZHEIMER'S (H 4116)

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring the governor's Executive Office of Health and Human Service to assess all current state programs that address Alzheimer's disease and create and maintain an integrated state plan to overcome the illness.

The plan would include accelerating the development of treatments that would prevent, halt or reverse the disease; helping to coordinate the health care and treatment of individuals with the disease; ensuring the inclusion of ethnic and racial populations, who have a higher risk past few decades in which a law enforcement official has asked to see this book.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

INCREASE THE STORAGE CHARGE FOR

TOWED VEHICLES (H 2509) – The House gave initial approval to a bill increasing from \$35 per day to \$42 per day the maximum storage charge that can be charged by private storage lots that store cars that are ordered towed by police in a city or town.

"The last increase to this rate was in 2010," said bill sponsor Rep. Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke) "Everything has gone up since then in regard to running any business including, property taxes, property insurance and all related expenses to property maintenance." If the Legislature does not approve the proposed laws by May 2, 2018, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 4, 2018, in order for the question to appear on the November 2018 ballot.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"This hearing, even by legislative standards, had exceptionally low committee attendance. Only the Senate and House chairmen plus Sen. Ryan Fattman were present – just 3 out of 17! And once again, no questions from

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the committee were asked after I testified. I guess I must have wowed them into silence." - Chip Faulkner, Director of Communications of Citizens for Limited Taxation on testifying before the Revenue Committee in favor of lowering the state's sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5 percent.

"We had a busy year and have much to be proud of. Working together, our membership was able to accomplish many gains." - Rep. Frank Moran (D-Lawrence), Chairman of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus.

"Not only does this irresponsible and careless plan put our state's jobs and environment at risk, but it shows utter disregard for the will and voices of thousands of local businesses and fishing families. My colleagues and I will continue to fight this plan." - Attorney General Maura Healey urging U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to cease his plan to open up nearly all offshore areas - including waters off the Massachusetts coast - to oil and gas drilling.

"Many states currently recognize that voter registration deadlines are unnecessary, obsolete and disenfranchise voters. Massachusetts' current deadline is out of step with what is done in states across the nation. It is time for Massachusetts to join others in recognizing the harm of its voter registration deadline once and for all." — Alora Thomas-Lundborg, from the American Civil Liberties Union Voting Rights Project urging the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to declare Massachusetts' 20day voter registration cutoff law unconstitutional. That

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law requires a person be registered to vote at least 20 days before an election.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Fri. Feb. 2

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 January 29-February 2, the House met for a total of 10 hours and 55 minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 35 minutes.

Mon. Jan. 29	House 11:03 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 1:19 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 30	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Jan. 31	House 11:02 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. No Senate session

Thurs. Feb. 1

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 1:14 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.

No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
82 Line	6 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	40	\$1,449,000	\$1,375,000
66 Chandler Street	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	8	\$1,500,000	\$1,525,000
28 Hawthorne St	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Other	18	\$1,549,000	\$1,575,000
23 Elston St	9 room, 5 bed, 4f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$1,795,000	\$1,915,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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



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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
14-16 Joseph St	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,265,000	\$1,150,000
35 Merriam St	3 unit, 20 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,269,000	\$1,240,000
90 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	26	\$1,290,000	\$1,205,400
52 Porter St	2 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	55	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000
24 Belknap Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,579,000	\$1,400,000
34 Heath Street	6 unit, 24 total room, 6 total bedroom 5-9 Family	23	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000
255 Highland Ave	6 unit, 23 total room, 8 total bedroom 5+ Family	7	\$2,500,000	\$2,560,000
11 Austin Street	6 unit, 34 total room, 16 total bedroom 5+ Family	125	\$2,750,000	\$2,500,000

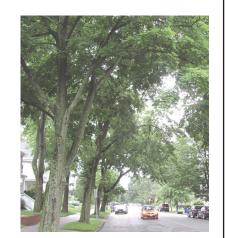
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Somerville's Urban Forest

Dr. Vanessa Boukili, Somerville's first full-time City Arborist, will give a general overview of the status of the City's more than 12,000 public trees on February 14, and will talk briefly about some of her current projects. She will discuss Somerville's current tree inventory, tree risk assessments and public safety, and planting practices and programs. She will also touch on some upcoming opportunities and additional programs that will be getting off the ground soon.

Since completing her doctorate in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in 2013, Vanessa Boukili has served as Research Director for the Urban Forest Program of the Earthwatch Institute [2014-2016] and as an Urban Forestry and Land-



scape Planner for the City of Somerville [2016-present]. At Earthwatch she collaborated with municipal leaders, educators and the general public, recruiting and training hundreds of volunteers to measure the current status of urban trees.

In Somerville, to steward the City's public trees Boukili carries out field work, technical analyses and public education, coordinating work among City departments. Also, she manages tree-planting contracts and envisions and implements updates for the City's Tree Inventory and Urban Forest Management Plan. She also serves as Conservation Agent for Somerville's Conservation Commission, which includes enforcing provisions of the state Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act.

All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. Meetings are held 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building (TAB), 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheel-chair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

Canopy City: The latest trend in Somerville coworking spaces CONT. FROM PG 1

Canopy's Head of Marketing and Sales Aleksandr Betra, Massachusetts 2018 gubernatorial candidate, Bob Massie is slated to head his campaign headquarters out of Canopy City as well.

What's the big deal with coworking spaces in general? They offer solo entrepreneurs, startups and even established businesses non-conventional spaces to work from. Normally, coworking spaces are secured through monthly membership packages that cater to the specific needs of the individual or company.

This is the case for Canopy City where they offer four different membership packages, ranging from a Leaf Membership which is a 10-day pass for use of the space within a calendar month to a Private Office package that allows companies to secure a permanent space within the location and 24-hour access.

Membership does have its perks which include, free access to all in-house events, discounts at local businesses including Brooklyn Boulders, AirCraft Aerial Arts and the Startup Institute, as well as unlimited beverages, snacks and printing.

Probably the biggest draw is the social aspect that coworking spaces offer; making it easier to network and meet people in other industries. What seems to set Canopy City apart from other coworking spaces is their mission to ensure that Canopy is an inclusive space that all can feel welcome, particularly those from the Somerville community. When responding to my question on what the future holds for Canopy City, Betra elaborated that the main focus was, "the interconnectedness and creating an inclusive community comprised of different people." Some ways that Canopy seeks to do that is through their Entrepreneurs Breakfast and Founder's Lunch offered on alternate Tuesdays of the month. Through these events, the Canopy community is encouraged to network, share and learn from each other.

For more information or to schedule a tour, you can call Canopy City at (617) 953-1305 or send an email to somerville@ canopy.city.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

Spying About

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Benjamin Franklin was born and raised in Boston and moved to Philadelphia as a young man. Having been trained as a printer early on, he developed a fascination for everything. He became an author, scientist, inventor, and statesman. His fertile imagination brought to fruition a multitude of ideas. His inventions were diverse, spanning from bifocals and whale-oil street lamps, to wooden swim fins and his Franklin stove, etc.



He established America's first postal system, its first lending library, and its first volunteer fire department, The Union Fire Company. His electrical experiments captured and harnessed electricity in a bottle by way of his lightning rod invention. Through the years, this creation has protected millions of structures from disaster. One of the early rods was placed on the old Somerville Powder House. Franklin was not only a colonial entrepreneur and statesman; he was a political cartoonist, patriot and a revolutionary spy. He was a spymaster and an original member of the Committee of Secret Correspondence that was a forerunner to the Central Intelligence Agency. He helped sow the



Initial view when walking into Canopy City's third floor space.

— Photo by Genevieve Bien-Aime

seeds of the American Revolution by designing and delivering the first American flag to General Washington that was flown on Prospect Hill.

In colonial times, the most popular newspaper in the thirteen colonies was the Massachusetts Spy. Its press was smuggled out of Boston and taken to Worcester just three days before the Battle at Lexington.



In the fall of 1774, in reaction to the British attack on the now Somerville Powder House, Paul Revere and almost 30 other men formed a spy team called "The Mechanics" to keep constant watch over the movements of British troops. The group proved its worthiness on April 19, 1775. It was the first patriotic intelligence network.

During the siege of Boston, Prospect Hill, which means good view, became General Continued on page 20 \$3,000,000

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Don't mistake depression for the seasonal blues

By Lissa Marcucci

The winter holidays can be a happy time of traditions and celebrating with family and friends. But for many the holidays can be also be a reminder of those we have lost. Additionally, the shorter days, less sunlight, and cold weather can bring on the "blues," with feelings of sadness and fatigue.

So how can we tell if we are suffering depression, which is more serious than temporary seasonal sadness?

As a social worker, I support people who need care at home, as well as those who provide that care. This includes providing useful information. This month, I'm helping to raise awareness about the difference between seasonal mood changes and clinical depression.

Depression in older adults often goes undiagnosed and untreated. Depression in older adults can present differently. For example, an increased level of pain could be a symptom.

Your mental health en-

thoughts, and behaviors. If you are crying almost every day, if you are so tired you are struggling to get out of bed, if you are feeling increased pain, if you are ruminating over past mistakes - this could be more than just a bad day; this could be depression, especially if your symptoms last longer than a few days.

In speaking with caregivers this month, my hope is to raise awareness of signs of mental illness, especially depression. Our caregivers are very conscientious about responding to physical illness, but sometimes changes in mental health are more difficult to identify. The first step to feeling better is acknowledging that there is a problem.

When a caregiver notices that the participant is experiencing mood changes that are more serious than the holiday blues, we encourage them to call the primary care physician. I stress that depression is an illness that requires treatment. When their loved one talks about

compasses your emotions, feeling sad, I also encourage caregivers to really listen and try to understand what the participant is experiencing.

> Recently, one of our participants was showing signs of depression. But her caregiver dismissed it, saying, "Oh, old people can't do what they used to do, and that's just the way life is." This caregiver is very caring, making sure that the participant gets good medical care, stays as active as possible, and maintains a good diet. But he was also minimizing her symptoms. I spoke with the caregiver to help him understand that the participant needed to be heard and acknowledged.

> The holiday blues are temporary, but clinical depression may last right through the holidays into the New Year. Depression can have a major impact on your health and well-being. The good news is that there are ways to help. The crucial first step is to identify the problem.

> Lissa Marcucci is a Licensed



Adult Family Care Licensed Clinical Social Worker Lissa Marcucci.

Clinical Social Worker who works in the Adult Family Care (AFC), a non-profit program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that supports in-home care-

givers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

Area cities launch bike sharing program

The Metro-Boston public bike share system, Hubway, is now available at a significant discount to income-eligible families and individuals. The City of Somerville along with Boston, Cambridge, Brookline, the Department of Transitional Assistance, and bike share operator Motivate announced earlier this month the launch of the "SNAP Card to Ride" program.

"SNAP Card to Ride" provides \$5 monthly memberships and \$50 annual memberships to individuals over the age of 16 with their household SNAP/EBT card. The membership includes unlimited 60-minute trips.

The program is part of an ongoing commitment to improve bike share access among all populations. Residents who do not receive SNAP benefits, but participate in other public assistance programs, will be able to access the discounted membership program in the near future and sign up in person with City staff this spring.





"Riding a bicycle can be one of the most cost effective ways to get around an urban environment like Somerville, and this initiative will bring needed equity to bike sharing at an important time," said Mayor Joe Curtatone. "In 2018, we will be opening nine new Hubway stations and two miles of protected, low-stress

bike lanes to give more residents a better opportunity to travel throughout Somerville - and beyond - by bike. SNAP Card to Ride will help more residents benefit from this investment."

Convenient, easy online registration is available for EBT card holders at thehubway.com/SNAP/. After completing registration, members will have access to more than 1,800 bikes at 194 stations across the four municipalities. Members with smartphone access can use the Hubway mobile app to locate and unlock bikes.

"During the Go Boston 2030 planning process, Boston residents shared their desire for a more reliable, equitable and accessible transportation system, which includes our increasingly popular bike share system," said Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "The City of Boston is pleased to be part of the SNAP Card to Ride partnership, and we look forward to increasing the number of stations and bikes in Boston over the next 18 months." Continued on page 16

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COMMENTARY

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Learning from the past to prepare for the future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

If you've ever trekked to Prospect Hill Tower on a chilly New Year's Day to witness the raising of the Grand Union Flag or if you've gathered at Foss Park as a Paul Revere lookalike rides by on horseback, then you may think you know what historic preservation in Somerville is all about. To some degree you'd be right. The historical events put on by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission are important for our community and serve as ways to come together and keep our history alive. However, they make up only a tiny portion of the important day-to-day work by Historic Preservation staff and the City archivist.

Honoring, celebrating, and documenting our history may

start with recognizing our heritage and preserving our past. But we must also learn from history, and continue to build it by creating archives of the present. This way we can hold ourselves accountable and better plan for our collective future.

For one, historical information about our neighborhoods allows us to see how they have changed and continue to change so that City services can evolve alongside them and our planning efforts can be informed by them.

Take for example our history as an immigrant city - something that has always been a point of pride for Somerville and has even made national news recently. Looking back at immigration patterns provides critically important historical context to this issue. They show how the fabric of Somerville has been deeply enriched by immigrants, not just over the past 10 or 20 years but deep into the last century. In the present, examining macro-level trends of where people move from, where they move to, what kind of houses they live in, what kind of jobs they do, and more helps us to anticipate people's needs and do our best to meet them like with the work we're doing around the recently announced housing priorities. When we have similar records from the past, we can further inform this work by understanding even longer-term trends.

We pride ourselves on being a data-driven City government. Examining available data like local immigration patterns gives us a broad look at our past and present. It's a good place to start, but we can't stop there. We must remember that there are people behind these data points and trends. One such person was Joseph G. Clinkard, who lived here in the late 1800s. He was heavily involved in labor organizing with Central Labor Union and was reported to have founded a local women's labor organization in the midst of the growing national women's rights movement. His story is part of our city's long and deep-rooted history of activism and civic engagement. Part of the reason individual histories such as his are known to us is because our archivist and historic preservation staff ensures they don't get lost.

Just as they work to preserve the history of both the macro and micro history of Somerville's former residents, the Historic Preservation Commission also works to maintain the character of the historic architecture in Somerville overall and home-by-home. Working with property owners, they make sure we preserve and maintain the historic character of the classic homes and buildings so many residents here love. And as we grow and integrate the new into the city or upgrade the old, the Commission helps us make sure future plans preserve the character – and history – of buildings wherever appropriate. Their work on this front will be paramount as we move forward with a new zoning code and bolstered efforts on housing retention and creation.

And of course there's more. They protect our monuments like the Powder House and preserve our historical sites like Milk Row Cemetery. They lead fascinating walking tours through the history hidden along our streets. Then there's our archive staff who maintain an awesome blog filled with intriguing old photographs and documents (like notes on the blog now showing how the City was preparing for World War I a hundred years ago). In short, our historic and archive staff strive each day to keep the past alive and present in ways that enrich us.

So whether you've lived parts of our history or you're here now helping us create it by opening businesses, attending rallies, showing up for historic votes, and participating in our numerous public processes, I hope you'll dive into and celebrate our rich history, continue to examine and question how we became the world class city we are today, and use that knowledge wisely to prepare us for our exciting future.

Interested in learning more about Somerville's history? Visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/historic-preservation to learn more about the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission's work, and head to the Archives blog at www.somervillearchives.tumblr. com for interesting digital exhibits and information.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the editor:

Somerville YIMBY is writing to express our support for the Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project. We believe that there is an urgent need for the project to move forward in the development process to ensure that currently committed state funding is not lost.

The Clarendon Hill Redevelopment Project will be a major benefit to the City of Somerville. Somerville and the Greater Boston Area are in the midst of a housing affordability crisis. This project will help ease this crisis by expanding the stock of both affordable and market-rate housing. Further, it is clear that the existing Clarendon Hill development is in urgent need of renovation. The proposed redevelopment will be subsidized by the market-rate developer and State and Federal funding sources, easing the burden of this inevitable expense on the City. The plans provide for all of the 216 families residing there to be relocated during construction, and ensures they can all return once it is complete.

Time is of the essence. This project has already undergone significant public discussion (eight meetings and counting), and been adjusted to respond to the community's concerns. Further delay will endanger State funding for the project, putting the project in jeopardy. There are, without a doubt, questions that the community still needs answered. However, further details of the project will not be known until a formal ZBA proposal has been completed. There will

still be time for community members to have their questions answered and their concerns heard, but it is time for the project to progress to the next phase.

We want to thank the Mayor and Alderman Katjana Ballantyne for their leadership on this project.

We hope the community will reach out to their city representatives to express support for the project.

Sincerely,

Somerville YIMBY

City's 'HeatSmart CoolSmart' program ending soon

The City of Somerville's HeatSmart CoolSmart program ends soon, and residents and can sign up through February 15 for the program which could reduce utility bills and increase a building's efficiency.

This limited time program aims to increase awareness and educate residents about air source heat pumps, while encouraging adoption among Somerville property owners. Thursday, February 15 is the deadline to sign a contract to install the system at a later date.

More than 100 property owners signed up to complete no-cost, no obligation site visits through the program and more than 30 have committed to install this highly efficient technology by signing contracts with either one of the City's selected installers; N.E.T.R. and New England Ductless.



Heat pumps can increase a building's energy-efficiency and reduce utility bills. The cold climate air source heat pumps offered through HeatSmart CoolSmart can provide both efficient heating and cooling at special discounted prices.

More information is available at www.somervillema.gov/hscs or by calling Christine Andrews at 617-625-6600 ext. 2567 or emailing candrews@somervillema.gov.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times

As it has so often been said, you can't win them all. In what could only be termed a frustrating match-up, our beloved New England Patriots lost out on the big win last Sunday. But our heartfelt appreciation for their tremendous achievements this past season is indisputable. They played well, and we love them for it.

We congratulate the Philadelphia Eagles for an outstanding season and the

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We see that Alderman At-Large Bill White is proposing changing the name of the Board of Alderman to City Council. It's about time. We've been in favor of this for a long time. We hope that this happens with the support of the entire Board of Aldermen and the mayor. City Council sounds a lot better than that old English word for "elders" – in many towns and cities in the old days they were supposed to represent a Board of Elders. City Councilor fits better for both the men and women of today representing us on the Board. Thank you Councilor White!

tremendous effort that paid off in the championship final. Their players and fans have much to be proud of, and their bragging rights are firmly secured. For now, that is. At any rate, our hats – and helmets – are off to them in honor of their tremendous achievement.

As for our own, there is, of course, always next year. This Super Bowl was just one game out of many that have passed and many more yet to come. As good as this team can be, there is no doubt that they will earn their invitation to The Dance again in due time. Perhaps sooner than later.

In the meantime, take heart that New England in general – and the Boston area in particular – boasts some of the greatest sports teams ever fielded and will, over the course of their respective seasons, shine as brightly as ever while thrilling their fans and humbling their competitors. Be it baseball, basketball, hockey, or just about any competitive sport one can name, we can boast world-class talent and ability, with proven results.

No one takes pleasure in seeing their team lose a championship game, but for us it's clearly reasonable to expect many more victories over the years to come.

major surgeries. We hope he enjoys his new home fully this time. He's been in hospital for several months.

Don't forget, if you miss the Board of Aldermen meetings on Somerville City Cable (Comcast 22, RCN 13) or online at https://www.somervillema.gov/video every other Thursday night you can view them in their entirety by going to http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. ***** We hear that our own Congressman Mike Capuano has some very strong competition from the other side of the district. A Boston City Councilor is considering running against him. We think Congressman Mike has done a good job, considering. We know for a fact his office is right here in Sullivan Square and he has a dedicated staff that will help with the many constituents' issues. *****

tors to three-year terms. The meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. For info, contact **Noreen Santucci**, correspondence secretary, at :NFSLEARN@ aol.com or at 617-448-0145.

Over the next few weeks Somerville residents will be receiving the 2018 Annual City Census in the mail and the city urges everyone to fill out and return theirs. High census participation provides an accurate population count and helps the city plan municipal services and adapt as the population changes. The Elections Department also uses the census to help keep voting rolls up to date. Completed census forms can be returned via the postage paid return envelope included in the mailing, by scanning the form and emailing it to census@somervillema.gov, by dropping it off in a census box located in city buildings and libraries, or by faxing it to 617-625-5642. Contact 311 or 617-666-3311 with any questions. *****

ty throughout the year and then awards small grants to community-based, charitable organizations that serve Tufts' host communities. All of the TNSF funds go to nonprofit organizations. In this way, TNSF supports not only community organizations but also the work of the many Tufts students, staff, faculty, and alumni who volunteer with them. Interested organizations should contact the Government and Community Relations office at Tufts University at (617) 627-3780 or obtain an application at http://go.tufts.edu/TNSF. Individual grants will be made in amounts ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. Applications are due by Friday, March 2, and awards will be announced before April.

Congratulations to a very good friend who retired last Friday, **Diane Johansen** has worked hard as a dedicated employee. We hope she relaxes and enjoys her retirement.

Also, congratulations to **Tony Sillari** who retired last week after 29 years of dedicated service to our community as the **City Plumbing Inspector**. We doubt that he will disappear. We hope he enjoys his new venture.

Glad to hear that **Charlie Chisholm** is now home recuperating from his many

The Annual Meeting of the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation will be held in the Library at Somerville High School at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, when they will elect DirecNon-profit organizations in Somerville are invited to apply for grants from the **Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund** (**TNSF**). The TNSF collects donations from faculty and staff at Tufts Universi*****

Don't miss the Somerville High School musical production of *Pippin*. Great singing and dancing, animation, production, and more in this contemporary take on a young person's search for purpose. February 8, 9, 10 at 7:00 p.m., and February 10 at 2:00 p.m. Purchase tickets and learn more at http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/ music/high-school-musical. All shows will take place at the SHS Centennial Auditorium.

Tony Sillari retirement celebration

By Donald Norton

Completing 29 years of service, Tony Sillari, the city's Plumbing Inspector retired, this past Friday, February 2.

Nearly 100 friends, family members and co-workers joined in celebrating his many years with the city.

Sillari was pleased to see so many show up at his favorite Friday afternoon lunch place, Out of the Blue in Davis Square. The mayor even showed up to give his regards. He personally thanked all who showed up to wish him a happy retirement.











Photos by Donald Norton





Valentine's Tour 2018

The Valentine's Tour with Jimmy Del Ponte, The Moonlighters and Mayor Curtatone kicked off on Tuesday, with the group visiting and singing at the VNA on Lowell Street and Alewife Brook Parkway. Today, Wednesday the 7th, they plan on going to Cobble Hill.











Photos by Ana Bahnke



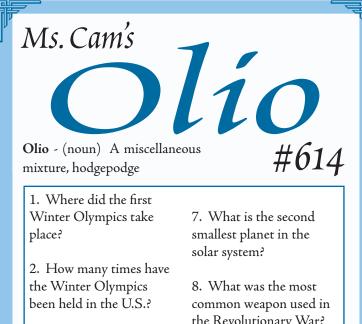


SPORTS

SHS Girls Basketball update – February 7



Somerville High School Girls basketball hosted Swampscott Tuesday night. The SHS Freshman team lost by a score of 30-22. Junior Varsity won 42-24, and the Varsity team prevailed over Swampscott 46-38. — Photos by Kristina Sabatino



3. How many years between each Winter Olympics?

4. What war interrupted the Winter Olympics being held in 1940 and 1944?

5. In the comic book world, who is Lois Lane's the Revolutionary War?

9. Can a pig get sunburned?

10. What did Albert Einstein say was "the hardest thing to understand in the world"?

11. In what club did the Rolling Stones play their

SHS Senior Night 2018

Somerville High School Senior Night is this Friday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. at Brune Field House. Come out and support the Seniors in their last home game of the season as they take on the Salem Witches. Girls Basketball Senior Night is Thursday, February 15.



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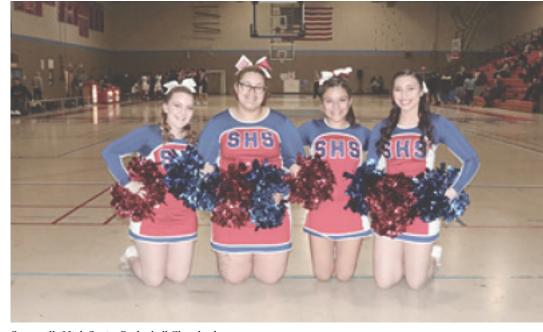
6. What Jay-Z album did The Notorious B.I.G. make a guest appearance on?

12. In what year was the first Earth Day celebrated?

Answers on page 17

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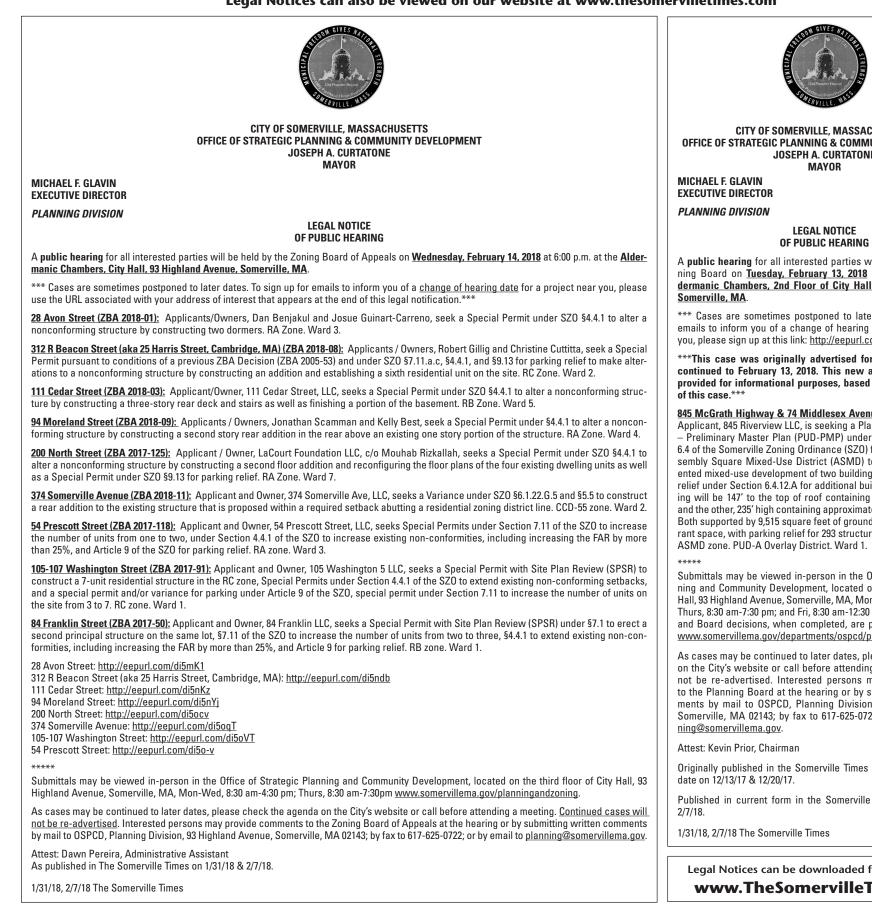
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue,

*** 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 sign up at this link: http://eepurl.com/ddSNpf

***This case was originally advertised for January 4, 2018, and continued to February 13, 2018. This new advertisement is being provided for informational purposes, based upon the continuation

845 McGrath Highway & 74 Middlesex Avenue (PB2017-27): Owner/ Applicant, 845 Riverview LLC, is seeking a Planned Unit Development - Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) under Article 16 and Section 6.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) for 0.85 acres in the Assembly Square Mixed-Use District (ASMD) to develop a transit-oriented mixed-use development of two buildings. Applicant also seeks relief under Section 6.4.12.A for additional building height. One building will be 147' to the top of roof containing up to 180 hotel rooms, and the other, 235' high containing approximately 215 residential units. Both supported by 9,515 square feet of ground floor retail and restaurant space, with parking relief for 293 structured spaces.

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

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

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Area cities launch bike sharing program

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"Hubway has evolved to become an invaluable tool for facilitating active transportation for people that live and work in the greater Boston region," said Chair of the Brookline Select Board, Neil Wishinsky. "We are excited that the SNAP Card to Ride program will make bike share more accessible so everyone has the opportunity to utilize this great resource."

"Cambridge residents, commuters, and visitors benefit from the Hubway system, and this program is an essential way to ensure that every member of our community has access to this great transportation resource," said Louis A. DePasquale, Cambridge City Manager. "We look forward to continuing to work with our municipal partners in promoting cost-effective, sustainable transportation throughout the Metro Boston region."

"Hubway shows that bike share is fulfilling its promise as a vital part of the Boston area's transportation network - increasing access to the region's existing transit network as well as communities underserved by public transit," said Jay H. Walder, CEO & President of Motivate, operators of Hubway. "We are eager to continue to help grow a system that has truly served as an inspiration for a whole gen-

eration of bike share programs across the nation."

Winter riding is available in all four municipalities for the first time this year, following several years of winter operations in the City of Cambridge. Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville announced major expansion of the publicly owned system. Collectively, they will add more than 100 new stations in 2018 and 2019, providing more than 300 stations and approximately 3000 bicycles for public use.

The Hubway system is regional public transportation by bike, owned by the municipalities of Boston, Brookline, Cambridge,



and Somerville and operated by Motivate, a national leader in bike share. With more than 190 stations and 1800 bikes, the system has more than 15,000 members across the region. Since launching in July 2011, the riders have taken more than 6.5 million trips. More information about the system, including station locations, can be found at thehubway.com.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

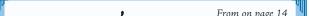
Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board

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

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Frank Viele at Once Ballroom on Sunday, February 18

Up until now, Frank Viele has been something of a regional secret throughout New England. His quadruple-threat reputation as a singer, guitarist, songwriter and performer is unrivaled in the region, as recognized by the New England Music Awards with nods for Album of the Year, Male Performer of the Year and Live Act of The Year.

Of course, musically tuned-in folks have been hearing reports of Viele's prowess for several years. *No Depression* might have piqued their curiosity with its praise for his "vivid storytelling." Or maybe they read about his singing in *The Alternate Root*, which observed that his



"street growl" could rivet a passerby. *Howl Magazine* even called his shows "transcendent" and predicted that his music "will rattle your bones and penetrate to the core."

Audiences around the country have begun taking notice as Viele plays in further-flung venues. Since his first album *Fall Your Way* dropped in 2015 he's been called to open for Will Hoge, Blues Traveler, Lee DeWyze, Zach Myers of Shinedown and The Marshall Tucker Band. In his somewhat wonderstruck words, "artists who have been on my personal playlists for years."

Slated for a March 23 release, *What's His Name?* is a personal tour de force of passion, candor and craft. Viele's singing is unforgettable – rough-edged yet nuanced, straddling that line where poetic interpretation and raw emotion meet. The impressions he made during his early gigs broaden on *What's His Name?* Rugged Americana, deep blues and gut-wrenching soul create a potent new brew on *Cigarettes, Throwing Stones, & Lies.*

Unlikely elements – a gentle groove kissed by congas, a milky bass tone and wind chimes – caress Viele's anguished romanticism on *If You Could Only Read My Mind*. Those same sentiments take on an even sharper edge when lashed with earthy lie guitar and stirred by churchy harmonies on *Till The Bourbon's All Gone*. The sting of betrayal turns up the heat even more over a thumping funk groove on the title cut. And one track, *Pomegranate*, stands out from anything Viele has done before, thanks to the strings that augment the reflective lyric, courtesy of arranger/cellist Dave Eggar (Ray Lamontagne/Coldplay/Pearl Jam).

"I've never taken the easy road musically," Viele insists. "When you hear Otis Redding's *Blue* or Bob Seger's *Night Moves*, you feel it. Those songs grab you. That's what music is supposed to do. That's what I want to do."

And he does. The proof is in every moment of *What's His Name?* and in its aftermath, when you realize what you've been missing in your music for a long time – until now.

Catch Frank Viele at Once Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave, Somerville, on Sunday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. Find out more about Frank on his website at: www.frankvielemusic.com.

House takes action on affordable housing

Rep. Mike Connolly joined his Cambridge and Somerville colleagues to pass a \$1.7 billion housing bond bill to support investments in low and moderate income housing throughout the Commonwealth. The legislation recapitalizes funding for a variety of programs and extends several affordable housing tax credits. "As the only member of the legislature who serves on both the Joint Committee on Housing and the House Committee on Bonding, I am proud of our efforts to deliver this extraordinary package of investments and incentives for affordable housing in Cambridge, Somerville, and across the Commonwealth," said Rep. Connolly. "The programs funded by this bill helped build the 100% affordable Port Landing development and preserve affordable housing at Bishop Allen Apartments, both in my district, and I am certain this bill will lead to the production and preservation of many thousands of addi-

tional units of affordable housingover the next five years," continuedRep. Connolly.

Rep. Connolly is also pleased that the House adopted a Rep. Peake amendment he co-sponsored. This amendment will boost the Community Investment Tax Credit up to \$12 million per year by 2025. In addition, the Housing Bond Bill prioritizes numerous programs that support vulnerable residents, including: 1) \$65 million for the Facilities Consolidation Fund which provides funding to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to house individuals receiving services, 2) \$55 million for Community-Based Housing which supports integrated housing for people with disabilities, and 3) \$60 million for the Home Modification Loan Program which provides loans and grants to assist homeowners or ten-

ants with disabilities to make their residence more accessible.

The legislation authorizes \$400 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This program provides flexible funding to create and preserve affordable housing, ranging from transitional homes for homeless to homeownership programs. It also authorizes \$600 million for Public Housing Renovation to help modernize and rehabilitate public housing including updates like the abatement of lead. "This is a giant step forward for the production and preservation of affordable housing in our community and across Massachusetts, but ultimately we must continue working to enshrine housing as a human right and ensure everyone has a place to call home" Connolly concluded.

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3. They are held every 4 years	9. Yes
4. World War II – they	10. Income tax
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6. His debut album, Rea-	12, 1970

The bill now goes to the Senate.

— Office of State Representative Mike Connolly

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday | February 7 Central Library Wilson reading tutoring 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|February 8 Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m. 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave SPF100 Youth Group Meeting 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Friday February 9 Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Teen Focus Group 3 p.m.-5:45 p.m./79 Highland Ave

Saturday | February 10 Central Library Papercrafting Goup 9:30 a.m..-4 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Sunday|February 11

Central Library Girl Scout Meeting 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|February12

Central Library Sing Along with Ed 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Middle School Writers' Den 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|February 13

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.]79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library Paws to Read w/Daisy 3 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday | Febraury 14 Central Library Wilson reading tutoring 9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave Class Visits - East Somerville Community School 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Nephrok Allstars 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Josiah's 30th Musical Birthday Bash(er) 6:30 p.m.]14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday | February 8 Sally O'Brien's

Brothers in Harmony featuring Brian Templeton, John Moriconi, Ed Scheer \$10 cover 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Claudine Langille and Silas Hamilton|7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Abraham Lithic, The Cotones

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Erik Van Dam Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Pub Sing 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|February 9

Sally O'Brien's What She Said |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Water|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room: Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

P.A.'s Lounge Mothballs*Donald*GraveyardoftheAtlantic*Mik 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DI starting at 10 p.m.

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. La Zombiata: A Zombie Love Story|10 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday|February 10

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Avi Jacob, Murphy & the Mess, Root Down \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Chick Singer Night Boston|7 p.m. Spitting Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Boston Stand Again: A Mardi Gras benefit for the ACLU Shaun Wolf Wortis & The Legendary Vudu Krewe, Abbie Barrett, Tom Kenny, Minky Starshine 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. DJ Tina 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell La Zombiata: A Zombie Love Story|7 p.m. Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|10 p.m.

Sunday|February 11

255 Elm St

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m. Los Goutos|9 p.m. Back Room Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Shellye Valauskas Experience Record Release Show - With Special Guest, Jon Auer|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse

Monday | February 12

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

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

P.A.'s Lounge Nuclear Apathy, Planet Mercury, Minervuh, Vera Kay 7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Toddlerbilly Takeover|5 p.m. Rock and Roll Trivia|7 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|February 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday|7 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday | February 14 Sally O'Brien's Bar

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Miele Whistle Jacket, Kirk Windsor, Hot

Molasses 7:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Russell Turnquist 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell La Zombiata: A Zombie Love Story 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|February 7

Central Library Somerville Republican City Committee 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|February 8

Central Library Yoga for Teachers 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. SomerStat 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Heart-Felt: Stitch Your own Sweetheart Pouch at the West Branch 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

East Branch Library Drop In Knitting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m./115 Broadway

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

Saturday|February 10

Central Library Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Somerville/Cambridge Meshnet Workshop 1 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Bagel Bards

Central Library

Arts at the Armorv

The Helpers

Lovers

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

Sunday|February 11

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|February 7

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

The Burren

Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.

Backroom Series: Charlie Lennon and Eilis Lennon|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Fable Grazer, As Seen From Space, Mission Creep 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Dan Masterson (Album Release) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Bentmen

CMB with Casey Desmond 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Strangers by Accident 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

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

SLF February Market - Local is for

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|February 12

Central Library Memoir Writing Workshop 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday| February 13

Central Library Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

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

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688 TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center. Pick up for January 25th will be at 9 New Washington Street, 8:30am-10:30am 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$8.00 – Bingo will be played at 10:30 followed by lunch. Limited seating and transportation. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Afternoon at the Movies - Tuesday, February 20 starting at 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month's movie is "Victoria & Abdul" starring Judi Dench & Ali Fazal with a running time of 1 hour and 52 minutes. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Josephine by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are February 21, March 14, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12. to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS

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

Tuesday: Strengthening - 9:15 a.m. - \$3 per class (H) / Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C) / Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H) Wednesdays: Fit-4-Life - Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. / Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m./ Group B (exercise) -10:00 a.m. (H) / Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) / Group

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

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

St. Valentine's Day Celebration – Monday, February 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located on Washington Street. \$10 – 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. Made possible through the Somerville Police and Fire Departments. "Year of the Dog" Bingo – Friday, February 16 from

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. t o 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information 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, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers

C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) / Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

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

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

Adventure Group - Please call for details

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

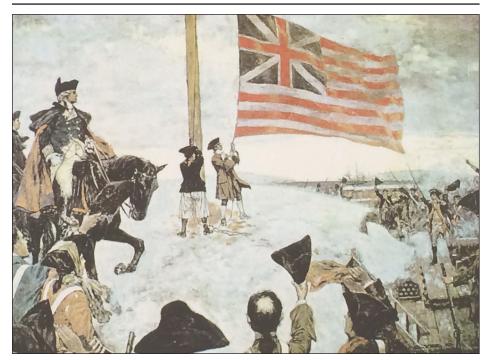
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Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



Washington's field headquarters. It was the best location around Boston to spy. An English intelligence officer said, "Washington did not really out fight the British, he simply out spied us."

Washington's first recruited spy was Captain Nathan Hale who trained at Winter Hill. He valiantly died for the Patriot cause, and his last words were "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." He is considered America's first C.I.A. agent, and Hale's statue adorns its headquarters' entrance in Langley, Virginia.

In the 1860's, the era of the Civil War, Somerville's Liberty Square's name was changed to Union Square. The Square and railroad station were illuminated with over ninety gas lamps. This was to protect the area from arson and destruction by Southern sympathizers and spies. Somerville's Herbert A. Philbrick was an imbedded Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who spied for America against the Communist party through World War II. He led three lives for nine years from 1940 to 1949. Philbrick was a family man, a Communist spy, and an F.B.I. agent who uncovered numerous Communist plots against the United States government. He wrote the best-selling book, I Led 3 Lives, and during the 1950's was the object of a 117-episode television series of the same name.

Marguerite "Missy" LeHand was a Somerville High School graduate who was President Franklin D. Roosevelt's private secretary for over 21 years. She wasn't a spy, but she was the target of many spies for her knowledge of the President's and the nation's secrets. She died under marine guard at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. The Children's Room at Somerville's Central Library and the Maritime cargo vessel the SS Marguerite LeHand honor her memory.

During the 1980s, a Hollywood version of spies had several episodes filmed at various locations in Somerville. It was the television series, Spenser for Hire, about private investigators starring actors Robert Urich as Spenser and Avery Brooks as Hawk. They were Spenser, sometimes referred to as the James Bond of Boston, and Hawk ... spies for hire.



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9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Winter Farmers Market or Saturday, March 10 between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Growing Center during Ground Work Somerville's Maple Syrup Boil event.

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Friday, February 9

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11:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott
12:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Gloucester
1:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Saugus
3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS
4:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS
5:00pm	Healey School Winter Concert
6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott
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12:00am	SHS Hockey vs Gloucester
1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott
9:00am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS
10:00am	Healey School Winter Concert
11:00am	Argenziano School Winter Concert
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Filched Poems by James Tolan



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Filched, the title poem of Tolan's collection, works wonderfully, both tugging the reader's heart-strings and engaging his or her intellect with show-stopping irony. The poet chose a perfect metaphor, his father's old watch. Moments of pathos seem to implode into great complexity. The poet craves love's time, but settles for a memento, a timekeeper. He fabricates his life as it should be, using his father's swiped watch as both anchor and proof. Tolan describes his childhood crime this way,

I found it among tie pins and cufflinks in his top drawer, filched it years before I knew the word,

knew only that I wanted something I could take from him

who knew work and the bar better than home,

something I would have never called beautiful and ruined.

Crystal scratched, leather dry and stitching frayed. He never noticed it was gone

Boyhood, as I remember it, sparked with adventure and marvel. Imagination could transform the intimate into the epic. But there was a dangerous downside. Not all of us made it through those years. These were the days before well-meaning helicopter parents stifled the rough and tumble coming of age rituals of young males. Perhaps saving some, but weakening the genetic trajectory of many more. With this in mind, Tolan's brave poem, *A Wild Rumpus*, after one of the boys pours gasoline on the play-battlements, ends in an affecting parental prayer,

... he doused the ungarded enemy fortifications with the contents of that quart

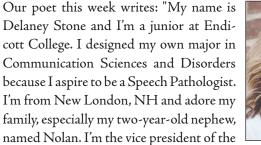
then torched it with a Bic. My team commenced to hooting and high stepping. Even the losers joined in, two armies

circling the flames. This the happiest I'd ever seen sober people be: boys disarmed around a fire lapping blankets and dry wood.

Angels of infernos and safe distance, be as kind to my boy. Lead him to joy and sanctuary from joy burst into flame.

In another meditation on boyhood entitled *Junuh at Nine*, Tolan considers his evolving relationship with his son, Junuh. He balances his responsibilities with Junuh's need for independence and a sense of self. The poem has a good feel about it. Despite the poet's obvious closeness to his subject, he manages a tonal objectivity that intellectually affirms life and fate. I like this piece a lot. Tolan opens his argument thoughtfully,

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Without an intermediary, a thickly (or at least thinly) con-

structed persona to absorb sentiment's backwash, confessional poetry often erodes and collapses of its own weight.

Some of it can be downright dangerous. In his new book,

Filched, James Tolan avoids that pathetic destructiveness

using tonal restraint, irony, and damn good storytelling.

Each poem Tolan breathes onto his pages burns with a

In his poem The Big Sleep, Tolan summarizes his father's

last ambulance ride to the crematorium in some detail.

Since the poet had opted to stay in Brooklyn at his teach-

ing job during the funeral rites, he could not really know

the particulars first hand. His absence generates the am-

biguous emotional power that drives the poem. Like many

who grieve by fixing their attention on a seemingly random

oddity, the poet remembers the book that he had been

teaching his class – Raymond Chandler's The Big Sleep. He

uses this book to order and give meaning to the dysfunc-

tional apathetic world surrounding him. Here is the jux-

taposition that conferred significance on Chandler's book,

Some hospital joe wheeled him down the long,

purloined joy, freed from time's untoward tyranny.

Autism Awareness Organization at Endicott College and I'm a Resident Assistant. I nanny three boys in Marblehead, MA and mentor a student with autism three days a week. I've always enjoyed reading, writing and poetry."

Most peop	le don't k	now I have it
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When I'm about to get in the shower,

it screams at me through the mirror.

It was painful

small needles

moving at a rapid pace,

puncturing the surface of my skin.

Now, I can't imagine my body without it,

it's something I can control.

I was taking my body back,

a survivor and not a victim.

I wear teal flowers,

permanently displayed on my rib cage.

While I ducked the rain in Brooklyn, my collar against the storm,

While Santa Anas spilled desert across the town.

sodden strangers plunging with me to the train, an ambulance drove him slowly to where the fires blaze,

hot enough to roast flesh and bone to scrap and ash.

While undertakers readied to fit him for the flames,

I taught the book that I had plucked From the rack beside his Lazy Boy.

He told me to take it, if I wanted.

He was done, tired of Chandler anyway.

On a fall day in Vegas, strong winds whipping in,

Tourists went on laying down their bets

He no longer has control. I didn't get a choice,

I didn't get to say "no."

Now I have a choice.

A choice,

to choose,

who sees

me.

— Delaney Stone

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu According to Tolan, the River Styx has nothing on Waukegan Harbor in Lake Michigan. The harbor apparently has a great view of Zion nuclear plant (now decommissioned). His cautionary piece, *Tag*, promises to a bunch of boys playing on the beach a paradise to come on the opposite shore in the form of "loose-limbed girls." But, like all paradises promised, falls terribly short. One of their number claimed to have travelled there and, disbelieved, is pelted with dead fish during a game of tag. Deadly irony and un-childlike horror conclude the poem,

Allied against his all too certain lies' we bore what arms were given us and fired the rank corpses that fit so nicely into the empty pockets of our hands. Bombarded, he wailed and snarled, Fish-stung from the beach.

Our ammunition caked with sores, we wiped our hands off on the sand, the sand off on our jeans, and went on, half hearts denying My son has begun to set out on his own, to form allegiances with friends whose secrets he, by age-old code, is compelled to keep. His world more and more his alone.

Already, Jordan has broken a boy's arm. Daquan was caught at recess with a blade. Jesse pummeled Andre. And Junnuh has no idea how his fake leather coat was torn.

Uplifting and victorious, Tolan's poems transport the reader through the real world of sensitivity and timelessness. Mortality holds no sway here. With each reading this gritty collection offers solace as it draws one further into its whirlwind confrontation of everyday humanity. Tolan, who unfortunately died this year, lives within his books and deserves our profound prayerful gratitude.

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