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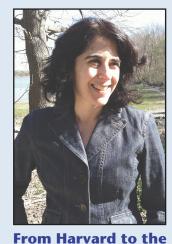
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# City asks state delegation to sponsor **Universal Housing budget amendment**



The number of applicants for affordable rental units in Massachusetts far exceeds the supply and is rapidly growing, one of the many issues addressed by the Section 8 Housing Choice Mobile Voucher Program.

#### By Jim Clark

A resolution to urge the city's Congressional Delegation to sponsor the Universal Housing budget amendment was put forward at the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council.

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen said that the resolution was submitted in collaboration with a number of affordable housing activists in the community, in support of fully funding the Section 8 Housing Choice Mobile Voucher Program.

Councilor Ewen-Campen sponsored David Tisel and Lucas Shaber, who explained that, according to them, "Housing is a fundamental human right, and our aspirations for education, employment, family life, political action and artistic expression are possible only with stable and affordable housing. Today, society deprives a shockingly large number of people: in 2018, MA saw the largest jump in Continued on page 4

# 2019 SMC Honors Gala

Somerville Media Center (SMC) hosted its 2019 SMC Honors Gala at Arts At The Armory on Friday, March 8. This night recognized the best facets of community-made media shared in greater Somerville.

SMC considers its local TV shows, podcasts, indie films and radio shows the heart and soul of community media and they invited their award nominees, friends, neighbors, community partners and members to join in to celebrate these many achievements.

In addition to honoring directors, producers, show hosts and youth media participants, they instituted two new awards: The first is for Public Service to be awarded to former alderman, mayor and congressman, Michael Capuano.

The second special award is the Eugene C. Brune Honor for service in the community media industry. This first of its kind was awarded to Gene Brune himself.

This year was very special because it brought together SMC's traditional annual awards ceremony with a new gala vibe, and everyone was encouraged to wear their most creative attire to match Continued on page 12 the red carpet atmosphere.



The Somerville Media Center's 2019 Honors Gala at Arts at the Armory last Friday evening celebrated community made media and those who produce it.

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On Sunday, March 17, 3:00 p.m. at Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., owner Liam Mannion and Rob McWatters invite everyone to hoist a pint of Guinness. Enjoy some Irish music and nosh on some corned beef and cabbage at Sally's, the best Irish pub in the city.

The annual Maple Syrup Boil Down takes place Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the South Street Farm, 138 South Street. Each winter, Groundwork Somerville taps local sugar maple trees on Tufts Campus and collects the sap with volunteers from the community. The Boil Down is a chance to experience the process of boiling sap into maple syrup and to connect with our community. There will be local sap and syrup tasting, maple tapping and boiling demos, pancakes, hot cider, merchandise and live music. free and open to the public. Rain date: Sunday, March, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For more on information on the Maple Syrup Project, visit http:// www.groundworksomerville.org.

The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) hosts its 23rd Annual Pancake Breakfast spring fundraiser on Saturday, March 30, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the First Church Somerville, 89 College Avenue. Funds from this annual fun family event support drop-out prevention as well as new and innovative programs in the **Somerville Public Schools**. The entire family is invited to join the fun and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast prepared and served by members of the Somerville School Committee. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, \$5 for children, or \$25 for a family. Reservations are not necessary, just come by to enjoy good food and wonderful camaraderie while at the same time supporting a great cause. In case of questionable weather, please phone Doris McDaniel at 857-205-8374 or Larry Siraco at 617-447-1529 to confirm that the breakfast will be taking place. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, a check made payable to "The Duhamel Education Initiative" Continued on page 11

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#### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Somerville's continued use of eminent domain

Matt C says:

When Mark said "Personally, I believe he's right. It is worth more than \$8.7M and I think they'll get it in court after the fact." and then the BOA voted unanimously to purchase it, to me at least, sounds messed up.

The city is committing to do something, saying it costs say \$10, passing an approval at cost \$10 yet knowing that in the end it will cost more that \$10 committing to pay some unknown amount.

#### Frog picnic says:

Sitting for 5 years? Maybe couldn't get permits because they dont use the correct attorney or developer or repo man?

#### **Huh**? says:

How long has the city-owned Homans Building been vacant? How long has the city-owned former Powderhouse School been vacant? How long has a large piece of dirt which was supposed to be developed been vacant on Somerville Ave. near Park Street? How long has the hole in Teele Square where there was a fire been vacant? Let's be transparent and face facts. It depends on who you are, where the property is, and how much \$\$\$ is involved.

#### Response to: DavisNow getting it done – will Union Square get 'Amazoned

#### Union Resident says:

The Union Square Neighborhood Council feels more concerned with process than results. It's also exceedingly opaque to residents - unless you're wiling to listen to hours of discussions at the police station (that you're not allowed to participate in), their emails and online presence are lacking to the point that I have no idea what they're doing on any given issue. Needing to read through pages and pages of minutes to get a clue means they're essentially operating without

How are the US2 negotiations going? Who knows? It's all being done in executive session (who are they hiding it from?)

They also don't do anything I expect from a neighborhood association - they haven't taken the lead on working with the city during the current construction, there's no community-building efforts via planning and hosting events.

While there was discussion of reducing the # of seats, it was shot down (and the sensible people who proposed it have understandably moved on). Now it's an organization that has legal weight, but is just composed of whoever wanted to show up - the 'election' was a farce. We know that when you let decisions be made by whoever has the time and resources to attend these meetings, those decisions do not reflect the public.

At least there was that fun time when the co-chair threatened to call the cops to escort out a member of the public who disagreed with him.

#### Bob Ross says:

"...let's take a look at Union Square, where the Green Line T station is planned to open in 2021." 2021? Has anyone taken a look at the square lately? Not a prayer of that happening. Behind schedule and over budget? I'm shocked I tell you, shocked.

#### Somerbreeze says:

"At least there was that fun time when the co-chair threatened to call the cops to escort out a member of the public who disagreed with him."

That "member of the public" was disruptive that time, as he often is.

He frequently browbeats USNC members, and clogs up the meetings with long-winded tirades.

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# Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Survey says! Reconstructing Somerville



As we get ready for a slew of construction and detours, it's a well-known fact that a lot of us "old timers" lament over "the way it used to be" here in our beloved city. In the name of progress, we say goodbye to the old and whether we like it or not, try to get used to the new changes.

New buildings are being built, often replacing familiar longtime businesses that we loved. Been there, talked about that. We've discussed it ad nauseam. But what if we could magically erase some of the new monstrosities and bring back a few of our favorite stores and shops? Which ones would we choose if we could only pick a handful? Well, I put that very question out there and received over 500 comments in less than 24 hours. Say hello to Somerville revisited. If we rebuild, they will come. Maybe in our dreams.

Somerville folks spoke and

here are the top stores they'd bring back if possible: Cara Donna Bakery, Patsy's Bakery, and Brigham's. The Venice Cafe, The Paddock Restaurant, Kennedy's Butter and Egg, Ming Toy, and BoBo's Chinese Restaurants. Di Tucci's Sub Shop, La Contessa Italian Bakery and the original Primos. Knock down a condo someplace and rebuild Dapper Dan's and The Embassy Lounge! Hey, if they bring back Ten Hills Variety they'll still have 9 hills left!

Rebuild and reopen Somerville Lumber and have a reunion. Half of Somerville worked ther e and the rest worked at First National Foods. Be sure to wear an article of clothing from Bradlees, because a lot of us still have stuff from there. I'll take Bradlees over Target any day.

At one time there were so many bars and lounges in the city, they were within stumbling distance of each other. A lot of those old gin-mills bred mayhem, so let's only bring back a select few.

As I was putting this story together I had an idea. What we need is a glossary of all the old businesses, just for fun. The newcomers could use it to learn about Somerville's past business

At one point there were more corner and variety stores in Somerville than there are condos now. But back to our list of top stores of the past you said you would bring back: Marks, Sparks, Albertines on Somerville Ave., the old Thurston Spa, Sunny's Deli, Harold's Luncheonette, The Railside and The Bargain Center. We want Woolworths and the Teele Square 5 and 10 to return. Don't forget the photo booth! They brought back the McRib, so let's revive May's, Clarendon Hill Penny Candy, Disc Diggers, Ray's Fruit, Tony's Foodland, G and A Fabrics, Russell's Donuts, and Lois' Candy Shop. Let's not forget Kay and Chips, and The Hostess Factory.

Finally, reopening in this whimsical dream sequence would be .... drumroll please ... one of the most memorable and colorful legendary stores of old Somerville, Joe Izzy's at Glen Park. Joe had his own unique



The block including the Railside BBQ on Holland St., which was replaced by the Harvard Vanguard building, also now housing Au Bon Pain.

security system in his store. He kept his shotgun in plain sight, within reach, on the counter. Old school, and sure fire. Joe also did his part to keep intoxicated drivers off the roads because we didn't have to drive to New Hampshire on Sunday's

For you newcomers to Somerville, you can start your own list of places you'd like to see come back, perhaps starting with the popular recently shuttered Blue Cloud Gallery and Deli-Licious along with The Davis Square Falafel Shop.

In the meantime, let's look

forward to the revitalization of Union Square, and the arrival of the long awaited Green Line Extension. I can't wait to take a ride and roll through the neighborhoods and remember the places that are gone.

Thankfully, progress can't erase our past. Hopefully, our kids and grandkids will enjoy the new revitalized Somerville the way we loved our old city. Let's all try to keep our cool during the upcoming long stretch of grueling detours.

Let's hope that the new Somerville doesn't end up like Hill Valley in Back to the Future II.

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# By Jim Clark

# Wallet collector relieved of collection

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to the Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store at Assembly Row on reports of a shoplifter in the store.

Upon arrival, the female suspect had just fled with perfume and a journal totaling \$147, according to the store's manager. The officers checked the area but could not locate the suspect.

Assembly Row security cameras reportedly captured the suspect entering the Alloy apartments, and then Saks Off Fifth Avenue, but visual contact was eventually lost in a blind spot.

Sometime later, officers were dispatched to TJ Maxx for an unwanted female. Upon arrival, the officers recognized the female to be the same suspect from Polo.

The woman was identified as Shea Morton, of Cambridge, someone who is reportedly well known to the Somerville Police Department for wallet and purse thefts.

The officers informed Morton that she was being placed under arrest for shoplifting from Polo earlier that day.

Police searched her bag and

handbag for evidence of the shoplifting, and three wallets were located. One wallet contained identifying information with Morton's name on it. Another wallet was located containing identifying information for a someone from Medford. The third wallet contained identifying information for someone from Watertown.

Watertown Police was able to provide the officers with a home phone number of the owner of the wallet. An officer spoke with the owner's daughter who stated her mother's wallet was stolen or

lost in Kmart. Her son-in-law was currently searching the Assembly Row area for the wallet before coming to the police station to file a report. The officer informed her the wallet was now in the possession of the Somerville Police, and a family member responded to recover it.

Morton reportedly stated that she found the items in a cloth bag on the side of the road yesterday in Central Square. She also stated that she removed all the contents of the wallet and transferred it to her own wallet.

According to reports, Morton

stated that she had no intention of notifying the police of the found property. Also located in her property was a pair of white Adidas sneakers. These distinct sneakers were reportedly observed on video in Polo being carried by Morton before and after the shoplifting.

Morton was subsequently taken into custody and charged with receiving stolen property under \$1200 and shoplifting by concealing merchandise. She was additionally booked on a warrant charge of refusal to provide DNA database sample.

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#### **Arrests**:

Dwayne Greene, of 1374 Broadway, March 7, 1:34 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on charges of alcohol from open container, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

Shea Morton, of 49 Magee St., Cambridge, March 9, 2:35 p.m., arrested at Middlesex

Ave. on charges of receiving stolen property under \$1200 and shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and on a warrant charge of refusal to provide DNA database sample.

Kalil Jones, of 15 Westcott St., Boston, March 10, 1:58 a.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, failure to stop or yield, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, refusal to produce license, operation of a motor vehicle under the influ-

ence of liquor, and disorderly conduct.

Kevon Darosa, of 33 Oxford St., March 10, 11:28 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor third offense.

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#### City asks state delegation to sponsor Universal Housing budget amendment CONT. FROM PG 1

homelessness of any state, growing by 2,500 people to a total of 20,000."

The Section 8 Program allows renters of modest means to pay market rents to private landlords. The current wait list in MA exceeds 20,000 people as of January 2019.

The full text of the resolution reads as follows:

"WHEREAS: Shelter is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS: There is a continuing housing crisis in the City of Somerville, exacerbating resident displacement, destabilizing communities, disrupting children's educations, threatening the stability of Somerville schools, undermining the health and vitality of our neighborhoods, and jeopardizing the diversity that Somervillians cherish; and

WHEREAS: This continuing housing crisis has been thoroughly investigated and documented in two recent studies commissioned by the City: the 2015 Somerville Housing Needs Assessment, and analyses performed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to inform the work and December 2015 report of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group; and

WHEREAS: There is a severely limited supply of affordable housing options for persons with modest incomes,

as evidenced by the fact that the Housing Division receives an average of 41 qualified applications for each affordable inclusionary rental unit; by the fact that some 3400 persons applied to participate in a housing lottery for 35 new affordable rental units at 181 Washington Street; and

WHEREAS: The current Federal funding levels for the Section 8 Housing Choice Tenant-Based Voucher Program are sorely insufficient to support all of the individuals and families in need in Massachusetts, as evidenced by the fact that the Massachusetts Centralized Waiting List exceeds 20,000 people as of January 2019, of which over 2,700 Interest Tax Deduction; are Somerville residents; and

WHEREAS: The creation of a universal voucher program would dramatically improve the lives of millions of Americans by providing them with affordable housing, thereby allowing them to invest in food, education, job training, and savings for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS: The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates the cost of fully funding the Section 8 Housing Choice Tenant-Based Voucher Program at \$23.1 billion, or 1.86% of the Federal Budget, which is 76.9% less than the cost of the 2018 Tax Cuts, and less than one third of the annual cost of the Mortgage

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That Somerville's City Council, in session assembled, hereby adopts this Resolution calling on our elected representatives to both houses of Congress, namely Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward Markey, and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, to sponsor an amendment to the 2019 Federal Budget that would fully fund the Section 8 Housing Choice Mobile Voucher Program so that every person in need of shelter in the United States of America shall be housed."

The resolution was passed unanimously by the Council.

# Seniors demand action on life-saving reforms

The Massachusetts Senior Action Council (MSAC), with active members from Somerville, Cambridge, and other adjoining communities, joined with allies from six other elder advocacy organizations to lobby lawmakers on life-saving reforms seniors say they need to protect their health, wellbeing and dignity as they age. MSAC is the only elder organization in Massachusetts that is run by its senior members.

MSAC says its top legislative priority is expanding access to the Medicare Savings Program. This measure would prevent seniors from losing coverage when they age out of subsidized Connector Care, but have too much income to qualify for subsidies through the federal Medicare Saving Program.

MSAC won a major victory when Governor Baker's budget proposal included a provision to expand access to the federal Medicare Savings Program. This provision would help 40,000 seniors afford medicine and doctor's visits.

"Despite working so hard for many years, it has not been easy since I retired. I perform an incredible juggling act each month," said Sarah Blakeney, MSAC organizer. "20% of my income goes to my (healthcare) premium alone. By the time I pay for my prescriptions, that's over 30% of my income on routine care. The governor's budget includes the first step towards closing the healthcare gap by expanding the Medicare Savings Program. This first step cuts my healthcare costs in half overnight, and will help 40,000 people just like me. I can't begin to tell you what that means."

The budget provision is a "first step" in the right direction, according to MSAC, but it is urging action on a bill (H.B.1199, S.B.699) that would create a 3-step staircase bill to increase access to affordable health care for more than 70,000 seniors.

Mattie Lacewell, MSAC organizer said, "It's atrocious that a person has to choose between medication and food. These are basic needs. Basic needs shouldn't have to get the run-around."

MSAC also joined with ally organizations to highlight other key legislative priorities. For in-

Closing the SNAP Gap - many low-income seniors who do qualify for health care subsidies but don't realize it, even though they are eligible. This could easily be resolved by automatically enrolling eligible seniors for SNAP



benefits when they apply for the Medicare Savings Program.

Fair Pay for Home Care Workers - many elders rely on home care workers and they deserve to have a fair wage.

Many of the seniors' legislative priorities have significant bipartisan support. Seniors are looking to House and Senate leadership to take up these items and ensure they get a vote this year.

"We will not stop until we see the senior healthcare gap is closed. We will not stop until every senior can afford food. We will not stop until housing and healthcare are a right. Because we know Massachusetts can do better," said Kathy Paul, MSAC organizer.

The seniors were joined by a number of supportive legislators who spoke about these issues, including Chairwoman Sen. Patricia Jehlen and Chairwoman Rep. Ruth Balser of the Committee on Elder Affairs.

Other prominent senior organizations in attendance at Elder Lobby Day included AARP, the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI), Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts Council on Aging and Massachusetts Home Care.

Massachusetts Senior Action Council is a statewide, grassroots, senior-led organization that empowers its member to use their own voices to address key public policy and community issues that affect their health and well-being. Now it its fourth decade of organizing, Mass. Senior Action is an effective, grassroots activist group, led by seniors fighting for social justice. It is the acknowledged "go to" organization in Massachusetts for developing intergenerational social change strategies to safeguard and strengthen the systems that all community members need to rely on for economic and health security.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local seantors' votes on the only roll call from the week of March 4-8. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

# STUDY BROADCASTING INFORMAL SESSIONS OF THE SENATE

Senate 38-0, approved an order requiring the Senate Committee on Rules to study and provide a report by December 31, 2019 on the feasibility of broadcasting informal sessions online in the same manner and format as formal sessions. The report would include the estimated cost and cost effectiveness of the broadcasting; the recommended format; and additional considerations for the Senate in implementing this proposal. Currently informal sessions are not broadcast.

Informal sessions are ones in which there are no roll call votes and everything is approved or rejected on an unrecorded voice vote. However, at an informal session, a single legislator can hold up consideration of a bill until the next formal session by doubting the presence of a quorum. A quorum is when 21 members of the Senate are present. Since only a handful of legislators attend these sessions, the session would be adjourned for lack of a quorum.

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

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

# BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 (H 150, S 70) – The Judiciary Committee held a packed hearing on and then approved two proposals that would prohibit psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort. The therapy is primarily used to try to convert gays and lesbians to be straight.

Both branches approved a similar bill last year but it never made it to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk.

"If a conversion therapy bill gets to my desk and we don't see any other issues with it, it's something we'd be inclined to support," Baker said last week.

"Mental health professionals, including licensed social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists and other state-licensed professionals have a medical and ethical responsibility to their patients not to engage in these harmful, discredited practices," said Rep. Kay Khan (D-Newton), the House sponsor of the proposal. "Such professionals have an obligation to assist their patients in grappling with questions of sexual orientation and gender identity in a healthy and medically sound manner, not one that fosters an environment of prejudice and discrimination, leading to depression, substance abuse, social withdrawal and thoughts of suicide."

"This legislation would prevent many young people and their parents from getting the treatment they desire,"

said the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute Andrew Beckwith who opposes the ban. "Instead, it would ban mental health professionals from even giving 'talk therapy' to those who ask for it. This type of counseling on issues of sexual orientation or gender identity would even be labeled 'child abuse' and children could be removed from the home by the Department of Children and Families if parents decided to get a gender confused child counseling instead of hormones and surgery."

"Conversion therapy is based on the concept that people's sexual orientation or gender identity can be fixed," said Senate President Emerita Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). "Well, I say there's nothing to fix."

"It's vital that Massachusetts ban the harmful practice of conversion therapy," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester). "The legislation proposed serves the dual goals of protecting many of our most vulnerable young people and affirming the human rights or LGBTQ residents of the commonwealth."

"This proposed law will have devastating, life-threatening consequences," said Mat Staver, Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. "These legislators have no right to censor a counselor and the client."

Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica) has repeatedly said that the U.S. Supreme Court, in a recent case ruled that "professional speech" is free speech and can't be restricted."

Supporters of the bill said the bill is constitutional. They argued the bill does not limit free speech but simply limits an unrecognized medical practice.

Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk) said he supports the goal to ban harmful, ineffective and damaging practices that aim to change any youth's sexual orientation or gender identity. "However, in achieving this goal, we must be sure to be as comprehensive as possible and be sure to be respectful of the First Amendment," said Dooley.

Dooley proposed his own bill that includes a provision that no practice that utilizes discussion alone could be construed as a harmful sexual identity and gender identity change effort.

"Recently ... the Supreme Court ruled that professional speech is protected under the First Amendment," said Dooley. "This ruling creates a serious barrier to any law that seeks to unduly limit professional speech. So if we aim to fully and completely address this important issue, we must ensure that our law can withstand the rigors of judicial review."

#### CAP ON WELFARE BENEFITS FOR KIDS H

104) – The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on and then approved a bill that repeals the current law that denies an additional \$100 in welfare benefits to children conceived while – or soon after – the family began receiving the benefits or, if they had received family welfare benefits in the past. The law was adopted in 1995 as part of a welfare reform package that was aimed at discouraging families already receiving public support from having more children.

The Legislature last year sent Gov. Charlie Baker similar legislation that would have lifted the cap on kids, but Baker vetoed the bill in August after the Legislature ended formal sessions for the year and was forfeited the

right to override the veto.

Supporters of the repeal said that there are some 8,700 children who currently fall under the cap in the Bay State. These families are barred from receiving an additional \$100 a month to help support that child. They said there are no facts to back up the charge that families are having more children in order to get the additional \$100

"We hope that the overwhelming support in the Legislature will help Lift the Cap on Kids very soon so children do not have to wait even longer for a clean diaper or a pair of mittens," said Deborah Harris of the Mass. Law Reform Institute, one of the lead organizations in the 124-member Coalition to Lift the Cap on Kids.

"The family welfare cap is an archaic and failed policy that only punishes our most vulnerable children born into extreme poverty," said Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge). "Over 8,000 children across the commonwealth are denied benefits that would go towards their food and medical care."

No one spoke against the bill.

\$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES - The House Ways and Means Committee has recommended passage of a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Supporters said the \$200 million would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward.

Some cities and towns prefer a bill that provides \$600 million over three years. Some municipal leaders note that approving \$200 million per year for three years is helpful to cities and towns that would prefer to know the money is guaranteed each year for the next three years.

#### \$143.9 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

(S 2181) - The Senate approved a \$143.9 million supplemental budget to cover expenses and to fund various state programs and agencies that are running out of money. The package is some \$38 million less than the one proposed by Gov. Baker in early February.

Provisions include \$30 million in funding for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program to help low-income elders, working families and other households pay a portion of winter heating bills; \$16 million for the collection and testing of sexual assault evidence kits; and \$1.4 million for an independent statewide examination of the safety of the gas distribution infrastructure.

Other funding includes \$494,662 for the Sex Offender Registry; \$28 million for the Department of Corrections; and creation of the Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Program to enhance the education, training, employment of veterans currently working or aspiring to work in the field of agriculture.

Supporters said the package is a reasonable and fiscally responsible one that will begin to close out the books on the fiscal 2018 state budget.

#### **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

continued



#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"Local farmers are calling for legal authorization to grow hemp on their Agricultural Preservation Restriction land. This legislation grants them that approval. The new legal marijuana industry is creating a number of economic opportunities statewide and we want to make sure local farmers are able to participate."

Sen. Adam Hines (D-Pittsfield) on Senate approval of this authorization.

"Our research will explore and experiment with new ways of sharing data across different organizations that are compliant with HIPAA."

Umass Lowell Professor Yan Luo on the National Science Foundation's awarding nearly \$1 million to a team of researchers to help protect medical information from cyberattacks. HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, mandates data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.

"If anyone wants to know what makes Massachusetts such a thriving, creative and entrepreneurial state, here it is: We're blessed with talent from all around the world."

Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coa-

lition (MIRA) Executive Director Eva Millona at the 23rd annual Immigrants' Day at the Statehouse to advocate for legislation and vital investments to benefit immigrants and refugees in the state.

"This report from MASSPIRG shows the rising costs and lack of transparency over how prescription drugs are priced, which creates a burden on families and small businesses, as well as the state's budget for MassHealth. Our bill aims to make prescription drugs affordable and available for Massachusetts consumers by increasing transparency for drug pricing and making the pharmaceutical industry accountable, as we all work to control health care costs."

Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville) on MASSPIRG's survey of retail prices of commonly-prescribed medications which found that patients can save hundreds, even thousands of dollars in some cases by shopping around at pharmacies within their communities.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are im-

portant 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 March 4-8 the House met for a total of three hours and 5 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 12 minutes.

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.

No House session

No Senate session

Mon. March 4

Fri. March 8

Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Tues. March 5

No House session
No Senate session
No House session
No Senate session
Thurs. March 7

House 11:05 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.
Senate 11:05 a.m. to 4:05 p.m.

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72367035	7 Montgomery Ave	147	\$879,000	\$850,000
72444543	71R Rush St	7	\$699,000	\$735,000
72441508	74 Summer St	8	\$565,000	\$600,00
72415228	29 Delaware St	81	\$519,000	\$520,00
	Recent Condominiums	Sold in Somerville Over tl	ne Past Month:	
MLS#	Address	DOM	List Price	Sale Pric
72419738	353 Summer U:209	34	\$889,900	\$889,900
72452029	353 Summer U:302	62	\$889,900	\$889,900
72398688	18 Adams St U:1	129	\$879,000	\$879,00
72452033	353 Summer U:310	62	\$849,900	\$849,900
72452027	353 Summer U:301	63	\$839,900	\$839,900
72452017	353 Summer St U:201	62	\$839,900	\$839,900
72427697	7 Russell Rd U:1	64	\$799,900	\$780,000
72391906 353 Summer U:311		71	\$779,900	\$779,900
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72338704	78 & 82 Beacon St.	100	\$3,750,000	\$3,400,00
72438116	75 Irving St	15	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,00
72415133	34 Oxford St	39	\$1,165,000	\$1,300,00
72370250	21 Malvern Ave	87	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,00
72405121	36 Puritan Rd	47	\$1,050,000	\$1,000,00
72439349	9 Garrison Ave	10	\$899,900	\$995,000
72445623	18 Grant St	16	\$899,900	\$1,000,00

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# Somerville represented at St. Pat's celebration



(L to R) former Somerville Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and Zac Zasloff at Senator Sal Didemenico's St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday, March 8, at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus. Several elected officials tried out their best jokes at the event that featured laughs, food and song, and included an Irish Dinner, music by Devri, bagpipers, comedians, videos and plenty of laughter.

# Treasure Hunting with Bob BY BOB ADAMS



#### Goodwill watch hunting

A buddy of mine was out hunting for things and stopped by the local Goodwill. This store has been somewhat predictable with when they put out the jewelry. So, my friend usually swings by to see if they missed anything with their research and pricing. And, they usually do.

A basket of watches was put out. He reached in and pulled out a stainless vintage watch. Not too impressive, just a plain watch. He sees the name and it ends in an 'X'. He thinks TIMEX and tosses it back in.

He pauses for a few seconds and asks the clerk to pull out the watch again and read to him the name. The clerk says 'ROLEX'. It's \$20. Again, nothing remarkable about the watch and \$20 is a lot of money for my friend to waste if it's a forgery. It's killing him. But, after a few minutes, he buys it in the end and brings it to the auction we've been using.

Turns out, it's a 1948 Men's stainless 'Super Precision' bubble-back automatic Rolex. The real deal. Well, the auction wants to wait for a better than average auction to put this classic watch in. He had to wait six weeks.

The wait was worth it. The watch got 67 bids and ended up selling for \$2325. We're going to Redbones to celebrate the find and sale. Please toss grandpa's watch in the donation box at the local junk store. It'll go to a great cause – me, my buddy or some other lucky dealer.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

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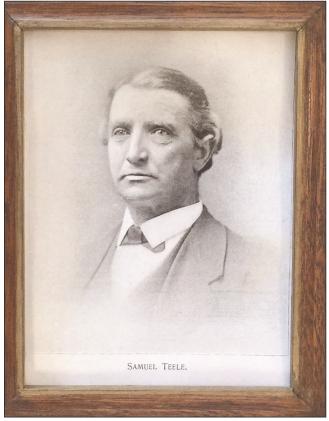


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#### Teele Square

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

In 1836 Jonathan W. Teele, who was a participant in the battle of Lexington and a five-year veteran of the Revolutionary War, built the Teele House. It was a travelers' roadhouse at the corner of Broadway and Curtis Street. His family eventually acquired and built upon much of the Clarendon Hill land between Professors Row and the Cambridge line.



It wasn't until after the Civil War that Somerville began to enjoy its western roots in this area. Beginning in 1867, the three-way junction between Arlington, Cambridge, and Medford grew rapidly. The extension of Holland Street from Davis Square to the intersection of Broadway and Curtis Street created Teele Square.



Jonathan's son, Samuel, was the pillar of the expanded Teele family. He was educated at the Russell District School in Charlestown and The Warren Academy in Woburn, a preparatory school for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other technical schools. He was described as a yeoman in Somerville's first directory of 1851,



Names Of The Heads Of Families. Yeoman was one of a class of farmers, the next grade below gentleman. For all his life, Samuel was a gardener on the over eighty-two-acre homestead that he had inherited from his father. Somerville was a teenager of only nineteen when the Civil War broke out, but as the last Continued on page 20

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# Beyond the March: Visions of a more woman-led America

By JT Thompson

Linda Schlossberg grew up in San Francisco, initially in the Haight Ashbury district, then in the suburbs, and came to Boston as an undergraduate at Brandeis. She then earned a PhD at Harvard in English and American literature, and is now Assistant Director of Studies for Harvard's Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program. She was thrilled to be awarded a 2019 Literary Arts Fellowship from the Somerville Arts Council/ Mass Cultural Council, as well as the 2016 Emerging Writer Fellowship from the Writer's Center in Maryland.

The courses she teaches focus on gender, literature, and creative writing. She speaks with a dynamic mixture of quiet thoughtfulness and lively enthusiasm, pausing to reflect before answering a question, and then lighting up when she answers.

Schlossberg lives just outside Union Square. "It feels like a small town in my neighborhood, I love the sense of community, which is so important. I'm actually working now on a book set in Somerville in the 18th century."

When did you first start to consider yourself a writer, and how would you describe the difference between your academic writing and your creative writing?

"I had taken a creative writing class my senior year in college, but then I started a PhD the next year and put it aside for a while. They're very different kinds of writing. For the most part, academic writing is argumentative, evidence based. Eventually I started writing fiction again."

Schlossberg's first published novel, Life in Miniature, came out in 2010. She is currently completing a second novel, a feminist dystopia, while also working on her book set in Somerville.

"Part of the creative process I find so enjoyable is that you often don't know why you wrote something. There's a surprise about what ends up on the page. That can happen with scholarly work too, but in creative writing there's more opportunity for the writing to tell you what it wants to do.

"At the same time, what I appreciate about teaching creative writing is that I'm able to ask the author directly why they used a particular turn of phrase, what they're trying to communicate, which has a whole richness of its own.

"And the material is new every week. When I'm teaching literature, I've done it before, I have my shtick about it, I know its history, its critical reception. With my students' writing, it's all fresh.

What was your experience of the Women's March?

"I was in Boston, and it felt to me like we were witnessing this expression of collective rage. It was exciting to be around so many people speaking out. What was so moving was seeing the coverage of people marching all over the world, showing solidarity, showing that they know they would be affected by Trump's presidency as well.

"It felt really good to know we weren't alone. Which felt especially important because the country is so split."

What's your perspective on the #metoo movement?

"It feels long overdue. It's been incredible to see all these people sharing their stories. And there's been a collective outpouring of

"It seems crazy that it took the experiences of people in Hollywood to get media coverage on issues activists have been working on for years.

"The timing is really telling, it came in a perfect storm with the outrage about Trump.

Linda Schlossberg writes fiction and teaches literature and creative writing at teaching these issues for a long time, it's exciting to see them become part of mainstream

conversation." What do you think a more

woman led America would be

"That's the toughest of the questions you've asked." Schlossberg pauses. "We don't really know. The future of whatever feminism will be is being built by young people, and I think it will be more inclusive, of people of all genders."

What would you like to say to women in America today?

"Advocate for yourself. But also advocate for others. Use whatev-"As a person who's been er power you have to advocate for social change and progress.

"And there are many different kinds of power - educational, political, organizing, being an activist, being creative.

"We all have some way to contribute."



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#### **TUESDAY March 19**

7:30 p.m. Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan

#### **WEDNESDAY March 20**

8 p.m. Free Poker, lots of prizes!

#### **THURSDAY March 21**

7:30 p.m. Spring Hill Rounders / grassy Thursdays

#### FRIDAY March 22

6 p.m. Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 9 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present The Soon To Haves, Scotch Holiday, Batons - \$10 cover

#### **SATURDAY March 23**

6 p.m. Patsy Hamel Band 9 p.m. Christian McNeill Band - \$12 cover

#### **SUNDAY March 24**

6 p.m. Roy Sludge Trio 10 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests





#### **Bridge closures to support GLX Begin March 22**

Bridge closures throughout Somerville to support the Green Line Extension are scheduled to begin on March 22.

Learn more about the scheduled bridge closures and detours at: https://www.somervillema.gov/news/bridge-closuressupport-green-line-extension-begin-march-22.

Anyone interested can sign up to receive a weekly email outlining upcoming construction citywide at www.somervillema.gov/construction.

Somerville residents are also encouraged to enroll in the City's alert system at www.somervillema.gov/alerts to ensure they are notified prior to major detours or disruptive construction activity in their neighborhood.

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# **COMMENTARY**

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# The children are our future, so let's give them a say



By Joseph A. Curtatone

It's probably not something you really think about, but Somerville youth often spend most of their day interacting with City government. Somerville Public School students spend a good chunk of each weekday at school. When they're out of school, they might participate in an extracurricular activity or athletic program run by the schools or Parks and Recreation or meet up with friends in their neighborhood park. Many students stop by public library branches to check out books, do research, and complete their homework. And, of course, they're getting around Somerville on public streets and sidewalks and using other infrastructure. Every day we make decisions about City services and policies that affect significant portions of Somerville youths' lives.

But you know what we don't do? Give them a say in setting our priorities and letting us know if we're delivering on our promises to them in one of the most basic ways – voting.

You often hear people say that children are the future, but sometimes we adults forget that they're also here in the present. They live here. Many of them spend more time in the City and interacting with City government than some adults. There's no substitute for the firsthand knowledge they have of the programs and services they use.

So we came up with the not-so-radical idea to let some of them vote. We have proposed a drop in the voting age to 16 for our local elections. A draft home rule petition is before the City Council, which will hold two public hearings on it – both on Thursday, April 4, at 3 and 6 p.m. If the Council approves the home rule petition, the next step will be sending it to the State Legislature. I say "not-so-radical" because the nations of Austria, Argentina, and Brazil have already lowered their voting age to 16. Communities around the U.S. are now taking a serious look at it. In fact, it's even gaining some traction at the federal level, including with our own Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.

It's a wave that's building. Our Clean and Open Elections Task Force recognized that as it set out to identify ways to increase voter participation and increase the openness and transparency of our location elections. It recommended we get on board with youth voting.

One of the first objections that gets raised when you talk about youth voting is that 16- and 17-year-olds aren't informed, invested, or experienced enough to cast a ballot. But over the years I have met many active, informed, and engaged young residents. And, as I mentioned, those kids have the experience of living in this city in a way most adults can't match. You can find kids at the epicenter of every issue that's affecting our community: housing, transportation, education, social justice, the opioid epidemic, climate change. You name it, they've lived it and in some cases, like climate change, they will live it longer than today's adults will.

We're looking to make dramatic strides in addressing climate change at the local level and teens have been among our community leaders on that front. They are not content to see adults drag their feet on addressing this issue at the expense of their future. It is a critical issue that will shape their lives, and they deserve to vote on action that addresses their wholly legitimate concerns.

I have the benefit of working next door to Somerville High School and of being deeply involved with our school system. Our kids are not sheltered. Our kids are not ill-informed. Our kids are not oblivious to what's going on around them. They are ac ive in our community and in public policy discussions and they bring a perspective from which we could all benefit.

If we want our children to grow up to be lifelong voters, let's give them a solid start. At 18, young people are heading to college, starting a job, or joining the military. Chances are they're going to move frequently in those years, even if it's just backand-forth from school. Your late-teens and early-20s are busy years with a lot of changes to adjust to, but we somehow expect people to pick up the civics bug at those ages.

By lowering the voting age to

16, teens can develop voting habits that follow them throughout their lives. And I'm sure that, if given the chance, teens will seize the opportunity to have their voices heard. They will turn out, and they will engage with civic issues in a whole new way as they do it. Most importantly, voting will be something they carry with them into their posthigh school years.

It's common for every generation, as it gets older, to bemoan kids these days. We've all heard lines like, "Kids don't appreciate how good they've got it," and "They'd have never gotten away with doing what they do back in the day." Well, part of that is based on the notion that when we were their age we had our acts together. I hate to break it to you, but their acts are every bit as together, if not more so, as ours were. Rather than imitate the curmudgeons of our past, we can be the adults who recognize that young people have plenty to contribute. It's time they gained an official say in the community where they live.

Hopefully Somerville will become the first city in Massachusetts to lower its voting age to 16. I guarantee we won't be the last.

## Somerville awarded CPPI funds to support public-private preschool model

The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) recently awarded a nearly \$1.5 million multi-year grant to Somerville Public Schools (SPS) to expand access, and align and improve quality of its local early education system through strategic partnerships between the school district and EEC-licensed early education programs in the Somerville community. The Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) targets children who will be eligible for kindergarten by September 2020 through a public-private model that meets the needs of local families. Somerville was awarded just over \$283,000 during the first period of the grant (through June 30, 2019), and is slated to receive just over \$600,000 for each of the next two years pending project state funding availability. Other CPPI grant awardees were Boston, Springfield, New Bedford, North Adams, and Lowell.

"This crucial funding moves our vision for a comprehensive system of early education and care to the next level" commented Dr. Lisa Kuh, Director of Early Education for the Somerville Public Schools. "It is directly aligned with our work on Universal Kindergarten Readiness outlined in our Ready to Learn, Ready for K report, and builds on our inter-agency Community Cabinet priorities. At the core of our work is to develop and sustain high quality programming all across the city so ALL families understand the importance of early education experiences and know where to find them in Somerville."

"We are thrilled to be one of 6 communities selected to receive this funding," stated Mary Skipper, Superintendent of Schools. "This award speaks not only to the tireless work that our early childhood community has done in the last several years to build strong partnerships and ensure that every Somerville child has access to rich early learning experiences. It also demonstrates a commitment from the state to strengthening early education systems across the Commonwealth by ensuring that every child has access to high-quality preschool programs that will give them a good start and the greatest opportunity for future success."

To support this initiative as well as the ongoing work of the Somerville early childhood community, the newly formed Somerville Partnership for Young Children (SPYC) will lead efforts set forth in the Ready to Learn, Ready for K report that has informed the community's progress to date. The SPYC is an outgrowth of the Early Education Steering Committee, a coalition of representatives from across the city that has guided the city's continuous progress toward its vision of Universal Kindergarten Readiness in a mixed-delivery system. While four specific Somerville community partners were named in the initial grant award – The Elizabeth Peabody House, YMCA Preschool, Dandelion Montessori, and CAAS Head Start – the impact of the work that this funding will support will be much broader, with Open Center for Children and Bigelow Cooperative Preschool joining the partnership in Year 2.

CPPI funding will support Somerville's continuing work toward its Universal Kindergarten Readiness vision with a particular focus on four primary needs and recommendations identified in the Ready to Learn, Ready for K report:

- Establish a mixed-delivery system and leadership structure to unify partners and expand quality;
- Develop a single point of entry system to provide access to programming;
- + Comprehensive services team to provide wrap-around supports; and
- Develop enhanced data systems to support learning and development.

The CPPI will allow the Somerville Public Schools and local early childhood providers to formalize their partnership, and to work collaboratively

# **COMMENTARY**

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### **Illustrated by Jim Clark**



Happy St. Patty's to one and all!

# **Our View Of The Times**



It's a tradition that most of us have a lot of fun with. Whether one is of Irish lineage or not, St. Patrick's Day stands for a recognition of Irish and Irish American culture, and in many ways its resulting fusion.

The religious origins of the day have, for some, been obscured and often all but forgotten in favor of the prominent displays of the color green, eating and drink-

ing, and numerous parades. The day has been celebrated on the North American continent since before the American Revolution, and is actually an official holiday in neighboring Suffolk County. Ask any of our Boston brethren and they would – to a single soul – be aware of this fact.

And so in Somerville, too, there are plenty of willing celebrants of diverse heritage.

While it's true that there are a lot of Irish families in the city, and its history is full with contributions by them, just about everyone likes to join in on the "wearing of the green" and all that comes with it.

Falling on a Sunday this year, the occasion runs straight into the weekend, which both heightens the revelry and calls for moderation. At least it's Sunday,

a day when prudence is often observed.

As the old Irish proverb says, "May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far." So enjoy the corned beef and cabbage, the green beer, the fine Irish whiskey, and all the rest. But prudently, please.

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Board Game Nights, hosted by East Somerville Main Streets, will take place Monday, March 18, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at Casey's Bar, 173 Broadway. From beginner to advanced, games and gamers of all types are welcome. Meet new people, taste some delicious food and drink, and have a blast playing with old friends and new. Just bring a positive attitude. For more information, contact Jen at Director@eastsomervillemainstreets.org.

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The Somerville Museum will be hosting Trans/Lucent/See, on Thursday, March 21, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., 1 Westwood Rd. Somerville-based artist collective Excavate, currently in a 9-month research and performance residency at the deCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, will perform a celebration of a recent gift to the Somerville Museum and Historic Somerville: A Somerville-made Union Glass doorknob. This performance is associated with the current exhibit, Our Stories, Our Stuff, Our Somerville.

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The Bands for Baseball fundraising raf-

fle, hosted by Somerville Little League and Union Tavern, will be held on Saturday, March 23, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Union Tavern, 345 Somerville Ave. It's the fourth annual Bands for Baseball fundraiser event. Come check out great local bands like The Haymakers, The Angel Martins and The Holey Knees. All proceeds to benefit SLL. They will also be hosting a knockout raffle with a grand prize of at least \$5,000 (and as much as \$10,000). Post-prize money will go to SLL. More details, including info on buying raffle tickets, at http:// bit.ly/2RAOrOE. Tickets for the event are \$15 - free with purchase of knockout raffle ticket.

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Join the Somerville Special Education Parent Advisory Council for a workshop on the Massachusetts Anti-Bullying Law on Monday, March 25, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at East Somerville Community School. The workshop will also focus on school-wide efforts to create safe and supportive school environments for students with disabilities and provisions that require IEP Teams to address the bullying of students with disabilities.

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Are you a Somerville High School

Class of 1969 graduate? If so, we hope you'll join in the SHS 2019 Class Day festivities. Somerville High School is looking for 50 graduates from the SHS Class of 1969 to participate in Class Day activities. Class Day will take place on Friday, May 24, starting at 9:00 a.m. at SHS, 81 Highland Ave. If you are an SHS Class of 1969 graduate and would like to be a participant in the Class of 2019 Class Day activities, please email Barbara Favaloro, SHS Main Office, Head Clerk at bfavaloro@k12.somerville.ma.us, or call (617) 625-6600, ext. 6110 to sign up. The Class of 2019 looks forward to seeing past graduates from the Class of 1969.

Explore food from around the world at the 10th Annual YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City on Thursday, April 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. VIP reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. The evening will include tastes from local immigrant-run restaurants, entertainment, raffles, a cash bar, and an awards presentation honoring the work of local community leaders, Betty Francisco and Cecy del Carmen. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/welcomeprojectSomerville.

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The 17th Annual Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night takes place Thursday, March 21, from 6:30-11:00 p.m. at the Tufts University's Cousens Gym. Join the fun and support a great cause. The Brian Higgins Foundation's goal is to help children with special needs and their families have a fun quality of life. Along with a fun and friendly trivia competition, the evening includes a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, numerous raffles to win, a light dinner and a cash bar. Donations are tax deductible. Enter a team for \$250, or purchase an individual ticket through PayPal and join an existing team. Learn more about this event and the Brian Higgins Foundation at http://www. thebrianhiggins foundation.org.

The Somerville High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Fair is set for Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Join Somerville High School students and teachers to learn about their Career and Technical Education programs, see student projects, and try your hand at creating some of your own work. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about Somerville's innovative CTE programs.

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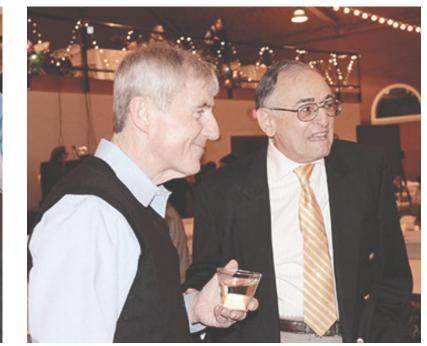






















# **Prospect Hill Lady Wizards are PERFECT**

#### By Katie Harris

Last Friday night at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Boston, the curtain came down on the 2018-2019 varsity girls' basketball season in the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Association. The last act in the season was the state tournament championship game pitting the 2017-2018 state tournament champion and this season's top seeded Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards (19-0) against the third seeded Pioneer Charter School of Science II Lady Pirates (16-2) from Saugus.

Prospect Hill utilized the speed and sharp-shooting skills of its starting guards, senior Ashley Cadet (16.9 points per game) and eighth grader Mia

Mitchell (12.9 ppg), to get off to a lead of 18-5 at the end of the first quarter with Cadet scoring six points and Mitchell adding nine in the opening period.

In the second quarter, the tough and physical Lady Pirates dug in on defense and clawed their way back into the game, outscoring the Lady Wizards 16-7. The two teams went into their locker rooms at half-time with PHA holding a slim 25-21 lead. Prospect Hill held Pioneer's leading scorer and the MCSAO's North Division Most Valuable Player, junior guard Angie Batista (17.9 ppg), to seven first half points. Prospect Hill entered halftime with Cadet tallying nine points, Mitchell staying at her first quarter total (nine points) and its senior phenom power forward, Kaleesha Joseph (16.1 ppg) chipping in only five points.



 $Seniors\ with\ State\ Tournament\ Trophy\ \&\ North\ Division\ Plaque:\ (L\ to\ R)\ Ashley\ Cadet,\ Ashley\ Fortune,\ Kaleesha\ Joseph\ and\ N'yshma\ Leroy.$ 

At half-time, PHA's head coach, Brian Harris, urged his players to shake off the second quarter and recommit to what worked in the first quarter hard work on defense and good decision making on offense. Additionally, Harris instructed Cadet, his floor general and the team's leader in assists (6.5 assists per game), to get her teammates, especially Joseph and freshman forward Raiana Vass, more involved in the scoring. Also, he urged senior forward/ guard Ashley Fortune, his defensive specialist, to demand that everyone playing to toughen up and not be outworked by

their opponent. The third quarter played out according to what was scripted by Prospect Hill at halftime. Pioneer, which made four three-pointers in the second quarter and five overall in the first half, hit only one threepoint shot in the third quarter. Batista who accounted for that one trifecta was the only Lady Pirate scoring in the first half who also scored in the third quarter. PHA forwards collected 12 overall points in the quarter - Joseph poured in seven points and Vass added five. The quarter ended with PHA outscoring Pioneer 14-9 and holding a nine-point lead – 39-30.

Harris passively sat back and let his assistants, John Collins, Tashi Hamilton, Correen Demers and Katie Harris, interact with the Lady Wizards during the team's huddle between the third and final stanzas. Every assistant coaches' message was fundamentally the same—"stay focused and keep working as a team for every second on both sides of the ball in the last eight minutes."

In the closing quarter, Cadet and Joseph dominated offensively for Prospect Hill each scoring eight points. Every Lady Wizard in uniform played smothering defense in the fourth quarter collectively holding the Lady Pirates scoreless. Final score: Prospect Hill-56 and Pioneer II-30. Batista ended the contest with 10 points, well below her average. Cadet and Joseph finished the state championship clash with 19 and 20 points – both scoring above their season averages.

The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards dedicated the winter basketball season to Samaya "Maya" Belizaire-Arrendel, their beloved senior all-star and teammate who died unexpectedly earlier in the school year during the Fall. During the state tournament, the Lady Wizards averaged 69 points per

game and held their opponents to an average of 35 points – a 34 point per game difference and a slight improvement over their regular season point differential with opponents.

During the regular season, Prospect Hill shot just under 50% (81 for 163) on free throws. The team showed great improvement on this in the tournament by shooting 76% from the charity strip (38 for 50 overall) in the three playoff games. Four members of Prospect Hill's starting five – Cadet, Joseph, Mitchell and Vass – were selected as MCSAO North Division all-stars. Coach Harris for the fifth time in six years was named the North Division Coach of the Year.

The collective dedication to Maya resulted in an unblemished regular season record of 17-0, a flawless overall record of 20-0 and the Lady Wizards repeating as both Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Association High School Varsity Girls' Basketball North Division Champion and MCSAO State Champions.

Who knows what the future will hold for Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards' basketball and its players? However, at this one moment in time everything is PERFECT.



- 1. What Irish County has the nickname The Tribesmen?
- 2. What theatrical show consisting mainly of traditional Irish music and dance premiered in 1995?
- 3. Why do people kiss the Blarney Stone?
- 4. Where in the U.S. is Saint Patrick's Day a legal holiday?
- 5. What month is Irish-American Heritage Month?
- 6. What is a chanter?

- 7. Where was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held?
- 8. hat NBA team wears shamrocks on their uniforms?
- 9. What is a shillelagh?
- 10. What alcohol do you find in an Irish Coffee?
- 11. Who is the founder of the Guinness World Records?
- 12. What is the name of the dog used by Sherlock Holmes?

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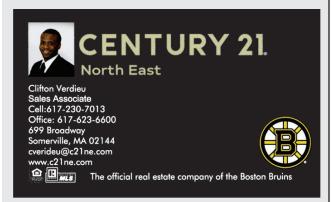
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**PLANNING DIVISION** 

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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27-29 Knowlton Street (ZBA 2019 - 09): Applicant Eric Parkes, and Owners, Chris and May Devers, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 for alterations to a non-conforming property including the construction of a dormer within the left side yard setback, and rearranging the interior layout. RB zone. Ward 1.

14B Fellsway West (ZBA 2019-06): Applicant, SHAKE Architecture, and owners, David & Emily Bannister, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property as follows: construct a dormer within the non-conforming right side yard setback; the upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback by converting a flat-roofed rear addition to a gable-roof. RB zone. Ward 4.

80 Powder House Boulevard (ZBA 2018-82-R1-2/19): Applicant and Owner, David J. Giller, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the non-conforming FAR from 1.04 to 1.23 by finishing the basement. Applicant/Owner also seeks a Revision to a Special Permit under \$5.3.8 of the SZO as follows: revise Condition 10 of the prior ZBA decision restricting the property to two parking spaces as the Applicant wants to add a third parking space, so there would be two side-by-side spaces and one tandem space. RA zone. Ward 7.

11 Lovell Street (ZBA 2018-184): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, KTA Construction LLC c/o Frank Amato, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 7.

292 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-118-R1-02/19): Applicant and Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a revision to a previously approved Special Permit (ZBA 2018-118) under SZO \$5.3.8 to reduce the height of the building down to 34 feet, reduce the number of stories down to three, and narrow the left side yard down to ten feet. RC Zone. Ward 2.

898 Broadway (ZBA 2019-12): Applicant and Owner, Amanda Parisi, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear two story addition. RA Zone. Ward 6.

41-43 Francesca Avenue (ZBA 2019-07): Applicant and Owner, Yuan Kui Shen, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a 2.5-story rear addition and two dormers on the right side of the ridge, RA Zone, Ward 6.

24-26 Robinson Street (ZBA 2019-14): Applicant, North America Development, LLC, and Owner, 24-26 Robinson Road LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 5.

17-25 Murdock St ( ZBA 2016-129/R1/2/19): Applicant, Cedar Murdock Partners, LLC, and Owner, The Marchionne Realty Trust, seek a revision under to their original special permit in order to change the height of the foundation for building 1 only due to ground water levels. SZO §5.3.8. RB zone. Ward 5.

11 Lovell St: http://eepurl.com/gjxBI5

292 Beacon St: http://eepurl.com/doJIAr

898 Broadway: http://eepurl.com/gjxBG1

41-43 Francesca Ave: http://eepurl.com/gjxBF1 24-26 Robinson St: <a href="http://eepurl.com/gjxBJb">http://eepurl.com/gjxBJb</a>

27-29 Knowlton St: http://eepurl.com/gjyxxj

80 Powder House Blvd: http://eepurl.com/gjyTj9

14B Fellsway West: <a href="http://eepurl.com/gjyTC5">http://eepurl.com/gjyTC5</a>

17-25 Murdock: http://eepurl.com/gjyTWz

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

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 3/6/19 & 3/13/19

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB 19-62

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

#### Demolition & Site Clearance - 5 Palmer Avenue

An invitation for bids (IFB) may be obtained online at http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after March 13, 2019. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until:  $\underline{\textbf{March 28, 2019}}$  at 2:00pm ET. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

> Angela M. Allen **Purchasing Director** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

#### Legal Notice of Public Hearing

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing for all interested parties on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm in the 3rd floor community room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144. Pizza and children's coloring activities will be available.

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending \$2 million in Community Preservation Act funding. The draft FY20 Community Preservation Plan and other information about the Community Preservation Act in Somerville are available at www. somervillema.gov/cpa. A workshop for individuals and organizations interested in proposing a CPA funded project on City land or proposing a project for a feasibility study will be offered before the hearing

Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearing and by submitting written comments by Wednesday, April 17th by email to kstelljes@somervillema.gov or by mail to Kristen Stelljes, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Attest: Michael Fager, Chair

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

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10-50 Prospect Street: (PB 2019-02): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek a Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to merge and subdivide the multiple existing parcels making up Block D2 (as identified in the Union Square Revitalization Plan and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan) into buildable lots and thoroughfares as proposed in the previously approved Coordinated Development Special Permit. TOD 100 and CCD 55-C underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and CC7 and HR sub districts. Ward 2.

300 Somerville Ave: (PB 2018-21): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC, seek Special Permits, Special Permit with Design Review and Special Permit with Site Plan Review to convert an existing church structure to 10 residential units with first floor commercial through the internal re-configuration of existing space and construction of additions/Gross Floor Area. Relief under SZO §4.4.1, 7.11, Article 9 and Article 13. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.

10-50 Prospect Street: http://eepurl.com/gjxT5D 300 Somerville Ave: <a href="http://eepurl.com/gjyUIT">http://eepurl.com/gjyUIT</a>

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 3/6/19 and 3/13/19

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At a term of the Family Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Cortland, at Courthouse, 46 Greenbush St., Cortland, NY 13045-2725, on February 13, 2019

File #:

10485 Docket #: NN-0153-19 NN-0154-19

**SUMMONS AND** 

NOTICE

PRESENT: Hon. David C. Alexander

In the Matters of

Julie Stapleton (DOB: 07/02/2002)

Matthew Stapleton (DOB: 09/17/2005)

Children under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged to be Neglected by

Kelly Stapleton,

Respondent.

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO:

#### **KELLY STAPLETON**

You are hereby summoned to appear in front of the Honorable David C. Alexander, on Tuesday, Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 9:00 AM in the Cortland County Family Court, located at 46 Greenbush Street, Cortland, New York. In case of your failure to appear, the relief requested in the motion filed herein will be granted.

Dated: February 13, 2019

TO: KELLY STAPLETON

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable David C. Alexander, Judge of the Cortland County Family Court of the State of New York, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the office of the Family Court Clerk of the County of Cortland, at the Cortland County Courthouse, in the City of Cortland, State of New York.

The object of this motion is to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act.

Zela E. Brotherton, Esq. Attorney for the Cortland County Department of Social Services 60 Central Avenue Cortland, New York 13045 (607) 756-3440

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids for Pest and Rodent Control Bid # P-PES-042019 for multiple locations in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the Somerville Housing Authority Purchasing Department.

This is a Three (3) year contract

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

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., April 1, 2019 and publicly opened forthwith, at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

All bid proposals must be secured by an accompanying deposit of 5%of the total bid amount in the form of a bid bond, in cash or certified or treasurer's or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bid Forms and Specification Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 11:00 A.M., on March 18, 2019 or you may downloading them from our web site www.shaweb.org under our opportunities tab. There will be no charge for these documents. If downloaded, you must register with Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org and leave a contact email to receive changes, or updates. A reply to your email will be sent confirming that you are registered.

Mailed Bids should be sent to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145, PEST CONTROL BID P-PES-042019, Attn. Anthony Crespo, Purchasing/IT Manager, and received no later than the date and time specified above. SHA not responsible for bids lost or not received on time.

A walk through of the properties will be held for this project at 9:30 a.m., March 22, 2019 at SHA Administrative offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. Bidders are required to contact the SHA's Purchasing/IT Manager, Anthony Crespo 617-625-1152 extension 336 if attending.

Anthony Crespo, Purchasing\IT Manager

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**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI 16D1514

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** 

Joelma Silva Ricci, Plaintiff

Gilberto Rodrigues Ricci, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff,

seeking <u>A Modification</u>

You are required to serve upon Joelma Silva Ricci -plantiff - whose address is 71 Wright Ave, Medford, MA 02155

your answer on or before March 29, 2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 8th day of February, 2019

> Tara E. De Christofaro **Register of Probate**

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# Somerville breweries help to raise \$3K for Mass Brewers Guild

On Saturday, March 2, a sold-out room of more than 70 attendees and nine breweries raised a pint and funds for the Mass Brewers Guild during Meet the Brewers Freshman Class of 2019.

The Mass Brewers Guild is the state's nonprofit organization that works to protect and promote the interest of craft brewers. The intimate, roundtable style tasting event featured the state's newly launched breweries and offered ticket holders unique access to brewers.

The line-up included Canned Heat Craft Beer, Crue Brew Brewery, Lost Towns Brewing Co., Redemption Rock Brewing Co., Remnant Brewing, Rustic Brewing Co., Small Change Brewing Co., Stellwagen Beer Co., and Vitamin Sea Brewing.

Charlie Cummings Head Brewer of Remnant Brewing Co., and Michael Patterson and Emily Vides, Somerville residents and co-owners of Small Change Brewing Co., donated their beer and time to the cause, sharing their brewery's business stories, answering questions, and talking about their craft in 12-minute intervals while craft beer lovers sampled their suds. The speed dating style event helps to foster deeper connections between brewers and craft beer lovers and inspire a greater education of the brewing process.

"This event has attracted quite a following and at-

tendees are excited to return year after year," says Katie Stinchon, executive director of the Mass Brewers Guild. "Giving craft beer fans face time with brewers while they hear their start-up story, and sample some of state's newest beer is a unique twist on a beer festival." This is the third year that the Mass Brewers Guild has hosted this event.

The event raised \$3,000 for the trade association and was held at Lookout Farm in Natick. The annual event will return in 2020 and feature the state's new crop of freshman brewers. For more information about the Mass Brewers Guild, or to learn about upcoming events, visit Massbrewersguild.org.

# Fire damages Partners parking garage



The Somerville Fire Department responded to a reported fire inside the Partners Healthcare parking garage at 255 Grand Union Boulevard on Tuesday, March 12.

The fire was reported at 5:08 a.m. Firefighters arrived to find a maintenance utility vehicle fully engulfed in a first floor equipment storage area of the seven story garage. The fire produced heavy smoke and was confined to the first floor storage area.

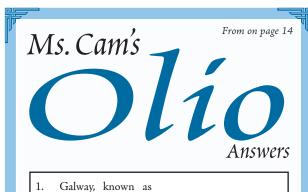
Four engine companies, two ladder companies, one Rescue and two Chief Officers responded. Damage is estimated to be at least \$50,000.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Somerville Fire Investigation Unit, Somerville Police and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

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- 12. Toby

#### Somerville awarded CPPI funds to support public-private preschool model **CONT. FROM PG 10**

toward a more equitable and accessible early childhood system across the city. Funding will initially support key positions that will help address some of the primary needs identified in the Ready to Learn, Ready for K report. Those positions include a Mixed-Delivery Coor-

dinator, an Early Childhood Instructional Coach, and an Itinerant Special Education Service Provider. In addition, CPPI funds will also support coaching for center directors, professional development and degree attainment, early screening and annual program assessments, mental health and behavioral consultation, development of an equitable salary scale, curriculum alignment, development of a single point of entry, and family engagement and outreach efforts.

"Our progress so far is really

built on the strong relationships we have with our community partners who work hard every day to provide early education and care for children and families," added Dr. Kuh. "These collaborations afford us the opportunity to work side by side with teachers and directors to build quality together. The CPPI funding will allow us to continue this important journey with renewed energy, confidence, and financial support as we lay the foundation for a lifetime of success for generations of children in our community."

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday|March 13

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m Somerville High School Literary Magazine Reception

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

**East Branch Library** 

Preschool Story Time 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

#### Thursday | March 14

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

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-yearolds

Teen Game Day, Pi Day Edition! 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Friday | March 15

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** 

Lego Club! 2:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Saturday | March 16

**Central Library** 

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

#### Monday | March 18

**Central Library** 

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

#### Tuesday | March 19

**Somerville Community Baptist** Church

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

#### Wednesday | March 20

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** 

Preschool Story Time 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

#### **MUSIC/ARTS** Wednesday | March 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Heron Valley |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Derek Johnson 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage 7 p.m.|Café Ásgeir

8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-

#### Thursday|March 14

Sally O'Brien's **Box Of Records** 

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Show at The Burren Tommy McCarthy, Louise Costello, Robert Elliott & Seamus Noonan, along with special guests.|7

Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

The Rolling Sloans live in Union Square, Somerville! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Chris Rivelli Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday | March 15

Sally O'Brien's

Wooden Leg|6 p.m. Dirty Truckers, ModifierS, Melatonins - \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi St. Patrick's Day Dinner Show at The Burren Tommy McCarthy, Louise Costello, Robert Elliott & Seamus Noonan, along with special guests. | 7

Fightin Fridays | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Once Somerville** 

Bella's Bartok

Miku Daza

8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Walk Talk

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

Ioshua Tree

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

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** Das Babyseal Klubb (Nikki Glaspie of Nth Power / Aaron Bellamy of Sam

Kininger Band and more...) with special guest The A-Beez 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Rob Flax

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

#### Saturday March 16

Sally O'Brien's

One Thin Dime|6 p.m. Thin Lizzy tribute: Slim Lizzy, The Needies, Red Red Rockitt - \$10 cover|9 p.m

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Show at The Burren Tommy McCarthy, Louise Costello, our Robert Elliott & Seamus Noonan, along with special guests. 4 shows,1p.m., 3p.m.,5 p.m.7p.m. Spittin Vinnies | 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe's** 

Paddy's Day Practice 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** 

The Wicked Hangin Chads live in 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

The Holdup Dylan Reese, Matty Owens 7:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Lidia Chang Irish trad trio 1p.m.-4 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends

10 a.m.lCafé Local Beats Family Dance Party 6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing|6 p.m. Boston Comedy Festival's St. Patrick's Day Show|8 p.m. 255 Elm St

#### Sunday | March 17

Sally O'Brien's Bar

St Paddy's! Music all day! Food specials!

Tom McHagerty|2 p.m. Lily Black Band|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Show at The Burren Tommy McCarthy, Louise Costello, Robert Elliott & Seamus Noonan, along with special guests Six shows:9am; 11am; 1pm; 3pm; 5pm; 7pm

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

Paddy's Day -Live Music All Day **Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Thunder Road** Kids Union Dance Party 2:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Lidia Chang Irish trad trio

**Arts at the Armory** 

**Protest Choir Class** 6:30 p.m.|Café Jammin' with the Elderberries 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

1p.m.-4 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Monday | March 18

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

The Burren

Back Room:

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** 

Collectif Medz Bazar 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango

Tuesday | March 19

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Burren

Elijah Mann, Brittany Butler |7:30 p.m.

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

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

440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and

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

PJ Ryan's

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

Thunder Road Neighbor live in Somerville, MA! 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** The Hip Abduction

Little Stranger

**Aeronaut Brewing Co** 

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry 7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | March 20

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247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night

Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Thunder Road** 

**Once Somerville** Disq

**Puppy Problems** Honey Cutt 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Promise Is Hope 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | March 13

**Central Library** 

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

Thursday | March 14

Ciampa Manor

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

**Central Library** Yoga at the Library

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

Night Owls Story Time Special Event: **Author Visit!** 

6:30 p.m.-7:30 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 | March 16

**Central Library** 

Zentangle

Highland Ave

1 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Winter Farmers Market 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191

**Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

Holland St Sunday | March 17

weekly to discuss their work

Arts at the Armory The Somerville Flea: Cabin Fever

Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 

10 a.m., |Performance Hall| 191

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday | March 18

**Central Library** 

Arts at the Armory Spring Exhibit: Motion All day|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Laurie! 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Somerville YIMBY March 2019 Gener-

Creative Drama Workshop with

al Meeting 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway Tuesday | March 19

Somerville Media Center Lunch and Learn Workshop with SMC 12 p.m.-2 p.m.|90 Union Sq

GOOD CRAFTernoon! 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**East Branch Library** 

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

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

Wednesday|March 20 Arts at the Armory

Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Central Library** Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft

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

# PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO

#### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TTY: 866-808-4851

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Assessment for Elderly – Thursday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Use photography to look at various aspects of Somerville such as its facilities, businesses, and infrastructure and living conditions and discuss how conducive they are for senior living. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am.

Senior Charlie Cards –Monday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at our Holland Street Center. If you are age 65 or older and have never signed up for a Senior Charlie Card, sign up for our Charlie Party! Explore local MBTA stops, apply for your card, and stay for lunch and bingo! Call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

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

Foxwoods Casino – Tuesday, April 16. \$25 per person. Bonus package to be determined. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time 7:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to

reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

Knowing your Electric Bill & Scams – Thursday, May 2 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Lunch & Bingo to follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up.

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

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

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

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

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday:

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

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

# pre-registration HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

#### RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

# Visible Voices: Celebrating the Unedited Feminist Story

This collaboration with the Somerville Arts Council and In Her Words Diary photographer, Emily Falcigno, formed in the spirit of the #MeToo Movement and the Women's March with the desire to amplify marginalized voices. In honor of Women's History Month in March, the Inside-OUT gallery, CVS Window in Davis Square, will showcase a variety of experiences and provoke thoughtful conversation around everyday feminism. Visible Voices will be on view from through April 15.



Through a series of community workshops, participants transcribed their personal experiences on paper dolls to create a snapshot of the state of feminism. Submissions from the Visible Voices workshops will be a featured with In Her Words Diary photographs. The main workshop will invite all genders to discuss and "practice" feminism together.

In Her Words Diary photographs illustrate females' battles or triumphs paired with their handwritten story (aka 'visible voice'), rendering the often-silenced voices amplified and validated. What emerges from the viewers is empathy, connection, and new perspectives on what females experience. Every. Single. Day. The goal is to foster a supportive sisterly community by creating a sense of belonging across identities, cultures, races, classes, and generations.

A Visible Voices Discussion Workshop will take place on Wednesday, March 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Connexion, 149 Broadway, Somerville.

Please join in for an evening of thoughtful dialogue as we challenge gender norms and tap into compassion. Contribute to the discussion on how the equality of all genders can benefit our whole community. Our discussion will be facilitated by In Her Words Diary Photographer, Emily Falcigno; Expressive Arts Therapist, Liana van de Water; Meditation Coach and Leader, Zola Coleman; and humanist photographer, Johnny Yong.

To learn more about the project check out the interview from Somerville Media Center: https://youtu.be/N2r5c8rD\_EE

#### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

daughter of Charlestown, her patriotism ran much deeper than her years. At Camp Cameron on Clarendon Hill, thousands of troops trained for the war. Many a recruit raided neighboring gardens and orchids, including Teele's Farm. These raids were patriotically overlooked for the northern cause. After the Union was saved, the city memorialized the area with street signs paying tribute to Army and Navy heroes and battles won. At

the same time, neighboring West Cambridge, as it was then called, changed its name to Arlington in honor of the nation's Civil War losses.

If the Teeles visited today's Clarendon Hill and its environs, I am sure they would be proud that their lives and labors are still honored at its heart. The market garden families, the gentlemen farmers and their family names have not been forgotten.

# Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner





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# Fire Your Publicist DIY Marketing Workshop



Have you ever hired a publicist and been disappointed in their performance? Did you get ripped off? Did they make promises they couldn't keep? And then blame it on you and your product, nonprofit, or company? Or have you simply looked into getting a publicist, and been blown away by how much they charge for campaigns? If any of this applies, and if you are looking for real tips on how to get exposure, then this workshop is for you.

Presenters Chris Faraone and Jason Pramas are the editors of DigBoston and co-founders of the Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism. With more than 40 years of combined media experience between them, they have written for national and local outlets, from the *Boston Phoenix* to *Esquire*, *BuzzFeed*, and *In These Times*.

A lot of professional publicists started off in the media. But Chris and Jason are still deep in the industry, and pull no punches in their assessment and presentation of the media landscape. In order to know how to game the media, you need to understand how it works, and this is a crash course like none other.

We have taught this class before — in the past, we have called it HOW TO PITCH REPORTERS AND EDITORS — and it has been a major success every time. Here's the kind of information we'll be sharing:

"Pitch something in ten different ways. The founder of your company- Where'd they go to school? Do they have an alumni magazine? Most people never think about those."

It's also important to tailor the pitch to the outlet with appropriate age, demographic, and sections for your product.

For best results, pitches should borrow a trick from paper newspapers: putting the biggest news "above the fold." If you can focus the most attention-grabbing bit into a subject line that doesn't break, you've written a good subject line.

Don't pretend to be a journalist. "Fake content and pilfered writing" are as loathed as they are easily spotted. Instead, [BINJ Projects Coordinator Emily] Hopkins suggested a different approach. "Better to do it short and sweet. Distill it. Use bullet points, and have a maximum of 200 words. If you have more, use links or an attachment."

Thursday, March 14 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square, Somerville.

Register at https://dig.boldtypetickets.com/events/91845424/fire-your-publicist-and-get-more-exposure-for-your-cause-brand-or-business-than-ever-before?fbclid=IwAR1DVoraZZzCSm4NmwxMiMdTUvPY4UDi32xE3AGG-Jqi4jiktwwBRuQm1tk0

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Wednesday, March 13		7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium	1:00pm	Tele Magazine	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
6:00am	'	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		arch 15	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV
9:00am 9:30am	DW Global 3000 Both Sides of the Bars	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
9:30am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
	•	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
10:30am 11:00am	Somerville Storytellers	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
	Health is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
1:00pm 1:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
2:00pm	Science 360	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
	Speak Up! Somerville	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:00pm 4:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, N	larch 17	7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
5:00pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:30pm	Women2Women Today	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	9:00pm	Dedillhando au Saudade
6:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
6:30pm	Off the Shelf	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
7:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV		J
8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board		March 19
8:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	12:00am	Free Speech TV
9:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board
10:00pm	LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera	7:30am	Esoteric Science
		6:00pm	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
	March 14	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	1:00pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	Road to Recovery
12:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:00am	Graphic Content
1:00am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	Gay USA	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		, ,	6:00pm	The Grandstanders	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today		, March 16	6:30pm	Teen Empowerment	4:00pm	SMC Youth Media
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	7:00pm	Cinema Somerville	4:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
10:00am	Legacies	1:00am	Boston Come Through	8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer
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11:30am	Art & Ideas	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	6:30pm	Art & Ideas
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Monday, I		8:00pm	LIVE - Dead Air Live
4:00pm	Hello Neighbor!	9:00am	SMC Youth Media	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Somerville Line
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8:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm	Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19 Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" Tuskegee Airmen Adult-Use Marijuana
2:00pm 6:30pm	Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping Tuskegee Airmen
7:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues
8:00pm 8:30pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19
10:43pm 11:00pm	GLX Open House - 1.30.19 SomerViva em Portugues
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Thursday	y, March 14
12:00am	Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B"
12:00am 12:30am 1:00am	Senior Circuit - January 2019 "Engage B" City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
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Wednesday, March 13

4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda City Council Meeting - LIVE 7:00pm Friday, March 15 Adult-Use Marijuana 12:00am 1:00am SomerViva em Portugues 1:30am School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19 Middlesex County Update w/Marian Ryan 8:30am 9:00am SomerViva em Portugues 9:30am Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19 12:00pm Tuskegee Airmen 1:00pm Adult-Use Marijuana 2:00pm School Committee Meeting - 2.25.19 6:00pm Legislative Matters Committee 9:03pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 9:30pm Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19 Saturday, March 16 Tuskegee Airmen 12:00am 1:00am Finance Committee of the Whole 8:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism 10:00am Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 11:30am Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 1:00pm City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan 1:30pm Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19

6:00pm GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19 8:00pm SomerViva em Portugues 8:30pm Public Hearing on Open Space Sunday, March 17 12:30am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism 2:00am GLX Open House - 1.30.19 2:10am Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty" The Firstamerican Flag: 2:30am Revisiting the Grand Union at Prospect Hill 8:30am Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 9:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 9:30am Tuskegee Airmen 11:30am GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19 1:30pm SomerViva en Español 2:00pm Adult-Use Marijuana 3:00pm SomerViva em Portugues 6:00pm Somerville Learning 2030 7:02pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" SomerViva em Portugues 7:30pm 8:00pm City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan City Council Meeting - 3.14.19 8:30pm Monday, March 18 12:00am Tuskegee Airmen

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Revisiting the Grand Union at Prospect Hill Finance Committee of the Whole 8:30am 12:30pm SomerViva en Español 1:00pm Legislative Matters Committee GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19 6:30pm School Committee Meeting - 3.18.19 8:30pm

Wednesday, March 20 12:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 12:30am Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19 2:43am The Firstamerican Flag: Revisiting the Grand Union at Prospect Hill

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SHS Boys' Basketball vs KIPF

Wednesday, I	March 13		
9:00am	Raising Families - Vaping		
9:30am	Student of the Qtr Brown School		
10:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Swampscott		
12:00pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert		
1:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody		
2:30pm	Student of the Qtr ESCS		
3:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead		
5:00pm	Raising Families - Vaping		
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6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Swampscott		
7:30pm	Student of the Qtr ESCS		
8:00pm	Argenziano School MLK Concert		
9:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody		
10:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Marblehead		
Thursday, March 14			
12:00am	SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English		
1:30am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem		
9:00amMIAA S	emifinal: SHS Basketball vs N. Andover		
10:30am	Raising Families - Vaping		
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MIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin

SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation

Parent Info Session on Marijuana

SHS Hockey vs Everett

7:00pm

10:00am

11:30am

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# A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Lucas Restivo is a writer from San Diego by way of Boston. He loves the abstract and finds inspiration from the collective individualism of DIY communities. His poem *desert daydreams* can be found in his first collection of poetry *if i could take your hand i could shake your hand*. He hopes others can find their own



meaning in his work and be inspired to learn something new.

#### desert daydreams

phoenix in my veins and tempe in my brain
i'm passing out in the walmar parking lot
i smoke myself to sleep and blame it on the heat
because my father apologizes for the gifts he's given me:
he knows nothing is free
and my slogan speak might just be good gratuity for a difficult order
my mother dreams of stopping bullets with her feet
it makes sense to me
i want to see beyond treetop skies and the buildings embalming i-95
beyond passports and paths and paper mache structures
i want to see every piece in the mosaic
no fuck the goddamn f\*\*king dickhead bigger picture

in 8th grade mr. lusas put us into teams
each with the same amount of paper clips and bolts and
popsicle sticks

with the goal to build the slowest falling parachute out of a grocery bag

my team resurrected market basket pterodactyl wings and i raced it to the top of the stairs

the winning team just put the supplies in the bag and dropped it and let them all fall out

because the rules never said you couldn't

now mr. lusas waves the buses in and out of the school parking lot
while i wave to the grudges i've held and will hold
i just want to stop leaning on the word 'just' in my poems

— Lucas Restivo

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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Interview with poet, performer, librarian David P. Miller

David P. Miller's chapbook, The Afterimages, was published in 2014 by the Červená Barva Press. His poems have appeared in Meat for Tea, Main Street Rag, Ibbetson Street, Painters and Poets, Fox Chase Review, Third Wednesday, Wilderness House Literary Review, Muddy River Poetry Review, Oddball Magazine, Incessant Pipe, Clementine Unbound, and Ekphrastic Review, among others. Anthology appearances include Tell-Tale Inklings #1 and three Bagel Bards Anthologies. His poem Kneeling Woman and Dog was included in the 2015 edition of Best Indie Lit New England. David was a member of the multidisciplinary Mobius Artists Group of Boston for 25 years, and was a librarian at Curry College in Milton, MA.

I had the pleasure to interview Miller on my Somerville Media Center show *Poet to Poet,* Writer to Writer.

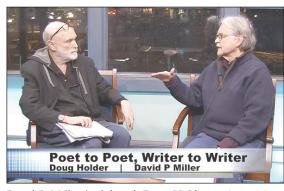
**Doug Holder:** You were influenced by the composer John Cage. How did he influence you as a poet?

**David P. Miller:** We can talk for hours about Cage. Cage was actually a poet and visual artist. My influences from Cage come mostly from my years as a performance artist. The kind of experimental poetry he did seeps into my work. I admired his attention to detail to the specific kinds of phenomena he deals with in his composition and poetry.

**DH:** You were a librarian for many years; you were a member of Mobius – an experimental arts and performance group in Boston for a long while, now on the Board of Directors – but the poet Jane Hirschfield jump started you into poetry.

DPM: I have been an active poetry reader since 1990. I didn't think of myself as a poet. But in 2006 I heard that the Bookstore at the Zen Mountain Monastery in the Catskills was offering a poetry workshop with Jane Hirshfield. So I participated. Hirshfield presented exercises, etc., but what changed in me as result of it was that I got interested in the act of writing poetry. I realized I had a basic ability to write poems based on prompts she gave. About three years later I started to steadily write poems.

**DH:** I read your poem *The House* at my creative writing seminar at Endicott College. It was reminiscent of a poem we were studying in class, *The Shirt* by Robert Pinsky. Like Pinsky, who traced the lineage of a shirt in his poem, you traced your house in Jamaica Plain in a similar way. Like Pinsky, you broke up your House into its component



David P. Miller (right) with Doug Holder on Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer.

parts, each part a part of the whole.

**DPM:** True in some ways it is similar to Pinsky's. My house is on Mozart St. in J.P. I actually traced the chain of owners of the house for that poem.

**DH:** You were a librarian at Curry College in Milton, MA, for many years. Was this a good place to work at as a poet?

DPM: It was great have access to a library. Needless to say, I was a strong advocate of buying poetry books. I majored in theater at Emerson College in Boston. But I never intended to pursue it professionally. I didn't want to live the hardscrabble life you need to go through to succeed in the field. My friend, Mary Curtain, who worked at the library at Emerson, helped get me a job there. I remember clearly the first day I worked there. I was at the reference desk and someone asked me a question. I was able to answer it! I said to myself, "Wow, I am actually doing this!" Later, I worked at Curry for over two decades. I retired from there in June, 2018.

#### A Birthday Card for John Cage On His 100th

a sudden rustling – the ailanthus drops a leaf just before sunrise

tiny prayer flags lift in the slightest passing breeze – late summer crickets

what's this soft tapping? downy woodpecker testing October cornstalk

is it a bird's call? someone walking in the dark with one squeaky shoe

— David P. Miller

#### **Tufts Composers: Foolproof Preludes**

The Tufts University Department of Music presents the Tufts Composers: Foolproof Preludes, in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Monday, April 1, at 8:00 p.m.

The program consists entirely of Preludes. Originally, in the Baroque era, preludes were quasi-improvisatory introductions to longer, more formal pieces (especially fugues). By the 19th century, they had become independent, short character pieces. Chopin's Preludes were the first master-pieces of the genre, and some of his works will be scattered throughout the program. Tufts composer/composition teacher John McDonald asked a dozen of his students to write responses to Chopin's Prelude no.20, and wrote one himself - all these works will be premiered at the recital. The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

