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Marijuana revenues, elections, development top city meeting agendas



Revenues from sales at the new medical marijuana dispensaries scheduled to open in Somerville were among the topics covered at city meetings last week.

By Joe Ruvido

In their regular meeting last week the Somerville Board of Aldermen discussed medical marijuana taxes and city elections.

The Somerville licensing commission has already approved two licenses for Medical Marijuana dispensaries in Davis Square and is poised to issue a third for a dispensary in Union Square.

Revenues from sales of marijuana, medical or recreational, were big selling points in getting those referendums passed in states like Colorado and Massachusetts. Massachusetts legalized medical marijuana in 2012 and recreational marijuana in 2016. The public health and public safety committee will discuss the proposed 4% levy on dispensary sales at their upcoming meeting on April 5.

Also discussed was overturning an existing Somerville law stating that Continued on page 4

The Harmony Sweepstakes: A Cappella Festival

By Ariana Colozzo

On Saturday, April 1, come to the Somerville Theatre for a night of a cappella with the 33rd annual Harmony Sweepstakes. Seven Boston area a cappella groups will compete for the title of Boston's best: Birdland Avenue, Bostonality, Carpe Singem, Drive, Fermata Town, Fireside Quartet, and Harmonious Soul, chosen from nearly 20 groups that auditioned for the chance to compete.

Each group gets 10 minutes to wow the judges, and not a minute over, as the Boston regional director Dan Campang, noted, groups who go over will be docked a place.



Charter School Championship page 14 Many, like Fermata Town, Bostonality, and Fireside Quartet, have experience singing competitively, but Campagna explained that because practicing for a performance can take a few months or more, groups often leave a year or two in between competitions to focus on other priorities, such as *Continued on page 16*

Continued on page 16 Sweepstakes on April 1 at the Somerville Theatre.





Happy St. Patrick's Day, also known as Evacuation Day here in the Greater Boston area. We hope everyone has a great holiday and have a great time with all the celebrations going on in and around Boston. Here in Somerville we hear through the rumor mill that Liam at Sally O'Brien's will be making sure that everyone who shows up Friday night will feel the Irish spirit and pride. We know that other well-known Irish pub's here in the city will also be celebrating, so enjoy. But we're going to Sally O'Brien's because everyone knows your name and it's all family.

Tonight, Wednesday, March 15, Ward One Alderman Matt McLaughlin will be holding a fundraiser over at American Fresh Assembly Row, 301 Canal Street.

Are you trying to figure it out as others are? Why did the city call for a "snow emergency" at midnight with all cars to be removed from odd sides of the street by 4:00 a.m.? Why not at 4:00 a.m. with cars to be moved by 8:00 a.m., especially since most people are not up after 12:00 a.m.? Could it be about more revenue for both the towing company and the city? We heard one time that there is an estimated 68,000 registered vehicles in Somerville's 3.5 square miles. It seems like DPW Commissioner Stan Koty might want to remember he's about the only one to get up at 4:00 a.m. It just doesn't make sense to us. One way or another, the cars would be off the street. Just give the residents (you know, the taxpayers, Stan) a little more reasonable time. Don't worry about Stan being on the radio yelling at all the DPW guys. He's not allowed near the radio, so we hear. It must be nice not having the boss yelling and screaming! Enjoy the storm. What would we do without the PC crowd treating us all like children.

Coming up on **Monday, March 27**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a fundraiser for **Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne** will be held at Sabur Restaurant, 212 Holland Street in Teele Square. Katjana has been a good alderman representing the residents of Ward 7 and the city. She is also very concerned and dedicated.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Can Somerville be the next innovation center? Maybe

Brandon says:

It's a shame that massrobotics (https://www.massrobotics.org/) was lured to the seaport when they actively considered brickbottom as their new incubator/accelerator. The city should have done more to court them.

Barbara Millicent Roberts says:

Somerville absolutely has what it takes to be the next innovation center. The right people need to be promoting this, and vigorously.

CAP says:

People talk about attracting sexy hi-tech business to Somerville like no else has the same idea. Everyone is pitching themselves to the same small pool of tech companies right now. This is a race that Somerville is never going to win. So why should we destroy the community we already have to chase this rainbow?

Boston is already into construction on millions of square feet of new tech space. How come nobody mentions that the "innovation center" in the converted Hood factory right outside of Sullivan Square is already open for business but can't fill their floors? There will be a glut of tech space in Boston proper (the 'real city' – as opposed to big city wannabe Somerville) plus in Cambridge and Watertown and Quincy long before anything can be built here. And you think the quality of our local craft beer emporiums is going to jump us over all of that?

Meanwhile, we're gutting our neighborhoods, driving out long time residents and existing local businesses, and turning the city upside down so that we can feather a nest for a bunch of imagined tech darlings that are never going to come. Stupid stupid stupid.

Response to: Working together to combat opioid use

Mary L says:

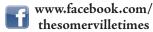
There should be a program to allow pharmacists or pharmacy workers to report suspected opioid abuse. I have been at rite aid on somerville Ave to pick up a prescription for my son and several times (actually, almost every time) have encountered individuals who are clearly high. I've even heard them bragging about how much they will make on the items and they have given me advice on which other pharmacies in somerville "usually have everything" when this particular one didn't have the antibiotic I needed. That pointed to multiple script pharmacy shopping to me. Why isn't there an effort to identify and prevent addiction or abuse at the pharmacy?

Penny says:

This sounds good.....but.

When I hear of programs to benefit people who have been arrested, I applaud them. However, I don't understand why there are so many programs for people who have been arrested, while others who need treatment are left to fend for themselves. Let's really get pro-active and provide more and better treatment for everyone, not just those in certain cherry-picked groups. The other initiatives mentioned are meaningless without education and treatment. Who are these recovery coaches? Can you provide stats on the people who have been coached, and the outcome? Pathways to Recovery feels to me like more of the same. All of the stakeholders get together and talk about addiction, preaching to the choir. We need real help here, not lip service, if we want to stop burying our young people.





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Response to: SPFJr: 'Most SHS Students DON'T Smoke!'

Maria Cortez says:

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By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville Board of Aldermen issued a citation at its most recent regular meeting on March 9 commending the Elections Department on its outstanding execution of early voting in last November's Presidential election.

Speaking as sponsor for the citation, Ward 3 Alderman Robert McWatters told the Board in remarks preceding the awarding of the citation, "As this Board is familiar with, for the first time in our state's history we had an early voting and I just want to commend the Elections Department on a fabulous operation. As we want to do on this Board, we recognize all our city employees, especially our police and fire who are with us here tonight."

McWatters further stated, "We appreciate their public service. But I especially want to recognize the Elections Department. On the early voting, there wasn't much guidance from the state, which is typical. They were in uncharted waters and they did a fabulous job. They sought the guidance from this Board and they used these chambers for 11 days, and I was one of the voters in the city who took advantage of it. I voted first on the first day.

"They also had evening hours every night, and they had weekend hours," McWatters said. "They were recognized by the legal counsel of the Secretary of State's office, Rebecca Murray, who happens to be a Somerville resident. She sent a letter to the mayor saying how impressed she was with this operation. So I think that's a testament to the Elections Commissioner, Mr. Salerno, the entire staff, Maria Meghan and Sheila."

The alderman summed up by saying, "I just want to commend them on the terrific operation, and they also were cited by the Secretary of State at a recent conference for running a smooth operation without any glitches. So I think it's a testament not only to the department but to the administration. They ran a fabulous operation."

Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly, who made the formal presentation of the citation, echoed McWatters' appreciation saying, "As a member who has had the services of the Election Department for I believe it's now 17 elections, I just feel very honored to say that I've seen light years of improvement over the time from 1984 into the future, Nick and his department has maintained a very high standard of excellence, overseeing the department, taking care of the optical scanning machines, and making sure that all the details - including getting ready for the early voting - was the passion that he and the team put into it."



Commissioner Salerno expressed his and his staff's gratitude in receiving the recognition bestowed by the Board and the Mayor's Office.

Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners Nicholas Salerno and department staffers Maria Pierotti, Megan Arruda, and Sheila Forestal were present at the meeting to accept the citation. Salerno expressed his department's appreciation for the honor saying, "I thank you very much for your recognition tonight. It's appreciated very much, and the staff does, I know. We may be a little bit bashful, but it's fully appreciated." the Somerville Board of Aldermen and Mayor offer their sincerest commendations to the Elections Department which was recently singled out at the Winter Meeting of the MA City and Town Clerks Association for its outstanding execution of early voting in last year's Presidential Election. Only three cities in the State had a higher turnout than Somerville. The Membership and Mayor extend their sincerest gratitude and best wishes for continued success in all endeavors. Offered this 9th day of March, 2017.

The formal citation reads in full as follows: Be it hereby known to all that

SHS College and Career Day – April 1

April 1st is College and Career Day for Somerville Public Schools. Students and families in grades 6-12 are invited to attend the event, which takes place from 9:00am-12:30pm at Somerville High School.

There will be workshops for all grades on topics such as: saving and paying for college, community college, alternatives to college, college admissions panels, career panels, the college process for juniors, and others. Expert guest speakers from MEFA, uAspire, Middlesex Community College, Job Corps, Boston University, Brandeis University, Tufts University, and others will be available to provide information and answer questions.

Guest speakers from our own community will talk about their careers. Regardless of your child's age, you'll leave with valuable information about planning for the future. Snacks, childcare, and interpreters will all be provided! Learn more at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/collegecareerday.



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Revived driver failed to pass tests

Police were dispatched to the Mobil gas station on Medford St. last week to check the condition of an individual who appeared to be passed out in his vehicle.

Upon arrival, officers noted that the front end of the vehicle in question had sustained severe damage. The driver, later identified as Fawzi Alfrihat, of E. Medford, PA, was asked to step out of the car.

Alfrihat was asked if he was under the influence of any alcohol or drug, and he reportedly denied that he was under the influence of either. When asked why his pupils were dilated he said he did not know.

While police spoke with Alfrihat he reportedly continued to avoid looking at them while an-

swering their questions and they had to keep asking him to look at them while they were talking. At one point, Alfrihat reportedly said that he was looking at the officers when he was not.

Alfrihat was asked if he had been in an accident and he reportedly stated that he was in an accident earlier in Boston on Berkley St. but exchanged paperwork without police assistance. He was asked if he needed medical attention, which he denied.

A series of field sobriety tests were then administered. The first test was the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, and Alfrihat reportedly displayed smooth pursuit.

The next test was the Walk and Turn. During this test, the

a motor vehicle under the influ-

Marouane Bah, of 41 Derby

St., March 9, 12:36 p.m., ar-

rested at Mystic Ave. on a war-

ence of drugs.

person is told to put their left foot on the line and put their right foot in front of it with your right heel touching their left toe. They are supposed to keep their hands by their side before taking nine heel to toe steps down the line. They then turn around while keeping the front foot on the line by taking several small steps to turn back around. The person then does another nine heel to toe steps the same way back to where they started. Alfrihat reportedly stated that he understood what he needed to do, then began the test on the line. On the way down he did not have his hands by his side and walked approximately fifteen steps and on the way back he took approximately nineteen steps with his hands out by his side and his feet not on the line. He did not put his feet heel to toe like was demonstrated or walk the proper amount of steps (nine) which was both demonstrated and read from the card to him.

The last test was the One-Leg Stand. During this test, the person stands with their heels together and their arms at their side. The person is told they raise whichever foot they want six inches off of the ground with their foot pointed out. They keep both legs straight while keeping their eyes on the elevated foot. While holding that position, they are to count until the officer sees fit to stop it. Alfrihat was advised to keep his foot six inches off of the ground but for almost the entire time he kept

his right heel on the ground. He was also told to count from one thousand and one and so on until told to stop. Alfrihat reportedly lost count at one thousand and twelve.

Alfrihat stated after all tests were done that he has a metal rod in his back.

The officers determined, based on their training and experience, that Alfrihat was under the influence of a narcotic and he was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Alfrihat was transported by to the Somerville Police Department and booked in the usual manner. He was issued criminal uniform citation R8322850 and OUI documentation was put into evidence.

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<u>Arrests</u>:

Fawzi Alfrihat, of 18 Metcalf St., E. Medford, PA, March 6, 1:43 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of operation of



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rant charge of miscellaneous over \$250. statutory violation. Paul Luka

Robert Papaluca, March 9, 6:26 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Paul Lukalongo, of 34 Heath St., March 10, 5:00 p.m., arrested at Central St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Michael Puckerin, of 8 Jackson Place, Cambridge, March 12, 1:43 a.m., arrested at Packard Ave. on a charge of trespassing.

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members of city boards and commissions, such as the Licensing board, must register for election as members of a political party. The law forces residents registered as independents from registering for an election unless they registered as a member of one of the two major parties. That was also referred to committee for further discussion. On March 8, the Somerville Authority Redevelopment (SRA) held a public hearing regarding the Master Land Disposition Agreement proposed for development in Somerville. The agreement has been a topic of concern for residents and community groups who want concessions from the city and any chosen developers regarding mixed-use of space and affordable housing. Ward 7 Alderman Katjana

Ballantyne was clear in why she attended the public hearing. "I'm concerned about transparency," said Ballantyne, who indicated that she has received numerous phone calls and emails regarding development and a Community Benefits Agreement that is yet to be negotiated. working with the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development on plans for Union Square. Approximately 50 members of

the public were present at the meeting, but others voiced their concerns to their aldermen via letters and emails. Matt Miller of Somerville spoke in favor of the Community Benefits Agreement."We're willing to meet everyone half-way. We understand development needs to happen. Let's just ensure that we have a good faith commitment on behalf of the developer and then full speed ahead." Five members of the Board of Aldermen were present at the public hearing to speak in favor of the CBA. The aldermen had held a meeting of their own regarding Union Square redevelopment on March 8. Alderman Matt McLaughlin spoke vocif-



"We understand development needs to happen"

The Redevelopment Authority is a 5-member board that by law implements the city's urban renewal plans and oversees the classification of property in the city. They oversaw the choosing of a contractor for and the implementation of the Assembly Square revitalization project and have been

The Redevelopment Authority board heard comments and fielded questions regarding Master Land Disposition Agreement proposed for development in Somerville.

erously in favor of a pre-agreement with the developer before the start of any construction in Union Square. "This will not be like the Green Line," said McLaughlin, referring to the \$50M the city is bonding for the Green Line Extension project. "I'm going to take my time with this and do my due diligence with the Board."

"I'm from Somerville. We want this done correctly," said SRA member Nancy Busnach. The SRA will be compiling public comments from the hearing, and will continue accepting comments through April 14. They postponed any vote on the MLDA until late April.

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Loving mother of Quinten Sinclair. Companion of Paul Sinclair of Reading. Sister of Albert Cremin of Peabody, Mark Cremin of Lowell and the late Deanna Cremin. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville Thursday evening from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m., followed by a Funeral Home Service at 7:30 p.m. Interment private.

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Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters (above) rode along with DPW snowplow driver Charles Roche (below) as they checked out road conditions in his ward on Tuesday.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Thirty-fourth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts in wards 4 and 5, precinct 1 of ward 7, and precinct 2 of ward 8, of the city of Medford, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 4, and all precincts of ward 7, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Denise Provost DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



Rep. Mike Connolly

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex. stricting travel to the U.S. from six countries with links to terrorism.

Where do local state representatives stand on the immigration issue? This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* researched local representative's votes on several roll calls on the immigration issue from 2013 through 2016. Here are the results.

The first three House roll call votes involve successful attempts by Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against several Republican proposals to restrict access to state funding by illegal immigrants. The Democrats, with a current 125 to 35 membership advantage, control the House.

Here's an example of how it works: The Republicans offer a proposal banning illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts state universities. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote on the lower in-state tuition rates. Most Democrats would vote against it and then would have cast a direct vote on a very controversial issue.

To avoid that situation, a Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the ban from taking effect until the Baker administration studies the impact of such a ban.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the ban is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply prohibit the lower tuition rate is dead without ever having a direct vote on it. Republicans say that the studies are a sham because they are never done.

This is all pre-planned by the Democratic leadership. The presiding officer at the podium calls upon a representative who is loyal to him and that member proposes the study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hands and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because it is assumed he or she would not propose the study.

GOP members have always been wary of this ploy and have spoken out strongly against it. They urged the Democratic leadership to stop purposely trying to confuse the voters and instead allow a vote directly on the issue itself, not a study of it. House 103-46, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal barring illegal immigrant students from paying the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts state universities from taking effect until the Department of Higher Education studies the impact of the barring.

Supporters of the study said many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are up to five times higher than the in-state rate.

Opponents of the study said sending the bill to a study committee essentially kills it and argued the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They said it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state university.

The roll call vote is on the amendment to study, rather than vote directly on the banning of lower tuition rates for illegal immigrants. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Was not yet elected
Rep. Mike Connolly	Was not yet elected
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes

STUDY LOWER TUITION RATES FOR VET-ERANS (H 4000)

House 107-42, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal that would allow honorably discharged veterans to pay the preferred, lower in-state tuition rates and fees at Massachusetts state universities from taking effect until the Department of Higher Education studies the impact of the lower rates for veterans. The proposal would offer the discount to all in-state veterans and to any veteran from across the nation who designates Massachusetts as his/ her intended home and moves to Massachusetts within one year of attending a state university.

Supporters of the study said there is no estimate on how much it would cost the state to offer this discount to all these veterans.

Opponents of the study said it is outrageous that the state provides the lower tuition rate for some illegal immigrants but not to veterans. They noted that sending the bill to a study committee is the same as killing it.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. The debate over immigration continues to dominate the news following President Trump's new version of an executive order re-

The Democrats fall into four categories. Some Democrats favor the ban and vote with the Republicans against the study. Others say they are truly open to the ban but vote for the study because they want to find out the cost first. A third group opposes the ban but also opposes the study because they feel there should be a direct vote on the proposal. Most Democrats who vote for the study acknowledge that it is designed to protect them by preventing them from being required to vote directly on the ban.

Beacon Hill Roll Call urges you to read the roll calls carefully and be aware that on the first three roll calls, a "Yes" vote is for the study and essentially is against the restriction or ban. Conversely, a "No" vote is against the study and generally favors the restriction or ban.

STUDY PROHIBITING LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 4000) The roll call vote is on the amendment to study, rather than vote directly on the lower tuition rates for veterans. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Was not yet elected
Rep. Mike Connolly	Was not yet elected
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes

STUDY REQUIRING THAT SPONSOR PAY FOR IMMIGRANTS (H 3400)

House 128-29, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored amendment prohibiting a proposal requiring sponsors of immigrants who have green cards (lawful permanent residents) to reimburse the state for any means-tested state assistance the immigrant receives from taking effect, until after the state conducts a study of the current system and receives any federal waivers necessary.

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Some supporters of the study said the House should get more information prior to voting on this. Others said they simply oppose the mean-spirited measure meant to hurt legal residents who through no fault of their own need some assistance. They noted that the state shouldn't be punishing eligible individuals who have become estranged or disconnected from their sponsor.

Opponents of the delay questioned why the state is providing these benefits when each green card holder is required by law to have a sponsor who has promised to be financially responsible for that person.

The roll call vote is on the amendment to study, rather than vote directly on requiring sponsors to reimburse the state. (A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against the study.)

Rep. Christine BarberWRep. Mike ConnollyWRep. Denise ProvostYe

Was not yet elected Was not yet elected Yes

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BUDGET HEARINGS ACROSS THE STATE

The House and Senate Ways and Means Committees have announced the schedule of hearings on the fiscal 2018 state budget. All hearings are at 10 a.m.

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Over the last month, we've seen people who are legally present, Green Card holders, who have been anxious about their status in the country. You're now going to run up to them and say, 'Hi, I'm from the federal government, will you tell us where you live?' I mean, I don't think so. It's going to be a challenge and I'm very worried about it." — Secretary of State William Galvin expressing concern that legal immigrants might be reluctant to respond to the 2020 census conducted by the federal government. The census results determine how many seats in the U.S. House of Representatives the state gets and influences federal funding, which is often based on the state's population.

"We are heartened by the validation of Massachusetts as an outstanding location for business expansion." — Susan Houston, Executive Director of MassEcon, on the results of a survey indicating that 77 percent of businesses that had expanded within Massachusetts would choose to locate or expand here again.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

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

During the week of March 6-10, the House met for a total of 22 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six minutes.

Mon. March 6	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Tues. March 7	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 8	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. March 9	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Fri. March 10	No House session No Senate session

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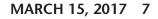
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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
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17 Kingman Rd	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	67	\$699,900	\$707,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
341 Highland Ave U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$475,000	\$482,000
39 Oliver St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	81	\$499,000	\$490,000
18-20 Arlington St U:4	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	46	\$574,900	\$574,900
14 Gordon Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$589,900	\$600,000
65 Oak Street U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	89	\$644,900	\$644,900
16 Gordon Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$649,900	\$649,900
14 Fiske Ave U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$649,900	\$660,000
51 Pitman U:2B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	28	\$659,900	\$692,000
18 Lowell St U:18	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	41	\$669,900	\$670,000
14 Fiske Ave U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$674,900	\$675,000
18-20 Arlington St U:5	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	46	\$674,900	\$672,666
16 Lowell St U:16	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	41	\$699,900	\$715,000
31 Hancock U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	194	\$725,000	\$720,000
79 Benton Rd U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$729,000	\$755,000
42-44 Puritan Road U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	27	\$739,900	\$733,000
42 Myrtle Street U:B4	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	8	\$749,000	\$782,000
56 Line St U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	31	\$869,900	\$870,000
79 Benton Rd U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	28	\$899,900	\$890,000
	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ove	r the Past Mo	ntn:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
31-33 Hamlet Street	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	29	\$859,000	\$890,000
61 Bay State Ave	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	7	\$1,100,000	\$1,400,000
91 Cedar St	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	25	\$1,100,000	\$1,025,000
292 Beacon Street	2 unit, 6 total room, 2 total bedroom 2 Family	106	\$1,850,000	\$1,750,000





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Dorothy's Corner by dorothy dimarzo

Mediterranean Orange Salad

Although the orange season runs from November through the spring, February through April are the peak months for navel oranges in the United States. During this time period is when I shop for these particularly sweet, and juicy treats to make orange marmalade. I always pick up extra so I can make one of my favorite salads. I hope you enjoy this as much as I do. This is a vegetarian/vegan dish. Serves 3-4 people. 1-1/2 Tablespoons Olive OilPinch Sea Salt or Kosher Salt2 Tablespoons Parsley, finely chopped

Thinly slice 1/8 of a red onion and soak them in iced water for at least 10 minutes to take the bite out of them. Remove from the iced water and drain in a paper towel. Rinse off the oranges. Cut off the top and bottom of the oranges. With a sharp knife, starting at the top of the orange, cut the peel and pith following the contour of the orange down to the bottom. Repeat until the orange is completely peeled. If there is any of the pith left, make sure it is trimmed off so that the fruit will not taste bitter. Once all 4 are peeled, slice the oranges into 1/4" disks. You will get about 5 disks per orange. Arrange the orange slices onto a platter. Add the



4 Medium Navel Oranges1/8 Red Onion, sliced thin and soaked *see note below2 Tablespoons Capers, rinsed and drained

2 Tablespoons Pignoli Nuts aka Pine Nuts onions, capers, pignoli nuts, or any nut of your choice, on top of the arranged oranges. Drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle the salt. Add the parsley over the platter. Serve right away, or put into the refrigerator until you're ready to serve.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

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Somerville School Committee **Spring Office Hours**

The Somerville School Committee wants to hear from you at their Spring Office Hours scheduled 3/18 - 3/26. Talk 2017-2018 School Budget and more.

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Forge, 626 Somerville Ave. with Board of Aldermen President Bill White and Lee Erica Palmer. *También se habla español and Sunday, March 19, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bloc 11, 11 Bow St. with Dan J. Futrell.

Sunday, March 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Armory Cafe, 191 Highland Ave. with Laura Pitone, Ward 5 School Committee and Mark Niedergang (Ward 5 Alderman).

Tuesday, March 21, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Armory Café, 191 Highland Ave. with Laura Pitone and Mark Niedergang, Ward 5 Alderman.

Thursday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mystic Community Center, 530 Mystic Ave. withAndre Green.

Saturday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm St. with Paula O'Sullivan.

Saturday, March 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Community Assembly Room, 50 Middlesex Ave., Assembly Row (Self-Storage Building) with Steve Roix, Lee Erica Palmer. *También se habla español and Matt McLaughlin (Ward 1 Alderman).

Saturday, March 25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Angelina's, 230 Holland St. with Carrie Normand.

Sunday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Winter Hill Brewing, 328 Broadway with Andre Green.

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Monday March 20 Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m. Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Basic immigration law training for nonprofit and **community volunteers**

By Charles Lane

The City of Somerville is inviting residents, employees of Somerville nonprofit organizations, and employees of nonprofits that directly serve Somerville residents to apply to participate in an intensive, 40-hour Introduction to Immigration Law class offered in partnership with The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA). After completing the course, participants will be qualified to apply for official Department of Justice accreditation that will allow them to help others with immigration forms and applications while serving as a volunteer or staff member of a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Classes will be held March 24, 25, 26, and April 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and applicants must be able to attend the entirety of each session to participate. Classes will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 51 Winthrop St., Somerville. Twenty slots are available to qualified appli-



cants at a discounted tuition of \$75. All graduates of the program will be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of pro-bono service to residents of Somerville during 2017.

All interested persons are encouraged to apply. If there are more than 20 applicants, a committee will review applications and select participants with preference given to those who have experience working with

immigrant communities, have other legal credentials, have flexible or greater availability to volunteer, or who are multilingual.

To apply, please fill out the online application at www.somervillema.gov/miralaw by Thursday, March 16, by 4 p.m.

For more general information, please contact Meghann Ackerman at mackerman@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2120.

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Sunday March 26 Roy Sludge Trio 6 p.m.

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petitions for the Massachusetts State Science Fair to be held in May at MIT. Many Somerville High School students go on to compete at the Region IV fair annually. Projects will be on display after the judging in the afternoon. Judging takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Projects will be on display for public viewing starting at 1:00 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow at 3:00pm.

2017 MA Region IV

Science Fair

The 2017 Massachusetts Region IV Science Fair, sponsored

by Tufts University, the Rotary Club of Somerville, DistriGas, and the Somerville Public Schools, will be held in the Somer-

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COMMENTARY

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You, the people: Why you should consider joining a city board or commission



By Joseph A. Curtatone

When President Lincoln stood in Gettysburg and said our government is "of the people, by the people, and for the people," he probably didn't realize we'd still be holding onto his words today. Nor could he have imagined all the ways we put the "by the people" part into action now. Whether you tweet, email or take part in a Facebook live Town Hall, the options for ways to tell your government what you want continue to grow. But there's an old-fashioned opportunity that – despite being easy and highly effective - many overlook: joining a local Board or Commission. So consider this my invitation to you, the people: consider joining one of our boards, commissions, working groups, or task forces.

Boards and Commissions may sound like secret clubs that meet in dusty, old halls to discuss arcane rules. But actually, they are just groups of motivated residents and business leaders who put in a few hours per month to make vital decisions and give useful advice to city officials and staff. The Traffic Commission, for example, recently approved lowering the citywide speed limit to 25 miles per hour – a decision that is sure to save lives.

Whether your interests and skills lie in environmental conservation, fair housing, human rights, or more, we likely have a commission, board, or working group that could be the right place for you. Among them, our Bicycle Committee has helped drive the changes that are making cycling safer and easier in Somerville. The Recreation Commission helps organize popular All Star Games and summer programs. Our Disabilities Commission advises on accessibility needs and hosts an annual celebration. The Arts Council Board brainstorms with our Arts Council staff to plan some of the region's most popular cultural programs and events. Most commission members serve for a term of one to three years, but for shorter-term needs, we also establish working groups and task forces that serve, in a way, as temporary think tanks. In recent years, these groups have done deep dives into our affordable housing needs, municipal composting, sports field policies, and more. They bring together experts, advocates, and concerned residents in our community to research, problem solve, discuss, innovate, and recommend. They get things done. For one, we're currently pursuing a real estate transfer tax to support affordable housing as a direct outcome of the Sustainable Neighborhoods Advisory Group.

In short, these advisory bodies harness the talents of our residents to better our community. Together their members have had a direct - and long-lasting - impact, and there is plenty more work to do. Somerville is on the precipice of a lot of exciting changes with the Green Line underway, the new Somerville High School moving forward, improved infrastructure work happening, the planning and implementation of many different neighborhood plans, working toward our commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050, and much more.

We want our residents involved every step of the way on these projects and the many others taking place across the city. I encourage you to challenge yourself to become even more involved. Sign up for the City's newsletter at somervillema. gov/newsletter to be sure to be notified when positions on our Boards, Commissions, and advisory groups open up. Or check somervillema.gov/boardopenings occasionally for announcements. (Save the address. There are no current openings, but they come up regularly.) When you see something that piques your interest, please apply. If we want to continue to make Somerville a great place to live, work, raise a family, and grow old – a place for all – then we need you to help us live up to the standard of "by the people".

For more information about openings on Somerville boards, commissions and advisory groups, please visit www.somervillema.gov/boardopenings.

MBTA mechanics and allies rally to protect taxpayers, workers, riders from further transit privatization

By International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM&AW) Local 264

A large crowd descended on MBTA headquarters in downtown Boston on Monday as transit mechanics rallied with allies to defend taxpayers, workers, and riders against the latest MBTA privatization scheme.

The MBTA mechanics were joined by community allies and elected leaders, including State Senator Marc Pacheco and State Representatives Mike Connolly and Michelle DuBois (each of whom spoke), and multiple rider coalitions. All in attendance were united in opposing new for-profit privatization aimed at outsourcing core MBTA bus maintenance services.

"Giving up control of public transit to for-profit corporations has been a very bad deal for Massachusetts taxpayers, workers, and riders," said Michael Haywood a mechanic and IAM 264 shop steward at the Arlington Ave. garage. Mike has 11 years of experience repairing MBTA fleet vehicles. "Just look at the disaster with handing over the commuter rail to Keolis. We care about our riders and we don't want to see the same expensive nightmare happen again by privatizing core bus services."



Despite a diverse and aging fleet of buses, federal data shows MBTA mechanics to be the best performing in the nation. The latest available data indicates MBTA busses travel an average of 12,964 between breakdowns. That is the best performance in the country by a difference of more

- Photo courtesy of IAM&AW Local 264

than 6,000 miles. In fact, the invention of an MBTA mechanic and IAM 264 member is credited as playing the key role in improved winter performance by the MBTA this year. Public transit advocates warn that losing this kind of ingenuity and experience to outsourcing could destabilize the MBTA bus system.

"Too many of the bus routes are not running frequent enough schedules to serve our riders as it is," said William Hallsen, a mechanic and IAM 264 shop steward at the Everett garage. William has 15 years of experience repairing MBTA fleet vehicles. "Ceding control of bus maintenance to a for-profit company who will underbid, get rid of experienced mechanics, and cut corners is absolutely not the solution. Frankly, it's dangerous."

Since the MBTA allowed for-profit Keolis to take control of public commuter rail services, the results for riders and taxpayers have been disastrous. Millions have been spent to bail out the for-profit company after they underbid their contract. Even privatization proponents acknowledge that the largest and most critical privatization effort by the MBTA so far has been a massive failure. Data shows that Keolis continues to struggle with providing on-time service, despite the bailouts.

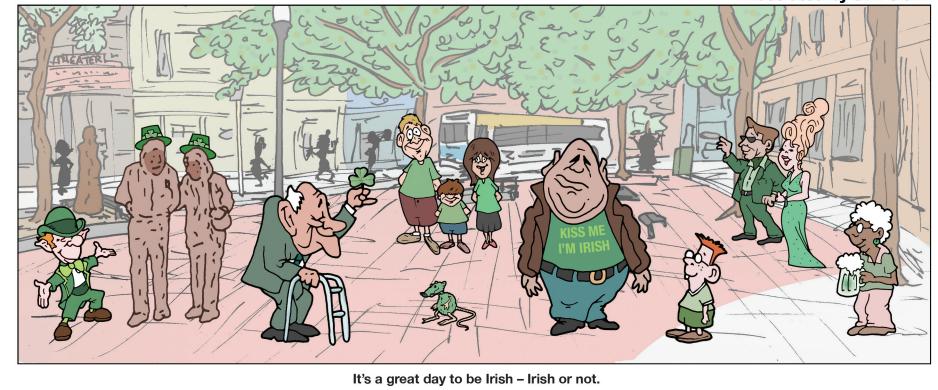
"Enough is enough," said Mike Vartabedian, an IAM Local 264 representative with more than 20-years frontline experience fixing MBTA vehicles. "When you talk about destroying the best performing bus maintenance department in the country, that's not a business decision, that's a political decision. These for-profit, out-of-state companies can make up all the numbers they want to get their claws into the system, but when they lie or don't deliver, Massachusetts residents pay the price - and that's not right."

Meanwhile, other key outsourcing contracts including with S.J. Services, ABM Industries, and the Maine Military Authority [6] have also been dramatically underbid. Results of the underbidding have included major repair delays to key MBTA fleet vehicles and attempts by janitorial contractors to rip health insurance coverage away from workers.

COMMENTARY

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



both heightens the revelry and calls for moderation. 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.

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 dis-

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Coming up on Saturday, April 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., a fundraiser hosted by the Welcome Project, YUM a taste of Immigrant City, at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue. Ben Echevarria invites everyone to come and try out foods from different countries. Ben and his family have been very involved for many years here in Somerville. He's a good guy and dedicated to many causes here in Somerville.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to one of our favorite senior citizens and a great guy who has been an active part of our city for decades, Dan Spinosa, of the famous Spinosa family of Winter Hill. Happy birthday to John Ciriello. We hope he has a great one. Happy birthday to senior Jim Halloran. We hope he has a great one as well. Happy birthday to Okie O'Connell, a dedicated City of Somerville employee. Happy birthday to Karen Love, of Magoun Square, a pleasant and always nice lady with a smile whenever you see her. Happy birthday to Pat Crawford, formerly of the Hudson St. area, now in NJ. We wish her a happy birthday. *****

plays of the color green, eating and drinking, 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

do you think what some of us think, that

the building looks like it is being made out

of Legos? Notice the fake brick over the

fake siding that you place the fake brick

into? If a good wind comes up Winter

Hill, anyone living there and paying over

\$2K - some over \$3K - might find it

blown down. Just saying. They construct

these buildings nowadays to last only 30

years, so we've been told. Look at Assem-

bly Row, with the new multimillion-dol-

lar condos and they too look like they're

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 Friday this year, the occasion runs straight into the weekend, which

asked online why we keep these two

websites in Newstalk. We guess it's be-

For those that might be interested in ob-

taining certification for firearms should

look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun

Club. They provide an extensive pro-

gram at the end of which you receive

certification for Massachusetts/NRA

Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They

run a class once a month, which is lim-

cause we like them.

to start the day. The ladies working there are fantastic and always smiling. If you're in the mood for a huge, great tasting donut drop over early since they disappear as the day gets on.

Nobody works harder than the people at **Goode Gas** on Pearl Street. If you're having a problem with your car they work hard to make sure it runs smoothly without costing you a lot. Stop in for gas and say "Hi" to **George** at the pumps. He's never shy for comments on what's going on here in Somerville. We're big fans here at *The Times* and always have been. You can say we grew up knowing **Vinny** and his brother. Mention that you saw it here.

When passing the building at the corner of **Temple and Broadway** in Winter Hill,

built with Legos as well.

The Highland Masonic Building Association will be holding its annual (now 5 years) Giggles Comedy Night on Wednesday, April 28, at Prince of Pizza on Rte. 1. Come join in and have a night of laughs and a chance to win any one of over 25 gift baskets. Every year over 100 locals gather and have a great night of comedy with 3-4 professional comedians, plus a few surprises again this year. Contact Donald Norton at donaldfnorton@gmail.com or Bobby Potaris at potarisconstruction@yahoo.com.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone

ited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification. *****

It's 2017 and **Demet's Donuts** over on Mystic Avenue is the best. We're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts *****

Yes, we're big on the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, but we have to remark on the popovers. They are the best. Get a nice hot one out of the kitchen with some butter, you'll be asking for more.

We hear that a well-known person with a lot of support will be jumping into the Ward 4 alderman race. We have yet to confirm it, but we hear he might be running. If that is so, expect a huge fight for the Ward 4 seat this coming November. We're still only *Continued on page 16*

Somerville Parks & Recreation Fair

The 2017 Somerville Parks & Recreation Fair took place on Saturday, March 11, at the Somerville High School Gymnasium. A fun-filled day of activities for all ages, participants learned about all that Parks & Recreation has to offer. For more information visit www.somervillerec.com.



















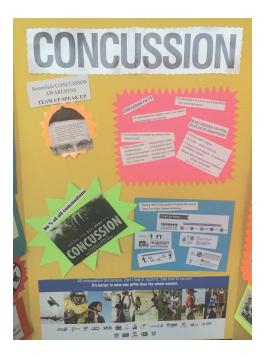














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SPORTS

Massachusetts Charter School Championship Classic

By Ashley Richardson

Last Friday in the late afternoon, two teams arrived early at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Boston for the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization Girls' Basketball High School Championship Game.

Most players on both teams were excited and smiling, and went about the business of warming up and preparing for the game. About three hours later, after the end of the game horn sounded, most players from both teams were crying – one side crying uncontrollable tears of happiness and the other with tears of disappointment.

For the game, the Prospect

Hill Academy Lady Wizards (16-0) would be the designated home team and dress in their white uniforms, while the Community Charter School of Cambridge Lady Cougars (27-1) would wear their crimson visiting team uniforms.

Many of the players and coaches on both squads knew each other due to the proximity in location of the two schools and the teams had squared off against each other earlier in the season – a game won by Prospect Hill. That game was more than one month ago. Since then, Community Charter had reeled off ten consecutive wins, while PHA concluded the regular season undefeated at 14-0.

The three months of hard work, team play and unselfish-



The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards squared off with the Community Charter School of Cambridge Lady Cougars last week in a thrilling and closely contested final match for the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization Girls' Basketball High School Championship. — Photo by Correen Demers

ness by players in both programs earned the two combatants the right to play the championship at a quality and first-rate college forum before a rowdy and ready packed house.

At the time of tip-off, both the Lady Cougars and the Lady Wizards were a little anxious and nervous. However, both units were also confident, focused and determined.

The first half settled nothing. Neither team led by more than four points. Prospect Hill's Senior guard, Agar Felix, was a sharpshooter in the opening stanza of play connecting on a trio of three-pointers early in the game. During this same time, Cambridge's Junior star, Shaheedah Cesar, matched Felix shot for shot. CCSC went into the last minute of first half up by three points. After this and before intermission, PHA scored four points to end the half up by one - 19-18. The Lady Cougars did not disappoint their fans during the opening twelve minutes of play in the second half. Community Charter clawed its way to a fourteen-point lead with just under five minutes left to go in the game. At this time, Brian Harris, coach of Prospect Hill, called a time-out to look into the eyes of his players to gauge whether there was any energy left in his team. The three Seniors - Felix, Tracy Beauvois and Marley Durham - unanimously responded that they had plenty of fight left and that Cambridge

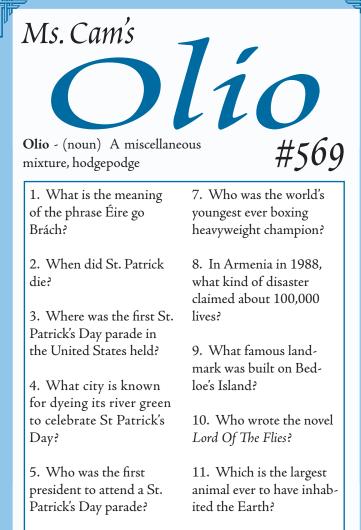
would need every point of their fourteen-point cushion before the game ended.

Coming out of the time-out, PHA junked its half-court zone defense in favor of a full-court press to challenge every pass, dribble and shot that CCSC would throw at them in the last four-plus minutes of the title tilt. Down the home stretch, Prospect Hill players ignored fatigue and personal safety, choosing instead to play "on the edge" inspired basketball leaving everything that they individually and collectively had on the court. With fourteen seconds left on the game clock, neither team had an advantage over the other. The score was tied 43 – 43.

However, Community Charter had possession of the ball. The referee's whistle was barely heard above the crowd noise. The referee blowing the whistle then gave the sign for a blocking foul by a Prospect Hill player. Two shots were awarded to the Lady Cougar's player, Dora Duguay, who was three for seven from the charity stripe up to this point in the game. Duguay strutted to the foul line where she calmly and coolly buried both her foul shots.

As the second shot was going through the net, the Lady Cougars sprinted back beyond half court to set up their defense for Prospect Hill's final possession. The ball was inbounded to Felix who led all scorers in the title game with 21 points.

For some, the final seconds clicked off in slow motion. For others, the contest's last few



6. What did St. Patrick use to explain the Holy Trinity? 12. What is the process called when substances are washed out of the soil? Answers on page 17

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Lady Wizard's faithful erupted in a deafening chorus of "defense, defense, defense." The CCSC crowd exploded in support of their team. The Clark Athletic Center was shaking with conflicted enthusiasm.

Coach Harris, with no timeouts, tried to bark out orders of "no fouls, play straight up defense and allow no easy shots." The clock ticked down to under seven seconds.

Above the three-point arc, Cambridge set an open court pick for their ball handler. Two PHA players tried to aggressively maneuver around the pick. One of the Lady Wizard defenders slightly bumped CCSC's ball handler. A faint ticks were a swift blur. Felix hustled over half court, approached the three-point arc and went up for a trifecta to win the game. Coach Harris and her teammates had no problem with this decision to score three for the win, not two for a tie. Also, when necessary, seniors have to step up and Agar was stepping up.

However, the shot missed. The final score: Community Charter School of Cambridge 45 and Prospect Hill Academy 43. The last team standing and the 2016-2017 MCSAO Tournament Champions: Community Charter (27-1), while Prospect Hill (16-1) finishes this year's campaign as the bridesmaid, and not the bride.

Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km March 19 in Somerville



Ras na hEireann is the most genuine Irish race this side of the Atlantic. It is a celebration of traditions dating back centuries - and simply a celebration of spring in Somerville, MA.

All runners and walkers are invited to celebrate life, the coming of spring, and to enjoy a memorable race and St. Patrick's Day celebration. This race was born in Ireland and named in honor of its famous sister race, the Ras na hEireann International Cross Country held in Termonfechin, County Louth, Republic of Ireland. The Ras na hEireann U.S.A. 5Km is open to all, from beginners to international stars.

The U.S.A. race will be held on Sunday, March 19 starting at 11:00 a.m., beginning and ending in Davis Square. There will be loads of Craic - a celebration and appreciation of heritage and history, the magic and mystery that move everyone to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Yes, a St. Patrick's Day Celebration on the run. Cash Prizes will be offered for the top six women and top six men, with an additional bonus of \$100 if either winner is a native of Ireland. The total cash prize package is \$2,350. Plus, a \$500 cash prize offered for setting a new course record, Currently held by Molly Huddle 15:59 - Women 2010 and Mark Kenneally 14:19 - Men 2006.

For more information visit http://www.baevents.com/rasnaheireann/.

Schools Celebrate National Foreign Language Week

Schools across the country celebrated National Foreign Language Week last week. Somerville High School recognized the rich language diversity in our community in a number of ways, including an assembly held at the high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 7, where students enjoyed performances from a local French guitar trio, Italian singers, Brazilian Capoeira, and Spanish Flamenco. More than 50 different languages from around the world are represented in Somerville, offering a beautiful global connection in our community.

Students at SHS are able to expand their world language skills through courses in Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Italian. Community partners play an important role in supporting world language instruction, providing opportunities

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Please check out the latest *Somerville Neighborhood News* headlines and video segments. *Somerville Neighborhood News* is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. We also invite you to become more involved with *SNN*! You can join as a community reporter, researcher, contributor or in some other volunteer capacity. You can reach out to us at news@scatvsomerville.org. Below are the latest *SNN* story headlines and you can watch the full news segments online at www. somervillenighborhoodnews.org!



Bfresh Market Opens in Davis Square

Davis Square rejoices over the grand opening of the new organic grocery store bfresh. The stores main goal is to provide local and healthy options to urban communities.

Video Essay: Development and Displacement

Somerville residents and business owners continue to fear displacement as a result of ongoing citywide zoning reformations. Changes proposed in the community include conserving residential areas, improving Davis Square, and fully renovating Union Square.



for students to engage in language acquisition through music, dance, cultural exchanges, and more. Students in a French class recently learned (and some danced to) a French rap with a local French musician who also performed at the National Foreign Language Week assembly. Hear what students have to say about what it means to learn a foreign language in this student-produced video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkuAZ2CXfGA.

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accordance with the documents Job # PAINT042017-2020 prepared

General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., April 3, 2017 and public-

ly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Author-

Bid forms and Contract 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 15, 2017 or you

may downloading them from our web site www.sha-web.org under our opportunities tab. There will be no charge for these documents. If

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Bids can be mailed, or dropped off to Somerville Housing Authority, Attn.: Anthony Crespo-Paint Bid, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA

01245 or emailed to Tonyc@sha-web.org and must be received before

the time and date specified. Please confirm reception of quote. SHA is

Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or email

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Com-

mittee on Finance on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 6:00 PM, in the

Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on

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public input on #202944, a proposed appropriation and authorization

to borrow \$255,982,704 for the construction of a new Somerville High

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The contract term is 1095 days from date on notice to proceed.

The contract is for Three years and shall not exceed \$100,000.00

by the SHA Purchasing Department.

email to receive changes, or updates.

Tonyc@sha-web.org if you have questions.

3/15/17 The Somerville Times



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION **JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** MAYOR LEGAL NOTICE Somerville Conservation Commission **Public Hearing**

Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, the SOMERVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to review the Notice of Intent for the work described below.

Applicant:	Holly Palmgren, Massachusetts Bay Transportation
	Authority (MBTA), 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116
Representative:	Maria Hartnett, Epsilon Associates, Inc.,
	3 Clock Tower Place, Suite 250, Maynard, MA 01754
Project Location:	MBTA Charlestown Bus Yard, 80 Alford St.,
	Boston, MA 02116

The proposed project includes the installation of a raised embankment in the Bus Garage and Bus Storage Area, and the installation of a new revetment and sheet pile cutoff wall in the Engineering Rail Yard. The project will provide long-term protection for the entire shoreline at the Charlestown Facility.

Copies of the application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Vanessa Boukili, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 17-58

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

Street Sweeping Services

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online at http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or by contacting the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: Monday, March 13, 2017. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: Monday, March 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at which time sealed bids will be publicly opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for twelve months commencing in early April 2017, with two one-year options to renew.

Prevailing wage rates apply. A 5% Bid Deposit is required.

Please contact Angela M. Allen amallen@somervillema.gov for further information.

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



CONTACT US BY 12 PM MONDAY

The Harmony Sweepstakes: A Cappella Festival

School

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200. Movies like Pitch Perfect

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hearing eight names running for At-Large, but with one more there will be a primary, so there's plenty of time.

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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, and the City of Somerville's Engineering Department invite all interested residents to a community meeting to discuss the ongoing Cedar Street Water and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade Project, on Tuesday, March 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria in the Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St. Construction is expected to begin on Cedar St. at the beginning of April. At the meeting, City staff will update residents on the status of the project, upcoming work, and provide short- and long-term look aheads for the project. Residents will also receive hand-delivered letters prior to the meeting with additional information for abutters. The Cedar Street project began in Summer 2016, and is expected to continue through at least Fall 2017. For more information, or to sign up to receive bi-weekly email updates, please visit www.somervillema.gov/cedarstreet.

Join in on Thursday, March 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St., for an interactive training to support students' early reading skills in the classroom and at home. Learn strategies to help readers decode text, develop fluency and improve reading comprehension. Whether you're serving weekly or interested in getting started as an SPS Volunteer literacy partner, this training aims to better prepare volunteers to support literacy in a Pre-K through Grade 4 classroom. Free and open to SPS Volunteers and parents/guardians. Interpretation available upon request (please specify languages, wthey will try to accommodate). Instructor: English Language Arts Instructional Coach Alex Hershey. To register: Email JCapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us or call 617.629.5475.

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recording albums.

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The competition, which is in its 27th year in Boston, will be hosted by North Shore A Cappella, the 1991 national champions. North Shore A Cappella has been together for over 30 years and has hundreds of popular hits in their repertoire, with songs from the 1940s through today. The group has been featured on NBC's The Sing-Off and has opened for The Temptations, The Platters, Ben E. King, Johnny Maestro, Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, Frankie Vallie, Gene Pitney, and Jay Leno. The judges have not been chosen for the Boston regional yet, but each year they are composed of a mix of music professors, a cappella singers, television or radio personalities and

local music experts. Regional winners are also have also made a cappella a chosen in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Washington State, the Rocky Mountains, and Washington DC, and the eight winning groups will sing at the Marin Center in San Rafael, California in May for the title of National Champion. The popularity of a cappella has been growing in mainstream pop in the last few years, helped by groups like Pentatonix, who, after winning The Sing-Off, released a number of EPs and full-length studio albums, earning them three Grammys, a double platinum album named the fourth-bestselling album in 2014, and another album in the Billboard



common household genre.

Though the Pitch Perfect movies get many things right about a cappella, there's at least one important thing the movie does wrong: Originals are always welcome. While many a cappella groups do prepare cover songs, Campagna said this competition encourages originals. "There's an emphasis on originality. We give an award for the best original song," he added. The award is given at both the regional competitions and the national championship.

The Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival, which began as a weekly sing-a-long in a British pub in San Rafael, is now the

1991 national champions North Shore A Cappella will serve as hosts of the 2017 edition of the Harmony Sweepstakes Boston regional competition.

leading showcase for vocal harmony groups. The 1999 champions, National Seven, who toured internationally with Michael Buble for years, and the 2012 champions, Six Appeal, who tour throughout the country, are among many other groups who have gone on to lead successful a cappella careers after winning.

The Somerville Times CHA and SCES Hospital to Home partnership enters new phase

By Nathan Lamb

A hospital to home program that helps patients avoid unnecessary readmissions is set to expand in 2017.

Launched in 2012, the Hospital to Home program is a partnership between Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES), Mystic Valley Elder Services, and the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA). Originally funded by a Medicare grant, the collaboration was so successful that the organizations decided to continue the collaboration past the grant's expiration date, earlier this year.

"We are confident that the Hospital to Home program will continue to meet the needs of CHA's most vulnerable patients as they navigate transitions from acute and sub-acute care settings back to primary care," said Eleni Carr, Senior Director of Care Integration at CHA.

"Through our new partnership, we're able to see not only patients who have Medicare, but also those who have other insurances and meet our criteria"

Most patients enrolled in the program have complex medical histories or are frequent users of the emergency room. Helping patients avoid common pitfalls is key to the program, and SCES Community Care Providers coordinate with CHA staff to reduce the chances of readmission by providing home visits, arranging in-home services, and offering other supports for eligible patients. The new phase of this program aligns SCES Community Care Coordinators Margarida Holmes and Isley Goulart with CHA's complex care teams to meet the needs of patients discharged from CHA hospitals and certain skilled nursing facilities.

Holmes said the evolving partnership allows for greater flexibility in meeting patient needs, noting that complex care teams will be able to support patients who need ongoing care management past the 30-day post-discharge period that was stipulated under the Medicare grant.

"Through our new partnership, we're able to see not only patients who have Medicare, but also those who have other insurances and meet our criteria," said Holmes. "This allows us to see high-risk patients on a much broader scale, without



Isley Goulart (left) and Margarida Holmes are Community Care Coordinators for a Home to Hospital program that Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services provides in partnership with Cambridge Health Alliance.

limiting our services to one group of patients."

Known as Community-based Care Transitions, the original SCES and CHA Hospital to Home collaboration was part of a larger initiative that included Mystic Valley Elder Services and local visiting nurse associations. SCES is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and wellbeing of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

GLX Update: Good News, and Not-So-Good News

By Rep. Denise Provost

On March 13, members of the Somerville legislative delegation, and Mayor Curtatone, were briefed by John Dalton, head of the GLX project, on current progress. We learned that "three teams made the shortlist" for bidding on design and construction of the GLX, and that they were scheduled to receive the MBTA's Request for Proposals (RFP) today. We learned what the process would be, leading up to the bid opening on November 28 of this year; the issuance of a Notice to Proceed on February 9, 2018, and a project completion date of December 10, 2021 - seven years after the legal commitment to complete GLX.

MBTA's RFP is based on its "conceptual design" of GLX. The RFP will evidently contain language to the effect that the "base design" developed under the successful design/build contract "may not preclude" future construction of either the extended Community Path, or the extension of GLX to Route 16. Design and construction of neither element, however, will evidently be included in the RFP.

MBTA's RFP contains an

"Additive Option Concept" list of MBTA's six priorities, which creative bidders could try to add into their proposals, if they think they can do so at a sufficiently modest cost. Bidders may not pick and choose among the add-ons. It was expressly clarified that to get to the third item on the list, for instance, a bidder would have to include one and two.

The Community Path Extension (CPX) was not high enough on the list to satisfy those of us who attended the briefing. Nor were we pleased that the city's chief executive and representatives were not consulted about prioritizing additional project features. We asked Mr. Dalton to make adjustments to the RFP before it is issued; it remains to be seen if he will.

MBTA mechanics and allies rally

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More than 450 mechanics, fuelers, and other skilled professionals united in IAM Local 264 proudly contribute to the operation of the MBTA and to our communities every day. We believe in ensuring safety for our riders and in professionally negotiating contracts that guarantee our members have a say in their job and can perform those jobs in workplaces that are safe. The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM&AW) and Local 264 have been fighting for workers, their families, and our communities for over 120 years.

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5. President Truman in 1948	11. The blue whale
6. Shamrocks	12. Leaching

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | March 15

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

Thursday|March 16

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Lego Club 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday March 17 Central Library

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

Central Library TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunday | March 19 Central Library War Is Over Kids Rock 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday March 20

Central Library Sing Along 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Creative Drama Workshop 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday March 21

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 13-15 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday March 22

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

Central Library Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday |March 15

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

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Somerville Theatre Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thunder Road Chameleon Culture CD Release Show (Experimental Rock) 8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

56 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. John Williams Jam Band 8:30 p.m.]14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Jimmy Titanic 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Ultimate Moms' Night Out 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Castle of Comedy 9 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday | March 17 Sally O'Brien's Happy St Paddy's! Food specials all day

Music starts with Bucky's Kilt, The Tom Hagerty Irish Combo|5 p.m. Busted Jug Band|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Bull McCabe's TBA 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-

440-6045

Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | March 18 Sally O'Brien's One Thin Dime |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Didn't Planet,

Rebel Vargas, The Other Room \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Grain Thief |7 p.m. Red Square|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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156 Highland Ave **The Rockwell** Jimmy Titanic 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

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The Rockwell BTC professional tour presents A Midsummer Nights Dream & Hamlet 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

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

Tuesday|March 21 Sally O'Brien's Bar TBA

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Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.

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Round 3 Pathogenic, Ravage, Carnivora, Goblet 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910 **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Dan and the Wildfire 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday March 15

Central Library Death Cafe 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Central Library Stronger Together

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday|March 16

Trust Women Coalition General

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Somerville Fair Housing Commission

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

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

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seminar In Dialogue with Robotics

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

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

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

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday March 19

Irish Dance Workshop

Unity Church of God

Monday March 20

Central Library

Bystander Training

East Branch Library

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First Church Somerville

Saturday March 18

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Central Library

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Moth: True Stories Told Live 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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Bestial Mouths StatiqBloom, Snowbeasts 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Sláinte 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Jimmy Titanic 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Hillbilly Holiday 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Jimmy Titanic 4 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Music of Brazil: Solos de Ave 4 p.m.|Café Folk Fights Back 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Jammin' with the Elderberries 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday March 20

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West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday March 21

Central Library Business Counseling and Mentoring (Free) 10 a.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Monthly Somerville Arts Council Board Meeting 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|March 22

Central Library Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

The Council on Aging wants you! – The SCOA is supporting D.A. Marian Ryan's Project C.A.R.E. and Project Linus. Helping children of trauma have some comfort in their time of need by providing them with home-made blankets. Help us reach our goal of 200 blankets. Knitted, crochet or handmade fleece accepted. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

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

Twin River Casino – Monday, March 27 – Lincoln, RI -\$20 fee includes motor coach transportation and a yet to be determined package – contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, March 28 – Holland Street starting at 12:30 p.m. This month's movie is Fences starting Denzel Washington and Viola Davis. Runs approximately 2 hours and 18 minutes. RSVP by calling Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Fiore's Restaurant – Wednesday, March 29 – check in at Holland Street at 10:45 a.m. and Ralph & Jenny at 11:00 a.m. – approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. -\$25 – meal choice, chicken parm., salmon, ricotta & spinach manicotti, lasagna or vegetable lasagna – To reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

The Johnny Come Latelies – Thursday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us for a great morning of All-Acoustic Irish Music. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Live Your Life Well – Tuesday, April 4th at the Highlander Café from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Join us for breakfast and discussions on a wide range of topics to help you live your life well. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Chris at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Multicultural Day – Thursday, April 6 – at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – lunch will be served at noontime – come learn about the music, languages, foods and cultures of Somerville's older adults. This is a free event – must RSVP to Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 by Monday, April 3rd.

Author Daphne Kalotay – Thursday, April 13th - 10:30 at our Holland Street Center. Join us for a reading and a behind the scenes look at a writer's life. Lunch & bingo will be served following the discussion. Please RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Diabetes Shoe Clinic – Tuesday, April 18 - at our Holland Street Center from 9:00 a.m. to noontime. If you have Medicare and diabetes you should be eligible for a free pair of diabetes shoes every year. An appointment is a must so please call Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to schedule yours.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

The trip to the Kentucky Derby is sold out. There is a waiting list if you would like your name placed on the waiting list please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

The St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo scheduled for 3-16-17 is SOLD OUT.

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for 3-17-17 is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Twin River scheduled for Monday, March

July 10, October 16.

2017 Event Dates

April 27 – Health Fair @ Holland St. Center 4:30-6 p.m. June 2 – Dance @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m. **STAY ACTIVE:**

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise
*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 10:00 – 3:00 Wacky Wednesday (RJ)

Thursday, March 16

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (C)
11:30 St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo (H)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Friday, March 17

10:00 Book Club (H) St. Patrick's Day Celebration (WHYC)

Monday, March 20

9:30 Veterans Group (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Death Café – Wednesday, March 15 - Gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death at the Somerville Public Library located at 79 Highland Avenue starting at 7:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by the SCOA and the SPL -Please contact the SPL at 617-623-5000 or visit www. somervillepubliclibrary.org for additional information.

St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo – Thursday, March 16 – at our Holland Street Center from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - \$10 fee – limited seating and transportation – contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Friday, March 17 – at the WHYC – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – limited seating

27th is SOLD OUT.

The Live Your Life Well event scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th is BOOKED SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

2017 Advisory Dates 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St.

Tuesday, March 21

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 6:00 Caregivers Group (H)

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 10:00 – 3:00 Wacky Wednesday (RJ)

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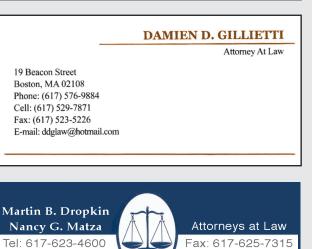


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10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:30am	What's Left	Saturdav	, March 18	Monday.	March 20	6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board		Beyond Boston
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am	Health is Wealth	6:30pm 7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm 7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents		SCATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	8:00pm	(LIVE) Greater Somervine (LIVE) Dead Air Live
4:30pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
5:00pm	DW Global 3000	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	11:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:30pm	Legacies	12:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	, , ,
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	2:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:00pm 10:30pm	
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Wedneso	lay, March 15	Friday, N	Narch 17	9:00pm	Charles Bulfinch & the Barrell Mansion	1:30pm	Congressional Update
8:00am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017	12:00am	Neighborhood Planning Mtg. Davis Sg.	10:10pm	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness	2:00pm	l Feira de Educacão
9:00am	Rally Point	1:07am	Rally Point	Sunday, M	March 19	2:08pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"
9:30am	The Mayor's Report	1:37am	The Next Innovation Center	12:00am	Congressional Update	2:30pm	SomerViva em Português
12:00pm	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness	9:00am	Maura Healey Town Hall	12:30am	Michael Capuano Community Meeting	4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
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2:11pm	Maura Healey Town Hall	12:30pm	Nunziato Stormwater & Park Meeting	2:53am	The Next Innovation Center	Turadau B	Janah 21
6:00pm	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness	2:09pm	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness	9:00am	Senior Circuit "Project Linus & Friends"	Tuesday, N	
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7:16pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Bill White	12:00pm	Senior Circuit "Project Linus & Friends"	1:30am	Aldermen at Work - Bill White
7:35pm	Maura Healey Town Hall	7:00pm	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm	Maura Healey Town Hall	2:00am	Nunziato Stormwater & Park Meeting
9:02pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	7:13pm	Somerville's Sanctuary City Rally	2:00pm	The Next Innovation Center	8:00am	Fit-4-Life #6 2017
9:30pm	Congressional Update	8:40pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"	4:00pm	Fit-4-Life #6 2017	9:00am	Inventing the Charles River
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Wednesday, March 15

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What's Going On SHS Girls Basketball v Everett **Beginners Instrumental Concert** Argenziano School MLK Concert SHS Girls Basketball v Medford SHS Hockey v Medford Our Schools, Our City SHS Girls Basketball v Whittier Beginners Instrumental Concert Argenziano School MLK Concert SHS Girls Basketball v Medford SHS Hockey v Medford Our Schools, Our City SHS Girls Basketball v Whittier

SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden

Saturday, March 18

12:00amThird Annual Youth & Police Basketball Game Public Domain Theater Public Domain Theater Our Schools, Our City SHS Girls Basketball v Malden SHS Girls Basketball v Medford SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS SHS Boys Basketball v Everett SHS Hockey v Medford Argenziano School MLK Concert SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett

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Sunday, March 19

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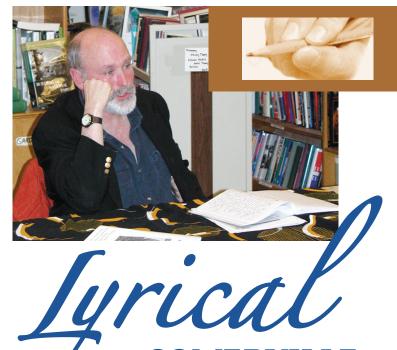
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3:00am	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford
9:00am	SHS Hockey v Everett
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Wednesday,	March 22
12:30am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden
2:15am	SHS Varsity Swim Meet - 2/6/17



SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

David Krancher once edited a literary journal called *Dark Horse* (based in Somerville, Mass.). He's published poems in *Dance magazine*, *Wilderness House*, *Dark Horse*, and *Bagelbards*. This poem, like many others, is part of character investigation for a novel-in-progress called *Stealing Color*.



Page Kiss

At the pond he's still as a crane, reads a book of red leather fine as a Bible from a white man's church. Why does that story roll his eyes? He turns. Does he feel my stare? He doesn't notice his cork dance until his fishing rod falls and he dives to save it before it swims off. Fish hold no magic for him—words fill his eyes. Would he find magic reading my lips, a negro girl?

His lips twist and talk to the book his eyes love a story I cannot know. My eyes love a boy I can never kiss so, in my dreams, my arms hug all the library of books he owns. Does he read of white fish boys who kiss brown fish girls even when Papa bites their tails off? I could be a brown fish girl, too wave my tail at a white fish boy.

OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Boston National Poetry Month Festival, 2017

Boston National Poetry Month Festival, 2017 Boston Public Library, Central Library in Copley Square, Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street, Fisher College, 116 Beacon Street, Boston

April 5-9

High School Poetry Slam Competition. Dozens of Established Poets. Publishing Panel. An Evening of Poetry, Music & Dance. Emerging Poets and two Open Mics. FREE ADMISSION to all events.

For the past 14 years or so I have been on the board of the Boston National Poetry Festival with Harris Gardner, and his partners in crime Somerville poets Kirk Etherton and Lucy Holstedt. Every year a number of Somerville poets participate in a wide range of events (along with many others), that span several days in April. I strongly encourage residents of the Paris of New England to attend!

We are pleased to present our 3rd Annual High School Poetry Slam Competition. From 7:00-9:30 p.m., teams from six local high schools will compete at Alumni Hall on the Fisher College campus, 116 Beacon Street.

The Festival continues at Boston Public Library with 13 Keynote Poets. They include winners of the Massachusetts Book Award, the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. The Commonwealth Salon, 700 Boylston Street, 1st floor. 7:30-9:15 p.m. at The Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston Street, 2nd



Floor, we present our 4th annual evening of Poetry Music & Dance. This event is produced by Lucy Holstedt, professor at Berklee College of Music, and features writers and performers in an eclectic mix of genres, with artisits from Berklee and the greater Boston area. With financial support of the Middle East & ZuZu Restaurants and Music clubs, and in partnership with the Community Church.

At Boston Public Library, you can enjoy over 50 established and emerging poets, including Boston's Poet Laureate, Danielle Legros Georges, other former and current poets laureate, and professors at area colleges. Open mic both days.

Saturday also features a panel on Craft and Publishing.

Boston National Poetry Month Festival is co-sponsored by Tapestry of Voices & Kaji Aso Studio in collaboration with Boston Public Library.

For information, Tapestry of Voices: 617-306-9484. Library: 617-536-5400.

'Uncertainty' installation connects cultures

Lesley University announces an immersive exhibition of sculpture, painting, ceramics, architectural elements, textiles and mixed media by Somerville artist Mark Cooper that will envelop the Lunder Arts Center Roberts Gallery from March 18 to April 16. The artist will create an immersive experience for visitors in the gallery, located at 1801 Mas-

sachusetts Ave., Porter Square, Cambridge. In this site-specific installation, titled *Uncertainty*, Cooper will use diverse materials to explore language and visual culture on multiple levels, addressing the idea of the collec-



I'll dance to your stories, if you solve the mysteries in my fins.

I wade in the pond behind cattails until I'm close enough to read lips. He calls for Sophia, not for me, yet the mud warms between my toes. I'm a book of a thousand pages he can turn forwards or back again. If I can flutter his pages as he traces my lines with his tutored fingers, I can wink at him in this chapter, and the next, and the next.

— David Krancher

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu tion, collecting, value, and methods of presentation. Cooper references subject matter that draws on eastern and western traditions and ranges from architecture and construction, to cell biology and street life.

"Each component of the exhibit is intended to be in conversation with the others, serving as visual signifiers and catalysts for viewers to find meaning," says Cooper.

Through collage and assemblage, the installation will invite viewers to discover unexpected connections that bring new meaning to each component. Organic and biomorphic forms and images repeat and resonate with one another, created out of diverse materials such as wood, ceramic, rice-paper and fiberglass.

"The installation of these objects together promotes the concept that the whole is more powerful than the sum of its parts," says Cooper. "When viewers are presented with the opportunity to make connections between objects, it becomes a metaphor for making connections between cultures." According to Lesley University Director of Exhibitions Bonnell Robinson, "Mark's work couldn't be more timely and we are delighted to have 'Uncertainty' as our first major site-specific work at the Lunder Arts Center."

The installation will become a collaborative process involving students and curatorial staff at Lesley's College of Art and Design.

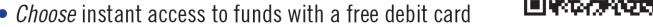
A reception will be held at the gallery on Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.



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