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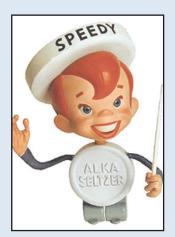


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City seeking to stop developers from clear-cutting trees



Somerville resident Mike Grunko stands next to a walnut tree on his property at 51 Berkeley Street the morning after attending a public hearing at City Hall. - Photo by Denise Keniston

By Denise Keniston

The hearing on proposed changes to the Somerville Zoning Ordinance that would regulate the removal of significant trees from all private property, including residential property, attracted residents for and against the ordinance on Tuesday, March 12.

Somerville resident Mike Grunko is in favor of a proposed ordinance regulating trees on private property. Grunko says the ordinance still needs work before getting passed, but he believes something needs to be done to save Somerville's trees."If we allow trees in our yards to grow, and we encourage them, that really helps our environment. The trees in our yards provide a place for wildlife, such as birds and other animals," says Grunko, "We need to get away from paved yards that allow for run-off, and we need to have green things growing in our city."

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Maple Syrup Project celebrates its boiling point

By Jackson Ellison

Every winter the organization Groundwork Somerville taps maple trees, and with the sap the group hosts a boil down where everyone in the community can come watch maple syrup being made.

Groundwork Somerville is a non-profit organization that is focused on creating a sustainable environment for the community of Somerville. They have programs that teach young people the importance of farming and healthy living.

This was the 16th annual boil down, however, this was the first time the event was hosted at the South Street farm, instead of the Somerville Community Growing Center. "This is our little quarter-acre oasis," said Kat Rutkin, the Executive Director of Groundwork Somerville.

The farm is also where Groundwork Somerville grows food to continue the mission of teaching kids sustainable living, "We employ up to 20 local youth every year, Continued on page 13



The 2019 edition of the Groundwork Somerville Maple Syrup Boil Down took place last Saturday at the – Photo by Jackson Ellison

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This year we hear so far that the Ward 2, 3, and 6 School **Committee members** will be retiring, therefore some people are now considering running. We hear that one lady who is very involved with the PTA and is popular, Mary Marshall, is going to pull papers in Ward 3. We heard that couple of candidates are going after the City Councilor At-Large seats. Some other people are looking at various wards to run in. Taxes are way up.

Book it on Facebook. A third East Somerville Reunion is set for this year. Dan Rogovich has let us know he is once again planning it. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Thanks to Dan, who is an East Somerville lover, managed to get the Somerville City Club booked on Saturday, June 15. Dan and his assistants worked hard on the past two and they will do the same this year to make it a success. Many here at The Times are from East Somerville and we will be there, and we have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four or so months to talk about old times and great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook to check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain East Somerville fun. Charlestown line to McGrath Hwy., is considered East Somerville, which includes Glen Park, Florence St. Park, Prescott School, Seven Son's Restaurant, Trina's on Washington, Steve's, Tip Top, S&S Subs on Cross Street, Avenue's, Broadway show, lower Broadway, Tufts St.

The Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, March 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington Street. The purpose of the meeting is to report back to residents, businesses, and other stakeholders in the Union Square area on the progress of negotiations between USNC's Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: The children are our future, so let's give them a say

#craycray says:

Sure, this makes loads of sense. My Grandkids also live in the city and use the parks and playgrounds all the time, as well as the schools. I think they should have a say. They are 6 and 7 years old.

Villenous says:

I'll say it again, my kids have got a lot more on the ball than a lot of adults I know.

joe says:

No. We draw the line for adult at 18. There is nothing stopping youth from being active in the community, they just should not get to vote in local elections until they are (theoretically) adults not living in their parents' houses on their parents' money.

Gaspar Fomento says:

I assume you're using the Royal "we". Other we's among us agree with the idea.

Response to: Somerville officials make joint statement on mosque attacks

janey l says:

What a lovely, meaningless gesture. I'm waiting for them to make a joint statement on the Somerville residents who have died over the last 20 years of an opioid epidemic created by Big Pharma, the FDA, many doctors and hospitals, insurance companies, and the inaction of the city of Somerville, the state of MA, and the federal government. Someone should look into exactly how many have died. My guess is these hypocritical PC politicians would be shocked.

Cue Applause says:

Good to know, City Council. For the record I am also opposed to mass shootings. I've looked at it from all angles and conclude its wrong. Now why are my property taxes tripled regardless of the development going on? THATS YOUR JOB!!!

Bold move says:

This is the political equivalent of kissing babies. Really going out on a limb, huh? Where do you stand on abuse of animals? Human trafficking? The people need to know.

Yet another poster says:

Yeah I too was unsure of just how to feel about mass shootings before reading this piece. Thank you for making such a compelling argument against them. It's the tough work like this that makes me glad we have such competent people working for us.

Response to: Survey says! Reconstructing Somerville

Bob Ross says:

Surprised not to see Johnny D's on that list. Man, that place was an institution.

SHill says:

Miss the old local hardware stores, especially the one in Teele Square. ABJ Auto near Gilman Square. The Winter Hill Star Market. The bicycle shop on Somerville Ave. The plumbing supply on Wilson Square (Elm St & Somerville Ave). Definitely Somerville Lumber. Also Grossman's Bargain Store across the line in Medford.

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Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Merry Jingle Highway



Remember all those old radio and TV jingles that used to stick in our minds? Well, I asked some of my friends to dig deep and come up with some, and they did. So here they are, and we'll start with some of my favorites, as close as I can recall.

"Barbo's Barbo's for furniture you will live with, happily ever after." "How does Dinger do it (we don't know)? come out and see (come and see)! on Route 128 in Braintree." "Wouldn't you really rather have a Buick? A brand new '66 Buick?" "Fly the friendly skies of United!" "How many cookies did Andrew eat? Andrew ate eight thousand. How do you keep your carpets clean? Call Andrew eight eight thousand." "My baloney has a first name, it's O S C A R, my baloney has a second name it's M E Y E R" and." "He likes it, hey Mikey!" "Where's The Beef?" "You're in the Pepsi Generation!" "Plop, plop - fizz, fizz - oh what a relief it is..."

"Adventure Car Hop is the place to go

for food that's always right. Adventure food is always just so (you'll relish every bite)! Out on Route 1 in Saugus, come dressed just as you are... "Adventure, where the service is tops, and you never get out of your car." "If it says Libbys Libbys Libbys on the label label label, you will like it like it like it on your table table table." "Brylcreem - a little dab'll do ya. Brylcreem - you'll look so debonair. Brylcreem - the gals will all persue 'ya - they'll love to run their fingers through your hair!" "Everybody doesn't like something, but nobody doesn't like Sara Lee."

"Double your pleasure, double your fun, with double-good, double-good, Double-Mint Gum." "I hanker for a hunk-a, a slab, a slice, or chunk-a...I hanker for a slice of cheese," "You'll wonder where the yellow went... when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent." "You've come a long way, baby!" "There's nothing like the face of a kid eating a Hershey Bar." "We're going down to Raymond's, we're going down to Raymond's, you can't beat Raymond's, so why pay more?" "Don't forget Mrs. B from Bradlees!" "Let Hertz put you in the driver's seat."

"Robert Hall this season, will show you the reason - low overhead, low overhead (or no overhead)." "Come Alive! You're in the Pepsi Generation." "What walks down stairs, alone or in pairs, and makes a slinkity sound? A spring, a spring, a marvelous thing - everyone knows it's Slinky. It's Slinky, it's Slinky..." "You've come a long way baby, and I'd rather fight than switch (Virginia Slims and Tareyton cigarettes)" "I am stuck on Band- Aid and Band-Aid's stuck on me." "I'm a Pepper, you're a Pepper, he's a Pepper, she's a Pepper, wouldn't you like to be a Pepper too?"

"I feel like chicken tonight!" "Manly, yes - but I like it too (Irish Spring soap)!" "Schaefer is the one beer to have when you're having more than one!" "Mabel, Black Label" "Hi neighbor, have a Gansett!" "N-E-S-T-L-E-S, Nestles makes the very best chocolate!" "I'm a Chiquita Banana and I'm here to say..." "Grab a bucket and mop - at McDonald's we're clean." "In the valley of the Jolly (ho ho ho) Green Giant." "Hot dogs, Armour hot dogs, what kind of kids eat Armour hot dogs." "Mmmm mmmm good, mmmm mmmm good, that's what Campbell soups are - mmmm mmmm good!" "Two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed



bun (what...no tomatoes?)" "It takes two hands to handle a Whopper." "I can bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan, and never, never let you forget you're a man, cuz I'm a woman ... Enjoli."

And my personal favorite: "Oh I wish I were an Oscar Meyer Weiner, that is what I truly want to be ... for if I were an Oscar Meyer Weiner, everyone would be in love with me!"

I'm sure you can think of more too. Thanks to all my friends for their suggestions.





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VERKIN CI By Jim Clark

Dine and dasher didn't get far

Police officers were dispatched to the Supreme Kitchen restaurant on Highland Ave. last Friday on reports of a dispute.

Upon arrival, the officers were met by the reporting party, an employee of the restaurant who stated that a customer had come in, ordered \$42 worth of food

and then could not pay for it.

She reportedly also said that the man, later identified as John Potter, was asked to leave several times but refused to do so.

When Potter finally did leave, he reportedly walked across the street to the Somerville Hospital, and the restaurant employee pointed him out to us.

Potter is very familiar to police previous interactions, according to reports, including that same day, as he was the main focus from two previous calls.

The officers approached Potter and placed him in handcuffs. They explained that he was being

placed under arrest for the charge of defrauding a restaurant.

Potter reportedly stated that he had a \$100 bill in the pocket of his jacket to pay for the food. When the money could not be located, Potter accused the officers of taking it from him earlier in the day.

Potter reportedly told one of the officers a few minutes later that it was actually five \$20 bills.

According to police, Potter was being argumentative and loud, causing several people walking by to stop. He was subsequently transported to the police station and booked in the usual manner.

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Arrests:

Ashley Vance-Woods, of 348 Ash St., Brockton, March 11, 5:46 p.m., arrested at River Rd. on warrant charges of failure to dim headlights and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Aniel Wilson, of 44 Deering Rd., Boston, March 12, 5:07

a.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on charges of furnishing false ID and malicious wanton defacement of property.

Hicham Marchoud, of 62 Boylston St., Boston, March 12, 8:29 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by asportation, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and removal of theft tion of a motor vehicle. prevention device.

Christopher McCluskey, of 65 Cherry St., March 14, 5:31 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of marked lanes violation, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and unlicensed opera-

Gustavo Chumal, of 18 Fifth St., Medford, March 14, 5:43 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

John Potter, March 15, 11:31 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of defrauding a restaurant.

Henry Horton, of 5 Canal Ln., March 16, 9:38 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of not being in possession of license, improper operation of a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

City seeking to stop developers from clear-cutting trees CONT. FROM PG 1

Preservation Ordinance will be worked out over the coming months and, should it pass, will affect homeowners like Mike Grunko. But, the immediate battle is between the city of Somerville and developers looking to cash in on Somerville's "buy and flip" real estate mania.

"Private developers are coming in and buying up properties and cutting down all the trees and putting up this suburban-style landscaping which is apparently what luxury condo-buyers want," says ordinance co-sponsor Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang. "But, they're getting rid of a lot of our trees, and it's really just beginning, and we're going to lose a lot of our tree cover. The trees on private property shouldn't be up for clear-cutting by developers."

Niedergang cites the property at 21 Eastman Rd. in Somerville. The developer, who didn't respond to our calls for an interview, purchased the property, demolished the building and clear-cut the existing tree stand.

According to Niedergang, in a recent conversation, the developer stated he rushed to clearcut the tree stand to get ahead of the passing of the ordinance. It can take a single day to cut down a 100-year old stand of trees and six months to pass an ordinance to protect them. "That is why we had to act quickly to put the 'brakes' on developer

clear-cutting while we work to pass an ordinance," says ordinance co-sponsor Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, "We need to address the clear-cutting of urban canopy that is happening in our neighborhoods as developers purchase and flip properties in the current condo conversion mania."

To prevent more developers from doing the same thing, Somerville's City Council employed a little-known legal strategy that will buy time for the City Council to thoroughly vet and, ultimately, attempt to pass the Tree Preservation Ordinance. "Zoning laws can be enforced - if they are eventually passed - as of the date on which a public hearing on a proposed zoning amendment is 'noticed' via an advertisement in the newspaper," explains Niedergang, "For this amendment that date was Wednesday, February 6. If this proposed zoning law or something like it - eventually passes, it would be retroactively effective as of that date. We hope this will give developers pause so that they do not clear-cut their properties, knowing that if something like this zoning amendment passes, they will be subject to penalties and fines."

In the meantime, Somerville homeowners like Mike Grunko focus on the end game and how it will affect them. At Tuesday's hearing, some residents said



Residents were both for and against the proposed tree ordinance at the public hearing.

they feel the heavy hand of local government further interfering with their property rights as well as loading a financial burden on homeowners already paying hefty property taxes.

Somerville property owner Helen Corrigan voiced her opinion."I understand the trees are very important, but I don't think the city needs to take watch over me or what happens on my property," said Corrigan, "I had a tree removed from my property because it was interfering with my pipes and I know it's a costly proposition. To add further expense by adding a landscape architect and surveyor is too much."

Other residents, like Rhonda Kelner, are frustrated to see the City Council turn its attention to private property owners, after seeing so many of Somerville's public trees getting cut down. "I have ten trees in my yard. I recently had to take on a lot of tree work, and it amounted to almost \$5,000," she said. "Trees cost money. As a property owner who feeds and waters

her trees and has left an entire backyard to do that - because I can grow nothing else there -I am very, very frustrated when the city calls them 'their trees' not my trees."

The Tree Preservation Ordinance has broad support on Somerville's City Council, and several members believe tree protection in Somerville is a critical step into the future. The Legislative Matters Committee meets at City Hall Chambers on April 4 at 6:00 p.m. to continue the discussion.

Emergency responders report on safety plans in preparation for bridge closures

By Jim Clark

Ward 7 Councilor and Council President Katjana Ballantyne put forward an order that the Chief Fire Engineer and the Chief of Police discuss with the Council, at its February 14 regular meeting, the detailed safety plans for the city as it relates to the upcoming bridge closures due to the Green Line Extension construction.

Fire Chief Breen stated that West Somerville is protected by three Fire Stations: in Teele Square, on Highland Avenue, and on Somerville Avenue. Once the Broadway bridge closes, all three of those stations will continue to have access to West Somerville.

In addition, there is an agreement in place with the Cambridge Fire Department that for any fire calls in West Somerville, the Porter Square Fire Station at 2029 Mass Avenue will respond. Also, the Arlington and Medford Fire Departments are aware of the situation and will respond if needed.

Once the bridge closes, Fire Department staff will be moni-

toring the situation in real time every day to monitor conditions. Ward 5 Councilor Niedergang expressed concern about the traffic caused by the detours and how emergency vehicles will get through. Chief Breen replied that a communication system has been put in place so the police can assist with traffic if an emergency call comes through. Once this information is finalized, it will be posted on the city's website.

Chief Breen also said there will be training sessions set up between all of the fire stations.

Councilor Niedergang praised the efforts put forward by the departments, saying, "Thank you for the plan, and for the officers, the command staff who have worked on it. It sounds like a comprehensive plan and a well thought out plan. It sounds like you're throwing a lot of personnel and resources at this, which I deeply appreciate."

The City of Somerville offers a number of ways to stay updated about construction. Anyone interested can sign up to receive a weekly email outlining upcoming construction citywide



The city's fire and police officials briefed the Somerville City Council on safety measures being implemented in preparation for the GLX project construction bridge closures set to begin later this week

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

Anyone seeking assistance for an urgent construction-related matter can call the 24/7 GLX hotline at 1-855-GLX-INFO (459-4636) or email info@glxinfo.com.

For additional information about the Green Line Extension Project, including construction schedules, fact sheets, and the latest station designs, visit www. mass.gov/glx.

The report by the Police and Fire Department officials was entered into the Council record and placed on file.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of March 11-15. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

BAN CONVERSION THERAPY FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 (H 150)

House 149-9 and then again 148-8, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would prohibit psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort. The therapy is primarily used to try to convert gays and lesbians to be straight.

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

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

Mental health experts and LGBTQ groups charge that the practice is scientifically unproven and unsound and can trigger depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts in these youngsters.

"Today we can pass a bill that would guarantee, at the very least, that the licensed professionals in ... young people's lives will no longer be permitted to try to change who they are," said Rep. Jack Lewis (D-Framingham). "And more importantly we can offer assurances to those still struggling with coming out, or whose parents are still coming to terms with their orientation or identity, that that they will not be sent to a licensed therapist to change who they know themselves to be."

Lewis called the practice barbaric and said to LGBTQ kids that nothing is broken, and nothing needs to be fixed. "You are great just the way you are, you are you, and you deserve more than just being tolerated, you deserve to be loved, to be supported, to be respected, and yes even celebrated," Lewis concluded.

"This vote was an appalling assault on parental rights in the commonwealth," said the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute Andrew Beckwith who opposes the ban. "Over 140 of our state legislators apparently believe that parents should not be able to get gender-confused children any treatment, even counseling, that might help them avoid cross-sex hormone injections, sterility or 'transition' surgery. The bill now heads to the Senate, where its sponsors want to mandate Department of Children and Families investigations for parents who are just trying to get common sense counseling for children who struggle with sexual confusion."

"Health care providers have a fiduciary duty to do no harm to their clients," said Rep. Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) who spoke on the House floor about the fear she felt coming out as a lesbian to her family. "Don't be mistaken. Conversion therapy does harm to their clients. Conversion therapy harms their clients through shaming, through increasing self-loathing, through bringing to the foreground feelings of self-hatred, inadequacy and the horrible feeling for any kid: the feeling of being other."

"This bill discriminates against the rights of parents whose children are confused about their sexual orientation or gender identity, against the rights of children un-

der 18 who desire counseling to help them sort through such confusion, and against therapists such as myself," said psychologist Eric Sweitzer, Director of The Christian-based Charis Counseling Centers which counsel from a Christian faith-based perspective. "This is the state interfering with the religious beliefs and practices of ourselves and our clients, dictating how we and our clients should approach issues of sexual orientation and gender."

There was an unusual second roll call vote on the bill requested by Rep. Susannah Whipps (U-Athol) who said she was recorded incorrectly on the first vote.

"On the first vote ... I believed I voted "yes," said Whipps. "I was surprised when a colleague showed me the printout and I was listed as a "no". I voted in favor of this ban last session and have been a co-sponsor and advocate for this bill this session. I take a great deal of pride in my support of the LGBTQ community."

She said she was very appreciative that the speaker and her colleagues were willing to accept her motion to reconsider and allow her vote to be corrected on the record. Changing your vote after a roll call is closed is not allowed in the House.

Alternately, Rep. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick) was recorded as "yes" on the first vote and then "no" on the second.

"I voted "no" in June of 2018," said Boldyga in a response to Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him why he flip-flopped last week. "My intention was to vote 'no' yesterday and I did."

His response avoids the question about why he flip-flopped. Boldyga did not respond to a follow up e-mail from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking the question again.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill. A"No" vote is against it. Both roll calls are listed.)

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

RULING OF THE CHAIR ON CONVERSION THERAPY AMENDMENTS (H 150)

House 123-33, supported the ruling of the chair that prohibited amendments to exempt talk therapy from the ban and to extend the restrictions to unlicensed practitioners, onto the House floor for debate and a vote.

The ruling is very technical, but the simple reason the amendments were not allowed was because the Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities had postponed a hearing on a conversion therapy bill (H 110) filed by Rep. Shawn Dooley (R-Norfolk).

"I certainly would hope no one would stoop so low as to hold my bill in committee just in order to block an amendment on the House floor but I have been given no other reason why my bill that was scheduled for a hearing with the other two conversion therapy bills was not heard without informing me," said Dooley. "It is ironic that a party [the Democrats] with an 80 percent super majority has such fear of going on the record on even non-controversial votes."

Rep. Kay Khan, the bill's author and the chair of the Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities did not respond to requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking why the hearing on Dooley's bill was postponed.

(A "Yes" vote is for the ruling prohibiting the amendments onto the House floor for debate and a vote. "A "No" vote is against the ruling and favors allowing the amendments onto the House floor for debate and a vote.)

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

CAP ON WELFARE BENEFITS FOR KIDS (H 3594)

House 155-1, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that repeals the current law that denies an additional \$100 in welfare benefits to children conceived while – or soon after – the family began receiving welfare benefits or, if they had received family welfare benefits in the past. The law was adopted in 1995 as part of a welfare reform package that was aimed at discouraging families already receiving public support from having more children.

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

"The House overwhelmingly supported family cap repeal ... with a nearly unanimous vote of 155-1," said Deborah Harris of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. "We hope that the urgency and support demonstrated by the House will help lift the cap on kids very soon so children will not have to wait any longer for this injustice to end."

"I'm proud today that once again the House is voting to repeal the family welfare cap, a policy which denies assistance to our neediest families," said then bill's sponsor Rep. Marjorie Decker (D-Cambridge), Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. "The family cap has been a failed policy since it was enacted, and it has only served to deny families living in poverty the resources that they desperately need. Today, families across Massachusetts can be assured the state sees them, it recognizes their needs, and will continue to meet their needs today and tomorrow."

Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), the only opponent of the bill, did not respond to repeated attempts by Beacon Hill Roll Call to get a comment on her vote.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REQUIRE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE (H

40) - The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities will hold a hearing on March 26 at 10 a.m. in Room A2 at the Statehouse on a bill adding to the current list of mandated reporters required to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

The bill would add public or private school employees

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in Massachusetts; persons who care for or work with a child in any public or private child care facility; all state employees; and all volunteers who regularly work with children in locally-based teams and organizations such as volunteer youth sports coaches, church volunteers, park and recreation, library, scouting, boys and girls clubs, YMCA and any other person in a local youth organization who has contact with children. The current list of mandated reporters includes doctors and medical personnel, teachers and educational personnel, police officers, firefighters and many human service professionals.

"This bill is an important piece of legislation all about protecting our children," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Jay Barrows (R-Mansfield). "We are hearing about terrible situations every day involving abuse of our kids. I am hopeful this will move forward quickly out of committee."

ONE MORE TIME ... Many bills that were defeated or died in committee last year have been refiled for consideration in the 2019-2020 session. Here are some of them:

TAX SUGARY DRINKS - Taxes sugary soft drinks which are currently exempt from the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Supporters say the tax would raise an estimated \$368 million that the state would put to good use. They note the tax would discourage people from buying these drinks, help fight the obesity epidemic and stem the rising tide of obesity-related health issues including diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Opponents say families are struggling financially and it is not the time for another tax increase promoted by the "food police." Some noted that many other things contribute to obesity including a sedentary lifestyle, lack of state rather than the university. exercise and fast food consumption.

UNSOLICITED CREDIT CARDS AND CHECKS

- Prohibits a consumer from being liable for any debt incurred by unauthorized use by someone other than the recipient, of unsolicited credit cards, checks and vouchers sent by banks. These items, sent to consumers by banks and other financial institutions, can be used instantly but are actually loans which must be repaid.

WINDOW GUARDS - Requires landlords to install window guards in all units of their buildings that have a window higher than six feet off the ground and in which a child under ten years of age lives. The measure also prohibits landlords from discriminating against potential renters who have children under ten and fines them from \$250 to \$500.

PROHIBIT HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS - Prohibits the sale or equipping of motor vehicles with hidden compartments to conceal drugs or other illegal contraband.

FREE COLLEGE TUITION FOR ALL - Provides free tuition to Massachusetts residents to attend state community colleges and all other state universities.

\$5,000 TO BABIES FOR COLLEGE - Gives \$5,000 to all newborn babies to be used toward a college education at a community college or university in Massachusetts.

WAIVE COLLEGE TUITION FEES FOR VET-ERANS - Provides tuition and fee waivers at state universities for veterans. The cost would be paid by the

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 11-15, the House met for a total of seven hours and five minutes while the Senate met for a total of 11 minutes.

Mon. March 11	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. March 12	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 13	House 11:07 a.m. to 5:59 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 7	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:14 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Fri. March 8	No House session No Senate session

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MLS#	Address	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
72427681	101 Wallace Street	21	\$1,149,000	\$1,221,000		
72367035	7 Montgomery Ave	147	\$879,000	\$850,000		
72444543	71R Rush St	7	\$699,000	\$735,000		
72441508	74 Summer St	8	\$565,000	\$600,000		
72415228	29 Delaware St	81	\$519,000	\$520,000		

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: Address MLS# **DOM List Price Sale Price** 72419738 353 Summer U:209 \$889,900 \$889,900 72452029 353 Summer U:302 62 \$889,900 \$889,900 72398688 129 \$879,000 \$879,000 18 Adams St U:1 72452033 62 \$849,900 353 Summer U:310 \$849,900 72452027 353 Summer U:301 63 \$839,900 \$839,900 72452017 353 Summer St U:201 62 \$839,900 \$839,900 72427697 7 Russell Rd U:1 64 \$799,900 \$780,000

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Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
MLS#	Address	DOM	List Price	Sale Price		
72338704	78 & 82 Beacon St.	100	\$3,750,000	\$3,400,000		
72438116	75 Irving St	15	\$1,200,000	\$1,300,000		
72415133	34 Oxford St	39	\$1,165,000	\$1,300,000		
72370250	21 Malvern Ave	87	\$1,100,000	\$1,050,000		
72405121	36 Puritan Rd	47	\$1,050,000	\$1,000,000		
72439349	9 Garrison Ave	10	\$899,900	\$995,000		
72445623	18 Grant St	16	\$899,900	\$1,000,000		

St. Patrick's celebration at Sally O'Brien's

A St. Patrick's Day celebration was held at Sally O'Briens Irish Pub on Sunday. Owner Liam Mannion welcomed many friends and patrons. Bob McWatters also had many friends and family there. Early to arrive and soon had to leave was Secretary of State Bill Galvin. He was heading out to visit a few watering holes. The evening was nice, the corned beef and cabbage was great and the Guinness flowed as it should on this holiday where everyone is Irish. A nice crowd enjoying each other's company and listening to the Irish band on stage. By the way, if you haven't been to Sally's, you are in for a treat. The place has been done over and is now larger. — Donald Norton













Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Quick Pickled Red Onions

I like to have these on hand at all times. They are great in a salad, on a sandwich especially with rich proteins like fried chicken or pulled pork, and are especially good on this dish.

1/2 Medium Red Onion, Thinly Sliced

1/2 Cup Red Wine Vinegar

1/4 Teaspoon Cardamom Seeds

1/4 Teaspoon Mustard Seeds

1/4 Teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes

1/2 Teaspoon Salt

1/4 Teaspoon Course Ground Black Pepper

2 Teaspoons Sugar

Thinly slice the onion. Place the on-

ion slices into an ice water bath for about 20 minutes. This helps to take that sharp bite of the raw onion.

While the onion slices are chilling out, prepare the pickling brine. In a small saucepan, combine the vinegar, cardamom seeds, mustard seeds, red pepper flakes, salt, pepper and sugar. Heat over medium-low heat for about 5 minutes, or until the salt and sugar dissolves.

Strain the onions and place into either a small glass bowl or glass jar and pour the brine over the onions. Let steep for about 1/2 hour and they're ready. Store in an airtight glass container and place in the refrigerator. They will keep for about 10 days.

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Cambridge and Somerville mayors announce joint immigrant defense fund

Mayor Marc C. McGovern and Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced this morning the establishment of the United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants, a partnership between the Mayors' Offices and the Cambridge Community Foundation.

The creation of the United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants marks a critical expansion and evolution of the McGovern-initiated Cambridge Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants, which launched in March 2018 with an ambitious goal of raising \$500,000 to help immigrants get the legal services they need to stay, legally, in their community. Last year, the Cambridge Community Foundation distributed \$255,000 in grants to four local non-profit legal assistance organizations—De Novo (formerly Community Legal Services and Counseling Center), Greater Boston Legal Services, Irish Immigrant Center (IIC), and Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project, Inc. (PAIR).

The United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants will work towards that original goal and distribute grants to help support immigrant community members who live and work in the Cambridge and Somerville area, among them young Dreamers, TPS holders, unaccompanied minors, victims of trafficking and/or domestic violence, and those seeking asylum from violence and persecution.

"We established the legal defense fund a year ago because we saw the injustice our residents faced when going against the full weight of federal immigration policies, often without the financial means or right to legal representation, in a language not their own, and through a system hardened to their desire for refuge and opportunity," said Mayor Marc McGovern. "That imbalance has only grown and so, too, must our efforts to keep our communities together. By partnering with Mayor Curtatone and Somerville, we hope to send



a united message to our immigrant residents that you are welcome, that your contributions to our community are valued, and that your hope for belonging is reciprocated."

"The data is clear. Access to legal counsel vastly improves the likelihood of success within the immigration system and courts, and more of our residents will find pathways to a more secure legal status or citizenship with the help of pro bono attorneys," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Our cities may not be able to change the immigration landscape nationally just yet, but the generosity of our residents and businesses can change immigration case outcomes locally. Our hope is that the United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants will provide our immigrant residents a much better chance at the normalcy, dignity, and security they deserve."

While there is no city-specific data on the numbers of unauthorized immigrants in the combined Cambridge and Somerville communities, proxy data shows that 27 percent of the population in Cambridge is foreignborn, and 25 percent of Somerville's residents are immigrant residents. In Cambridge, approximately 40 percent of children have at least on foreign-born parent. In Somerville, 49 percent of students in the local school district have a first language other than English.

"The expanded United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants reflects the growing need for legal support for immigrants across city borders and is the next step in an incredible grassroots effort that has engaged more than 300 local residents so far," said Geeta Pradhan, President of the Cambridge Community Foundation. "By unifying efforts to raise funds for the most vulnerable families in our community, we can help valued neighbors and stabilize families impacted by the stress and uncertainty of ongoing shifts in TPS and DACA status, and those seeking asylum."

The United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants will be administered by the Cambridge Community Foundation, which will distribute funds to eligible legal defense provides through a grant approval process in the fall

Information on the initiative can be found on the Cambridge Community Foundation website at cambridgecf.org. A Go-FundMe page has been set up at https://www.gofundme.com/

— City of Somerville

OBITUARY

Edward G. Abate



Mr. Edward G. Abate passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, March 15, 2019. Born in Boston he was the son of the late Giacomina (Cala) and Giuseppe Abate. Edward served in the US Navy reserves for many years and was a retired letter carrier for the US Postal Service.

The beloved husband and soul mate of the late Gail E. (Rollins) Abate, he was the devoted father of Susan G. James-Leyva and her husband Jose of Somerville, Jennifer Kapotas of Haverhill and David B. James. Cher-

ished grandfather of Oscar, Viviana, Joseph, John, Steven, Marianthi, Summer and Andrew. Dear brother of the late Paul, John and Charles Abate and his surviving wife Marianne of Lexington. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Thursday at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Clement Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Calling Hours Wednesday 4 to 8 pm.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the VNA Senior Living Community, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway, Somerville, MA 02144.

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

25% of our population: In Somerville, 25% of our population is made up of immigrant residents. Among that group are people of a variety of different immigration statuses – some are naturalized citizens, some have green cards, some have a work or student visa, some were granted temporary protective status (TPS) or asylum, some are "Dreamers" – people who were brought to America as children,

and some, who are not counted in that stat, are here without authorization. Some have been here for decades and others are newcomers. Other residents, like myself, are first generation Americans born to parents who, like so many immigrants, came here for a better life and to contribute to our country. America is proud of its melting pot heritage, and Somerville is an example of the best of that.

49% of students didn't speak English as their first language: Nearly half of Somerville public school students did not speak English as their first language. Growing up, I was one of those kids; we spoke Italian at home. Now more than 50 languages are spoken in Somerville schools and many of our students are multilingual. And that's pretty impressive. We have young kids who are fluent in more than one language and know how to

switch between them as the situation warrants.

Hundreds or thousands of dollars: Making your way through our country's immigration system is expensive. If you are building a life in America, it's understandable that you would want to secure a more stable or permanent immigration status, but the process could be cost prohibitive. Here are some examples of the costs immigrants bear: There is a \$465 fee to apply for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and then another \$465 has to be paid every two years to renew. Someone seeking asylum is likely to pay \$5,000 to \$6,000 just in attorney fees.

37% have lawyers: Less than 40% of immigrants appearing in court have legal representation. Because immigration issues are civil matters, lawyers are not provided by the court. For many people trying to do the right

thing and go through the immigration system, those fees are just too expensive.

5 times more likely to succeed: Many immigrants have a valid legal claim to stay here. But we also know that without access to legal counsel, most will fail to make a successful case in immigration court or to immigration officers. The data show that immigrants who have a lawyer have a five times higher chance of succeeding in court. That's why the cities of Somerville and Cambridge have partnered with the Cambridge Community Foundation to establish the United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants. This donation-backed fund will provide grants to local non-profits that provide legal aid to immigrants.

81% support a path to citizenship: A recent Gallup poll found that 81% of Americans support

a path to citizenship for people without legal status. You'd also be hard pressed to find people who want to deny immigrants with TPS, DACA, or a visa, who have built lives and families here, the opportunity to secure a more stable immigration status. If you want to learn more about the United Legal Defense Fund for Immigrants or how to donate, visit www.somervillema. gov/ImmigrantDefenseFund.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at www. somervillema.gov/datafarm.

Joint statement on mosque attacks

The following statement by Mayor Curtatone, all members of The Somerville City Council, all members of The School Committee, Chief Fallon, and Superintendent Skipper was issued on Monday, March 18:

In Somerville, we pride ourselves on being a city that is home to people from all around the world and of every religion. So, when an atrocity like the mosque attacks in New Zealand takes place, we feel it here. We want to state emphatically our revulsion over this type of prejudice-driven violence and our solidarity with the people in our local Muslim community.

We understand the hurt and feelings of vulnerability that terrorism like this is designed to inspire. Know that you are not alone. Know that we stand ready to give you the support and friendship you need in the wake of a horrific act like this.

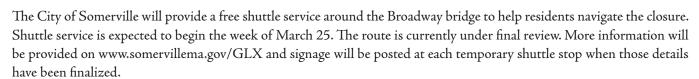


There is no "other" here. We share our city squares, schools, and public parks. Per the words of the Quran, we only seek to "compete with each other in doing good." Somerville stands together against hate and violence. We are One Somerville. Diversity is our strength.

Yearlong Broadway Bridge closure begins on Friday, March 22

To complete the next phase of work on the Green Line Extension (GLX) Project, the Broadway bridge, between Ball Square and Magoun Square, will close for construction for approximately one-year beginning Friday, March 22, at about 10:00 p.m.

All motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, as well as MBTA bus routes 80 and 89, will be rerouted. Detour maps and directions are available on www.mass.gov/glx in the "Bridge Closures" section.





The city offers a number of ways to stay updated about construction. Those interested can sign up to receive a weekly email outlining upcoming construction citywide at www.somervillema.gov/construction. Residents are also encouraged to enroll in the city's alert system at www.somervillema.gov/alerts to ensure they're notified prior to major detours or disruptive construction activity in their neighborhood.

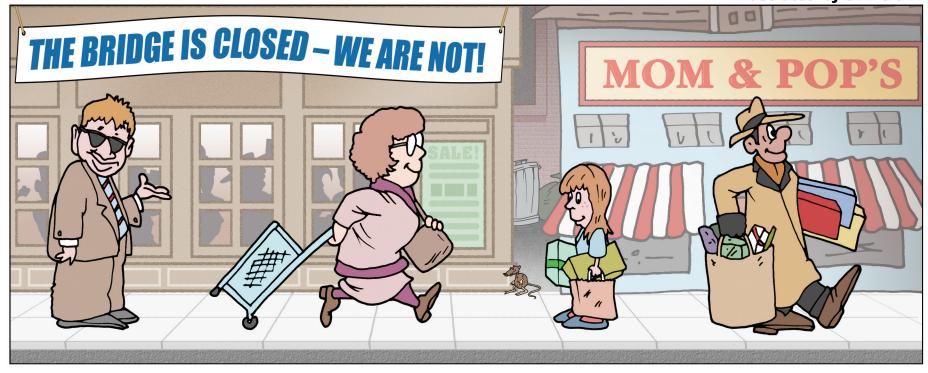
Anyone seeking assistance for an urgent construction-related matter should call the 24/7 GLX hotline at 1-855-GLX-INFO (459-4636) or email info@glxinfo.com. For additional information about the Green Line Extension Project, including construction schedules, fact sheets, and the latest station designs, visitwww.mass.gov/glx.

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COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times

Remember to support businesses affected by the bridge closures.



The long feared bridge closures throughout Somerville to support the Green Line Extension are scheduled to begin this Friday (why Friday?), and area residents as well as those who must travel through are bracing for the worst.

The city has done as much as it says it can to mitigate the misery that will be visited upon us. Rerouting of vehicular

and pedestrian traffic, putting up signage to help direct everyone through the alternative pathways, and organizing public transportation to help get everyone through as painlessly as possible has put put in place.

It is now time to hold our collective breath as we wait and see just how impactful the whole affair will be.

Perhaps those most anxiously awaiting the consequences of the proceedings will be the various business owners located in the affected areas, notably Ball Square, which finds itself smack dab in the middle of the hullabaloo.

Many area merchants fear that they may be too cut off and inaccessible to their usual and hoped for new customers.

As difficult as it may be for all of us, let's try to keep in mind that making a special effort to support these businesses would be a highly civic minded thing to do.

Put yourself in their place and imagine what it must feel like to be facing such an uncertain future and see what you can do to offer them some of your patronage.

After all, we're all in this together.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Negotiating Team and US2, the master developer for the Union Square Redevelopment Project. The Project covers 15 acres around the new Union Square Green Line station, and its 2.4 million square feet of development will cost at least \$1.5 billion to complete over the next 15-20 years. The USNC's Negotiating Team and US2 have been engaged in negotiations for a Community Benefits Agreement for the past seven months. Some progress has been made towards an agreement, but much remains to be agreed upon between the two parties. While the USNC's twice-a-month meetings have consistently included some reporting on the status of negotiations, this meeting will provide the latest and most complete update. There will be a short presentation and then the meeting will be open to questions and comments from those attending. All are welcome to attend.

Somerville teen residents between the ages of 14 and 17 with an interest in environmental issues, gardening, agriculture, ecology, and other related fields are encouraged to apply for two open positions on the city's Urban Forestry Committee. Members of the

Urban Forestry Committee work with city staff on a variety of issues related to the city's more than 12,000 public trees and shrubs, including maintenance, protecting existing trees and shrubs, updating the city's tree inventory, and teaching the public about urban forestry. The committee meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. To apply, send a letter or email explaining why you would like to volunteer for the Urban Forestry Committee to Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner Dr. Vanessa Boukili (vboukili@somervillema.gov or 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143) by Tuesday, March 26. Please also include your contact information.

Performing Fusion Theatre presents the Somerville Theatre Festival, an exciting five days of original short plays about human rights. Hosted by the Rockwell Theatre in Davis Square. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with cash/ credit bar for drinks. Show starts at 7:00 p.m. sharp on all evenings and will showcase the same plays all five nights. Performance run time is one hour. There will be two performances on **Sunday, April 21**, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. 50% off Easter tickets. Show dates: April 18, 19, 21, 26 and 27. The Rockwell, 255 Elm St. Tickets and information at www.performingfusiontheatre.com.

The Duhamel Education Initiative (DEI) hosts its 23rd Annual Pancake Breakfast spring fundraiser on Saturday, March 30, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the First Church Somerville, 89 College Avenue. Funds from this annual fun family event support dropout prevention as well as new and innovative programs in the Somerville **Public Schools.** The entire family is invited to join the fun and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast prepared and served by members of the Somerville School Committee. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$9 for senior citizens, \$5 for children, or \$25 for a family. Reservations are not necessary, just come by to enjoy good food and wonderful camaraderie while at the same time supporting a great cause. In case of questionable weather, please phone Doris McDaniel at 857-205-8374 or Larry Siraco at 617-447-1529 to confirm that the breakfast will be taking place. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, a check made payable to "The Duhamel Education Initiative" may be sent to: The Duhamel Education Initiative; P.O. Box 440113; Somerville, MA 02144.

We have someone damaging our boxes out there in the streets. So far, two have been destroyed lately. If you see someone doing it call us, no questions asked. A small reward be given for letting us know who it is.

The city's Historic Preservation Com-

mission is looking for folks with a passion for history to be volunteer docents at some of Somerville's most historic sites this spring. Docents show visitors around the Milk Row Cemetery, Prospect Hill Tower, and the Powder House in Nathan Tufts Park during public openings. If you're interested in being a docent, please send a brief profile, statement of interest, and your contact information to Lois Greenbaum via loisg@comcast.net.

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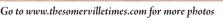
Somerville seniors enjoyed a luncheon in the new Dilboy Post hall in Davis Sq. on Thursday afternoon. During the luncheon, seniors were entertained with songs sung by Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, Mayor Joe Curtatone, Bryan Bishop and the Moonlighters, along with a performance

























Maple Syrup Project celebrates its boiling point

CONT. FROM PG 1

who grow up to 2,000 pounds of food on this farm," said Rutkin.

where Groundwork staff and volunteers teach second graders about the process vide for the district," said Rutkin.

1990s when a Somerville High school teacher tapped a tree in his backyard and decided to show this to his class, while also explaining the science behind Project has grown over the years, and gather at Tufts University to collect sap ed the event. from the maple trees for the boil down.

The boil down provides people of all ages the opportunity to learn the whole Aeronaut Brewing Co. on April 14.

method of making maple syrup, from tapping to boiling. "It's a really awesome The boil down was the final event of community event," said volunteer Justin the year for the Maple Syrup Project, Moeling. "And to have an agricultural program in the city is really neat."

Many of the volunteers have parof making maple syrup. "Somerville ticipated in the programs put on by public schools come here and get a field Groundwork Somerville in the past trip and education, all of which we pro- and joined in at the boil down to help promote the organization. "Just to come The Maple Syrup Project began in the down and be part of the community is really fun and rewarding," said volunteer Kelsey Davenport.

The boil down was held on March 16 and included activities such as maple the tapping process. The Maple Syrup syrup tastings, tree tapping demonstrations, and live music performed by local now begins in January, when volunteers musicians. Around 100 people attend-

> Groundwork Somerville's next event will be the Sap on Tap fundraiser at



















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Yum: A Taste of Immigrant City event celebrates 10 years in Somerville

The Welcome Project, an immigrant advocacy group in Somerville, is excited to be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of their Yum: A Taste of Immigrant City event on April 11th at The Armory in Somerville.

The YUM event showcases local immigrant owned restaurants by inviting attendees to sample their authentic cuisine. Featured this year are flavors from Mexico, Ethiopia, India, Turkey, a variety of Asian countries, and more! The festivities will kick-off at 7:00 PM with the lively Latin stylings of the Clave and Blues Band. There will be dancing, a photobooth,

raffles, a cash bar, in addition to an uplifting program honoring members of the immigrant community.

This year we are proud to present Cecy Del Carman with the 2019 Intercultural Award for her 20 years of service to the immigrant community. Del Carmen is Presenter of El Tiempo del Noticiero Telemundo New England, which airs on WNEU / Telemundo Boston, WRDM / WDMR Telemundo Connecticut and WRIW / Telemundo Providence. Originally from El Salvador Del Carmen is now a longtime resident of Somerville.

The 2019 Suzanne Sankar



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mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. How many meters is a nautical mile?
- 2. What movie was based real-life experiences of legendary boxing champion Jake LaMotta?
- 3. What Emperor requested a butter substitute be created for the armed forces and lower classes?
- 4. What does a polar bear's diet primarily consist of?
- 5. What is the hardest natural material in the world?
- 6. Who played Susan in the movie *Desperately Seeking Susan?*

- 7. What type of car was Christine in the Stephen King novel *Christine?*
- 8. What is gamophobia a fear of?
- 9. What bird is considered one of the most intelligent animals in the world?
- 10. What word did the cinematic Mary Poppins make famous?
- 11. What are the primary greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere?
- 12. Who is the narrator in *The Cat in the Hat* book?

Answers on page 17

Founder's Award will be presented to Attorney Betty Francisco, Esq. for her leadership and support of the immigrant community. Attorney Francisco is the General Counsel at Compass Working Capital where she serves as the organization's chief legal advisor and director of the national network. She is a dedicated community leader who has been involved with several non-profit and civic leadership organizations. Attorney Francisco is the co-founder of Latina Circle/Amplify Latinx, a

Boston-based social venture focused on increasing Latinx civic engagement and leadership representation.

Tu Y Yo Mexican Restaurant in Somerville is a longtime YUM participant and will be receiving this year's honor of Restaurant of the Year. A VIP Reception will take place directly before Yum offering VIP ticket holders the opportunity to mingle with all the award recipients before the event. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available through The Welcome Project's

website www.welcomeproject. org. Students are encouraged to attend and will receive ½ off their tickets with a special promo code available by contacting The Welcome Project.

The Welcome Project builds the collective power of Somerville immigrants to participate in and shape community decisions. We do this through programs that strengthen the capacity of immigrant youth, adults and families to advocate for themselves and influence schools, government, and other institutions.



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

GEORGE J. PROAKIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor community room of the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA

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2 Earle Street (ZBA 2018-21-E1-2/19): Applicant & Owner, RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC, seek a re-approval of previously granted variance that included reduced parking in order to replace an existing gravel storage lot with an 8-story commercial building containing 224,300sf of office/ R&D uses and 10,700sf of retail/arts-related uses. SZO §5.5. Zone TOD-135. Ward 2.

14 Cutler Street (ZBA 2018-180): Applicant and Owner, Margaret O'Meara, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a rear deck within the required right side yard setback. RB Zone. Ward 5.

161 Linwood Street (ZBA 2015-49-R3-03/19): Applicant, Phil Naffah of Harvey Signs, Inc., and Owner, Herbert Chambers, seeks a Revision to a previously approved Special Permit Revision (ZBA 2015-49-R1-07/17) for signage. IA Zone. Ward 2.

31 Lake Street (ZBA 2019-21): Applicants/Owners, Shawn Hockert and Miranda Elmorsi, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a rear deck and stairs within the required right side yard setback. RC Zone. Ward 2.

16 Whipple Street (ZBA 2018-173): Applicant and Owner, David Feeney, seeks a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 to construct a dormer within the left

84 Franklin Street (ZBA 2017-50-R1-08/18): Applicant, Novo Development Holdings, LLC, and Owner, 84 Franklin Street, LLC, seek relief under \$5.3.8 of the SZO to revise a previously-granted Special Permit. RB zone, Ward 1.

169 Tremont St: (ZBA 2019-17): Applicant. Santino Ferrante, and Owner, Tremont 2000, LLC), seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to enclose

rear porches within the right side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 2. 74 Winslow Avenue: (ZBA 2019-11): Applicants, Jamie Maquire & Michael Hovanec, seek special permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to reconstruct a

deck within the rear and right side yard setbacks. RA zone. Ward 6. 54 Meacham Road (ZBA 2019-22): Applicant, Mark Philben, and Owner, Margaret Bruton, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to construct

stairs within the rear yard setback. RB zone. Ward 6. 241 Summer Street (ZBA 2019-18): Applicant, Gary J. Lopresti, and Owner, MaryAnn Rapoza, see Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to enclose

42 Henderson Street (ZBA 2018-189): Applicant and Owner, XYZ32MP, Inc., seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 for alterations to a non-conforming property including adding a dormer and deck within the left side yard setback, increasing the non-conforming FAR through renovations. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 5.

2 Earle St: http://eepurl.com/dNujfl

14 Cutler St: http://eepurl.com/gkRPzP

a first floor rear porch within the left and rear yard setbacks. RB zone. Ward 5.

161 Linwood St: http://eepurl.com/dLdsDM 31 Lake St: http://eepurl.com/gkR0Tz

16 Whipple St: http://eepurl.com/glfHH5

84 Franklin St: http://eepurl.com/glfHTv

169 Tremont St: http://eepurl.com/glfH4v

74 Winslow Ave: http://eepurl.com/glfld5

54 Meacham Rd: http://eepurl.com/glflq9

241 Summer St: http://eepurl.com/glflGv 42 Henderson St: http://eepurl.com/glfIRT

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

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

Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 3/20/19 & 3/27/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP 19-45

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

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A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at http://www. somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after March 20th, 2019. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: April 3rd, 2019 at 2:00pm ET. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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

> **Thupten Chukhatsang Procurement Analyst** 617-625-6600 x. 3412

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Legal Notice of Public Hearing

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

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending \$2 million in Community Preservation Act funding. The draft FY20 Community Preservation Plan and other information about the Community Preservation Act in Somerville are available at www. somervillema.gov/cpa. A workshop for individuals and organizations interested in proposing a CPA funded project on City land or proposing a project for a feasibility study will be offered before the hearing from 6:00-7:00pm.

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

Attest: Michael Fager, Chair

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor Community Room, Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville,

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10-50 Prospect Street: (PB 2019-03): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to create an alley on Block D2 (as identified in the Union Square Revitalization Plan and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan) as proposed in the previously approved Coordinated Development Special Permit. TOD 100 and CCD 55-C underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and CC7, HR, and MR4 sub districts. Ward 2.

10 Prospect Street: (PB 2019-04): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to construct a commercial building on Block D2 (as identified in the Union Square Revitalization Plan and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan) as proposed in the previously approved Coordinated Development Special Permit. TOD 100 underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and CC7 sub district. Ward 2.

10-50 Prospect Street and 10 Prospect Street: http://eepurl.com/gjx-T5D

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman

As published in The Somerville Times on 3/20/19 and 3/27/19

3/20/19 The Somerville Times

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

PRESENT: Hon. David C. Alexander

In the Matters of

Julie Stapleton (DOB: 07/02/2002) Matthew Stapleton (DOB: 09/17/2005) File #: 10485 Docket #: NN-0153-19 NN-0154-19 **SUMMONS AND** NOTICE

Children under Eighteen Years of Age Alleged to be Neglected by

Kelly Stapleton,

Respondent.

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

KELLY STAPLETON

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

Dated: February 13, 2019

TO: KELLY STAPLETON

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

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

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

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Pizza, then pi, and finally pies

A great way to celebrate a transcendental number

By Erica Voolich

Thursday, March 14 was Pi Day (3.14). What better excuse is there to have a celebration of math with middle schoolers than π ? On Pi Day, well over 250 students, parents, teachers, and volunteers from the high school, PTA and community celebrated π at the Healey School by eating pizza for dinner then spending an evening estimating, creating, collecting data, answering questions, and ending with pies for everyone.

After enjoying pizza donated by the Bickoff family of the Commercial Cleaning Service (discounted by White Sport), the students from the students from the Healey School, who were joined by students from East Somerville, Argenziano, Winter Hill and Kennedy Schools, went around to a wide variety of math activities set up in the gym.

These activities included: bicycle wheel roll, guessing contest, tooth pick drop (Buffon's Needle problem), drawing a circle the size of a CD, mystery boxes, π button design, π facts quiz, birthday in π , circle in square vs square in circle, drawing cardioid or nephroid, drawing concentric circles by folding, drawing circles by tangents, drawing circle by right angles, graphing circumference vs diameter, and predicting circumferences in mm by feel of objects in mystery boxes.

The event was planned by Wil Jacques (Healey), Scott Weaver (ESCS), Jen Rodriguez (Argenziano) and Erica Vool-

ich (Somerville Mathematics Fund). Teachers at the Somerville High School recruited volunteers to help run the events they may have experienced themselves years before. Some members of the Delta Tau Delta (Tufts) chapter joined community volunteers.

Table Talk Pies of Worcester generously supplied small pies for all who came that night and large pies for the winners of events. Table Talk has generously supported this Somerville Math Fund event for fifteen years. When planning the first SMF π Night in 2003; the Math Fund called the Table Talk Pi Company and explained what π day was and Table Talk generously donated large pies for prizes and small pies for everyone. Sixteen years later, Table Talk Pies is not only still donating to the Somerville Pi night celebration, but to many more celebrations. This year Table Talk donated about 70,000 pies to schools and organizations celebrating pi day.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors who made this fun, educational evening possible. It takes a community to celebrate π day!

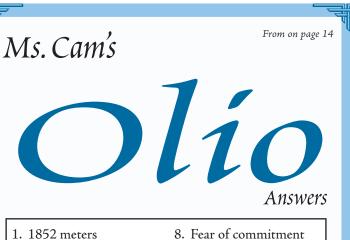
The Somerville Mathematics Fund, was founded in 2000 with the mission to celebrate and encourage mathematics achievement in Somerville, MA. They also award renewable college mathematics scholarships; applications will be due in early April. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer, visit www.somervillemathematicsfund.org or mathfund@gmail. com or call 617-666-0666.



Drawing a cardioid with straight lines during Pi Night at the Healey School.



Making Pi Buttons at the Pi Night at the Healy School.



- 2. The Bronx Bull
- 3. Emperor Napoleon III
- 4. Seals
- 5. Diamond
- 6. Madonna
- 7. 1958 Plymouth Fury

- 8. Fear of commitment
- 9. Magpie
- 10. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
- 11. Water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and ozone
- 12. Sally's brother



Pitching pennies to determine which is a better challenge, a square in a circle or a circle in a square at the Healey School Pi Night.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | March 20

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

East Branch Library

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

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

Thursday March 21

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders)
Meeting

3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday | March 22

Central Library

Preschool Storytime for 2-yearolds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland

Saturday | March 23

Central Library

Kids' Yoga with Janine 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday | March 25

Central Library

Sing Along with Ed the Music Man!!

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

West at TAB

Kids' Book Club 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|167 Holland St, 2nd floor

Tuesday|March 26

Somerville Community Baptist Church

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

Central LibraryGirls Who Code

Girls Who Code 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday | March 27

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Somerville High School Anime 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

MUSIC/ARTS Wednesday|March 20

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

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

Matthew Byrne |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's Pub The A-Beez

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

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Once Somerville Disq

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

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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The Promise Is Hope

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

Arts at the Armory Red Cross Blood Drive 2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance

Hall|191 Highland Ave **Thursday|March 21**

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders / grassy Thursdays 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

WUMB Presents, Liz Frame & The Kickers.|7:30 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

Welcome To The 90s – A Night of Live Music from the 90s featuring Awful Waffle, Eleven, Sean Brady Jr., and Cameron 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Andy Frasco & The U.N. Wild Adriatic 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Adam Janjigian Quartet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Friday | March 22

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m.

Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present The Soon To Haves, Scotch Holiday, Batons - \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Liz Bills & The Change, Strangers By Accident |7 p.m. Spike the Punch|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville

Faye Webster 8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Jonathan Gramling 10 p.m.|366A Somerville

Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co.**

Morningbird 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

Saturday | March 23

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m. Christian McNeill Band - \$12 cover|9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Gumboots: The Music of Paul Simon| 7p.m. Pop Disaster|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St

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Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Kids Union Dance Party|2:30 p.m.

The Big Takeover with special guests Tales of Joy and more TBA! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville

Pop Up Pizza Party|6 p.m. Beat Circus Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band, Count Zero, Jaggery, Kee Avil 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Air Congo

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

Sunday|March 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

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

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave
Once Somerville

Singer-Songwriter Sunday|3:30 p.m. Scream Along with Billy : Purple

Rain|9 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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

Monday | March 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae | 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave
Once Somerville

Toddlerbilly Takeover 5 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory Queer Tango 6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday | March 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville WE Generate 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday | March 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder RoadBearly Dead – Wednesday Night
Residency

Once Somerville

Baker & The Double Downs Muck & The Mires DJ Easy Ed 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Aeronaut Brewing Co. Last Wednesday Residency: Hannah Bates 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | March 20

Central Library

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Affordable Housing Working Group

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

Thursday | March 21

Central Library

Legal Aid Consultations 12 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Ciampa Manor

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

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Friday|March 22

East Branch Library
East Branch Book Group
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday | March 23

Central Library

Growing Center Plant Plan Charrette 9:30 a.m. -1 p.m.|79 Highland

Winters Farmers Market

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

Somerville Writers and Poets

meet weekly to discuss their work

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

Sunday|March 24 Central Library

Rip, Snip, Connect, Create Narrative Collage Workshop

1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Picture Book Illustration Critique

2 p.m. -4 p.m|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

Monday|March 25

Central Library

basement

Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie! 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Feminist Spaces : Then and Now 6 p.m.-8:45 p.m|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday | March 26

East Branch Library

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

Wednesday | March 27

Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft

12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Mystery Book Group 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Foxwoods Casino – Tuesday, April 16. \$25 per person. Bonus package to be determined. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time 7:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Atlantic City Boys – Wednesday, September 18 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be

determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Nutrition Fair - Thursday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Dilboy Post. There will be food demos, healthy eating tips, recipes, giveaways and much much more. Join us for a healthy lunch and bingo after the fair. RSVP is a MUST. If you have questions, need additional information or want to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

LGBTQ Lunch – Wednesday, March 20 – 11:30 a.m. to noon. Meal yet to be determined.

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H) Adventure Group – Please call for details *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require

pre-registration **HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

CHA childhood literacy fundraiser



On Saturday, March 9, Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) raised close to \$50,000 at its annual Bike4Books spin-a-thon to benefit Project READ, its childhood literary initiative, at Tufts University in Medford.

More than 70 people participated and raised funds to purchase new books to distribute to Pediatric patients who come to CHA for wellness visits. Pictured here are physicians and staff from CHA Malden Family Medicine and CHA Somerville Hospital Primary Care.

Speaker named for SHC 'Spring Into Action' event

SHC presents *Spring Into Action* 2019, a gala to benefit The Somerville Homeless Coalition, 6:00 p.m., March 28, at the Row Hotel, Somerville Somerville Homeless Coalition is proud to announce their featured speaker will be District Attorney Marian Ryan.

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12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Startup TV Boston	2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
	· ·	9:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	3:00pm	Democracy Now!	10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Chatman Booth	4:00pm	New England Pride TV	10:30am	SOM Arts
7:00am	Esoteric Science	10:30pm	TUTV	4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY The show	5:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	DW Conflict Zone
:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday, M	arch 22	5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech T\
:00am	DW Global 3000	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	The World Fusion Show	1:00pm	The Kamla Show
:30am	Both Sides of the Bars	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Literati Scene	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
0:00am	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer	2:00pm	NASA TV Silicon Valley Live
0:30am	Somerville Storytellers	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00am	LIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	Special SCATV Programming	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:30pm	Legacies
:00pm	Health is Wealth	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00pm	TeleGalaxie
:30pm	Art Seen at SMC	9:00am	Esoteric Science	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	Going Postal
2:00pm	Science 360	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	6:30pm	The Last Sip
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	NASA TV	11:30pm	TUTV	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	11:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, M	arch 24	7:30pm	Henry Parker Presents
:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	12:00am	Flotilla	8:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Overcoming Addiction
:00pm	Hello Neighbor	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	9:00pm	Dedillhando au Saudade
:30pm	Women2Women Today	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	1:30am	SCATV Secret Stash	10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions
:00pm	Speak Up! Somerville	1:30pm	Speak Up! Somerville	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	11:00pm	Boston Come Through
:30pm	Off the Shelf		The Kamla Show	3:00am	Free Speech TV		3
:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	2:00pm	SMC Youth Media	6:00am	Community Bulletin Board		March 26
:00pm	LIVE - Somerville Pundits	2:30pm		7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	12:00am	Free Speech TV
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:00pm	Boston Come Through	4:00pm	Gay USA			7:00am	DW Euromaxx
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1:00pm	Flotilla	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	10:00am	Evangelista Camillo Fodera The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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2:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	SOM ARTS	12:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing	10:00am	Road to Recovery
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:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	The Grandstanders	1:30pm	DW Conflict Zone	11:30am	DW In Good Shape
:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	2:00pm	Startup TV Boston	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show
':00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	The Boston Medium	3:00pm	African Television Network	1:00pm	Words on Film with Dan Burke
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TeleGalaxie

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Somerville Pundits

SomerViva em Português

Somerville Learning 2030

12:00pm

Thursday, March 21 12:02am

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Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19 2:16am Union Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19 8:30am City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan City Council Meeting - 3.14.19 9:00am 12:30pm Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 1:00pm School Committee Meeting - 3.18.19 6:00pm Legislative Matters Committee of the Whole 11:30pm Tuskegee Airmen

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Going Postal

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Tuesday, March 26

11:30pm

12:30am City Council Meeting - 3.14.19 8:30am Fit-4-Life #4 Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation 9:00am 10:00am Parent Info Session on Marijuana & Vaping 11:30am City Council Spotlight: Jesse Clingan 12:00pm CC-Land Use Meeting - 3.19.19 3:30pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 6:30pm SomerViva em Português 7:00pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 8:00pm Tuskegee Airmen GLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19 9:00pm 10:34pm Talking Business "Sweet & Nutty' 11:00pm Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation

Wednesday, March 27

12:00am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging CC-Land Use Meeting - 3.19.19 1:00am

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Fit-4-Life #5

Wednesday, March 20

SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation 10:00am Raising Families - Vaping 10:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Saugus 12:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 1:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett SHS Boys Basketball vs Swampscott 3:00pm Student of the Qtr. - ESCS 4:30pm SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation 5:02pm 6:00pm Raising Families - Vaping SHS Girls Basketball vs Saugus 6:30pm 8:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 9:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett SHS Boys Basketball vs Swampscott 11:00pm

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Friday, March 22 12:30am

Student of the Qtr. Awards - WHCS 1:00am **Public Domain Theater** 8:30am Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English 9:00am 10:30am SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 12:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 2:00pm 3:00pm Raising Families - Vaping 4:30pm 5:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English 7:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody 8:30pm 10:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford

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Kennedy School Drama Club 1:00amMIAA Semifinal: SHS Basketball vs N. Andover 9:00am Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset 10:00am El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música Kennedy School Drama Club 11:00am MIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin 12:00pm 1:30pm SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation 2:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem 5:00pm 6:00pm Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música 7:00pm Kennedy School Drama Club MIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin 8:00pm 9:30pm SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation 10:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Salem

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Tuesday, March 26

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Wednesday, March 27

El Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música 12:30am

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On My Mom Showing Me that Photo of Gram and Althea from the 50's

What I want to say is our sweet grandmothers and our crazy great aunts went in blackface to those minstrel shows, those weekend festivals, fundraisers for Keith Academy, and then got their pictures mapped by light, and also called Brazil nuts nigger toes because that's just what was done then, all that anyone knew to do. I want to say our grandmothers and our aunts because I don't want to say my grandmother or my crazy great aunt. I want my wrong being wrong in armies of wrong, safe in hate's battalions, diluted in the drench of blame, safe when I see photos of them singing behind the dark, my mother still a kid somewhere there laughing, not knowing what bodies have been broken and sunk in rivers from down the Tallahatchie to up the Merrimack. Let me snuggle into a mob's dissolution of fault, be history blown to dust and not this sin of salt.

- Matt W. Miller

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OFF THE SHELF

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'Hesiod Works and Days'

Translated by A.E. Stallings

Hesiod Works and Days Translated by A.E. Stallings Penguin Classics Great Britain ISBN: 978-0-141-19752-4 52 Pages - \$9.00

Review by Off the Shelf Correspondent Dennis Daly

Just the polish from A.E. Stallings new translation of Hesiod's Works and Days can blind. Only momentarily, of course. But certainly the well-wrought formality of each couplet causes the reader a certain hesitancy and a loss of verbal sense as he or she marvels at the architectural details and pinpoint verbiage embedded by Stallings in this brilliant rendition of a fountainhead epic.

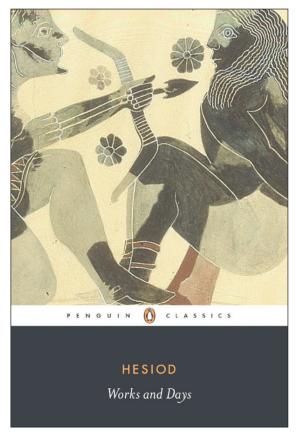
Hesiod's persona, through Stallings, reaches out from its ensconced eighth century (BCE) sanctuary with unmistakable antique connections cocooned within a surprisingly modern ethos. Born in the boondocks of Grecian Boeotia, Hesiod was a child of emigres. His father had fled the hardships of a sailor's life and re-established his family inland, in the farming village of Askra, under the loom of Mount Helikon. This farming background frames and informs the structure of Works and Days. Starvation, according to Hesiod, is only one failed harvest away and worldly riches needs only a god's nod and hard work. In fact, Zeus has sent a twin of Strife to prod men on. She impels human kind with envy and competitive juices. Hesiod explains the power of this second sisterly Strife this way,

...This Strife, high-seated Zeus Set in earth's roots—for this one has a use: She spurs a man who otherwise would shirk, Shiftless and lazy, to put his hands to work Seeing a rich man plough and plant and labor To set up house—then neighbor envies neighbor Racing to reach prosperity. This Strife Is boon to man. And that's why in this life Potter hates potter, builder has no regard For builder, nor beggar, beggar; bard loathes bard.

"Bard loathes bard." Hmmmm. This may shock. Except, of course in Boston, Massachusetts, and its surrounding environs, circa 2019, where groups of poets and other elites muster ostensibly like militia into armed camps. I suspect other geographical poetry hot spots offer the same dynamic. Nor are these contributory ills the only ones inculcated into human nature. Works and Days significantly contains the first account of Pandora's Box (or in this case jar) of mischief and needling woes. Actually Pandora herself, the gods modeled from clay making her also a receptacle of many vices and a few virtues. Yet another gift from

Considered the architype of a long line of self-styled poets, still prevalent in today's 21st century prosodic circles, Hesiod neatly provides his name (from the Theogony) and his Bio (from Works and Days). He speaks of himself in a way that his contemporary, Homer, could not. Hesiod even advertises himself as a prize-winning poet and poet laureate. He won a three legged caldron (a not insignificant prize) at a funeral games competition on the island of Euboea, apparently his only sea-going trip. He had earlier received his laurels, a laurel staff, not wreathe, awarded by the Muses themselves, on the slopes of Mount Helicon. How, one wonders, did the Muses introduce themselves to this young sheep herder? Hesiod had pretty obviously needed to establish his bardic authority and, with these props, he did so – dramatically.

Hesiod had a younger brother named Perses, who seems to have jilted him out of part of his inheritance. Much of Works and Days is addressed to Perses and the magistrates involved in the case. The poetic work itself is a didactic disquisition on the evils in society and the importance of an all-encompassing cosmic justice system that promises (or should promise) fairness to hardworking and decent



folk. Although the poet seems to lament his own trials and tribulations, especially his brother's actions, Hesiod mainly focuses on the resolution of worldly conflict, both within his family and without. His suggestions of future probity to his wayward brother appear well meant and sincere. Hesiod addresses his brother reasonably,

So Perses, mull these matters in your mind, Give ear to Justice; leave Force far behind. For Kronos' son gave justice to mankind; The fish and beasts and winged birds of the air Eat one another—they don't have a share Of law and right—he made the law for man, And this way is by far the better plan. Far-seeing Zeus will grant prosperity To him who speaks up for the truth...

In the same way that Alexander Pope made Homer's Iliad his own masterpiece, Stallings has made Hesiod's Works and Days her own signature piece. She retrieves Hesiod from the ancient mists of Western Civilization, as the oral traditions were dying and as the written word slowly gained credence and immortalizing legitimacy. She translates Hesiod's original unrhymed dactylic hexameters, a mix of Ionic Greek and Aeolic, into rhymed English iambic pentameter. The rhyme she adds as an extra hurdle because, as she explains it, "I can't fudge through something puzzling if it must also rhyme and scan. Also, rhymed iambic pentameter couplets can have, in the twenty-first century, a slightly old-fashioned feel to them ... as Hesiod's Greek would have had a quaint ring even to classical authors." Consider these timeless lines of Hesiod via Stallings that summarize the gift of especial days with mnemonic persuasion and elegant delivery,

These days are gifts to those who dwell on earth— The rest, haphazard, with no special worth, Fateless. One praises one day, one, another; Few know: a day can go from stepmother To mother. Blessed and rich is he, who's wise In all these things, who works, and in the eyes Of the deathless ones is blameless, one who reads The omens of birds, avoiding all misdeeds.

For clarity and class and prosody that sings through its print, Stalling's Hesiod is unrivaled. Endear yourselves to the immortals and read this compelling translation that introduces with a formalist literary flourish that fragile Western Civilization which still, to this day, nurtures the best of artistic creation.



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