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City officials continue the search for effective rodent control measures.

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen Rodent Issues Special Committee held a meeting last Wednesday, March 14, to address both the progress and challenges in the city's efforts to reduce rodent infestation.

Chairperson, Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin, reviewed for the Committee several agenda items prepared for consideration at the meeting.

The first resolution presented for consideration proposed that the administration utilize the drug Senestech to sterilize rats as one of many measures to control the rodent population.

"This [Senestech] was introduced a few years ago on MacArthur Street as a test ground, but we haven't heard much about it lately," according to McLaughlin.

It was noted that consultants would be brought in as the construction season *Continued on page 4*

Live out all your childhood circus dreams at AirCraft Aerial Arts

By Emily Blackwood

At AirCraft Aerial Arts, the circus is always in town.

Colorful silks, lyras, cloud swings – and other apparatuses you didn't think a human being could hang from – dangle off the 20-foot ceiling of the studio's two spacious rooms in Union Square. After teaching in the back of a gym and inside a towing garage, AirCraft found its home in 2010 at 14 Tyler Street, Somerville.

Jill Maio, the studio's owner, founded the studio after falling in love with circus fitness herself. A fiction writer and university instructor, Maio was looking for a physical hobby that would get her out of her head when she overheard someone saying they had tried out trapeze.

"It's exhilarating," she said. "And you feel really good afterward because you worked a lot of muscles."

Beyond that, the small classes and uncomfortable moves make for fast, *Continued on page 17*



Jill Maio dangles from a silk.

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This coming **Saturday, March 24**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the **Somerville Teachers Association** will be having an “**alumni tour**” of the old high school. This is a chance to see and walk through the old corridors once again before the school is torn down to make room for the new one. No admission fee is being charged, but donations to the STA scholarship fund will be gladly accepted. It's a great opportunity to reminisce about your days at the old high school. Parking is available around the school in various lots. Please enter at the main entrance of the school.

Somerville Rotary is having their annual **Giggles Comedy Night** at **Giggles Comedy Club**, Rt. 1 in Saugus, on **March 29**, at 6:00 p.m. It's a great event and lots of fun. Professional comedians, plus an auction and raffles throughout the night. Proceeds to benefit the many local Somerville charities. The ticket price is \$30. Contact **Donald Norton** at 617-623-6600 for tickets (also at the door) or for further information.

This coming **Saturday, March 24**, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, the conference on the **Tufts Pilot and Community Benefits hearing** will be held at the **West Somerville Community School** on Powderhouse Blvd. Tufts doesn't pay taxes but gives very few benefits to the city in lieu of taxes. This hearing is taking place so that we in the city can get more out of Tufts for services rendered, and to address loss of taxes when they purchase homes in West Somerville. The amount of money in lieu of taxes is low considering what the city pays out in services, especially the police and fire departments. The residents in Ward 7 want to see more out of Tufts in revenue. This affects the whole city, not just West Somerville. So join the many residents and **Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne**, along with **Our Revolution Somerville** to discuss getting more. For information, contact **Rand Wilson** at rand.wilson@gmail.com. Also, please note there is parking in back of the school.

The public hearing before the **Board of Aldermen** on the **1% tax on selling your home** here in Somerville *Continued on page 11*

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Efforts to enact real estate transfer fee move forward

Old Taxpayer says:
And hopefully it won't be done. The wishes of the people should come first. We do not want it.

Matt C says:
The exemptions make this a bit more palatable.

Highland Kevin says:
They are only "talking about" potential exemptions. No decisions have been made, and some people don't want there to be any exemptions in order to maximize tax revenue. Not a done deal either way. Better keep an eye on them.

Adam Smith says:
Socialist money grab! Nothing less!
Here come the Bernie Sanders crew!

Mike says:
Now we see what their revolution is really all about. They want what you have and they are going to take it.

Liz says:
The good news is that this will never pass the legislature, because the representatives and senators in other districts actually care about middle class people, and they don't want to set a precedent. Meanwhile, in Somerville, Aldermen Davis and Ewen Camden object to even informing property owners about a public hearing on a tax that directly affects them. Talk about elitist jerks. They love to dip into other people's wallets while keeping people in the dark. We've been taken over by Bernie Bros who want to mansplain how to spend our household budgets.

TheoNa says:
Why do we even need this legislation? I'd love to live in Weston but can't afford it. Rather than asking the people of Weston to subsidize my lifestyle, I moved into a community I could afford. My kids would have loved to buy a home in the community they grew up but could not afford it. Rather than whining about it or asking for a government handout, they bought homes in communities they can afford. Why can't our government grasp the simple fact that we should all live within our means?

Response to: Newstalk – March 14

Sam says:
Our Revelation should push Tufts and Harvard to build housing for all of their students. That would free up a lot of existing housing units.

ritepride says:
Ironical that the closest ambulance, fire apparatus, police cruiser on many occasions is tied up servicing the Tufts campus while residents wait for fire/police response from another part of the city and the next available ambulance may be coming from Everett or Cambridge as the contracted city ambulance is tied up at Tufts. The city should look at charging Tufts a users fee when city services are used by Tufts. Why should your loved one have to wait because the ambulance has been diverted to Tufts for Chumley's choice to do binge drinking instead of studying.

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John Connolly

SCW Voices: Shaping the future through Inclusivity

By Kristen Strezo,
Co-Chair of the Somerville
Commission for Women

When I get frustrated about the status of women and the barriers many women face on the rise to upward mobility, I'm drawn to a great quote by Shirley Chisholm, "If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."

I think about that quote when I consider inclusivity and how vitally important it is to make a welcome environment for all Somerville residents. Likewise, that diversity needs to be reflected in our elected officials.

We on the Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) are devoted to ensuring that all Somerville women are represented in our community. Last year, the Commission decided that we could do even more to improve that. So we redesigned our annual Women's History Event to reflect the requests of our community's women and to identify opportunities to afford more women a seat at the table.

We're focusing on that inclusivity once again in our *Shaping the Future: Our Community Dialogue* event being held on

Monday, March 26, at the Culinary Arts Bistro located in Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave. (gym entrance), at 6:00 p.m.

"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair"

Many women want to serve their community in some way but may not know what direction to take or how they can connect. Our Shaping the Future event is designed to address that, structured as an opportunity to make meaningful connections with local female elected officials from the Board of Alderman, the School Committee and Somerville's State Delegation. Our goal is to create a welcoming environment where residents have the opportunity to connect with one another and local female elected officials who are always eager to engage.

Each elected official talks about what it's like to run for

office, to work in their communities, and if they feel it's different running-while-female. Each may have suggestions on ways that members of the community can help out or volunteer within their communities. The event is set up as a series of small table conversations and allows for a lot of personal interaction.

Above all, it's one way we can celebrate women and the many ways women work to improve our community. We strongly encourage everyone to bring their skills to the table. There are so many different ways to make that possible, via community service, volunteerism or the call to run for office. All are essential to a thriving community because all of us have a role in shaping our community and Somerville's future.

We will have childcare available as well as translation services with advanced notice.

If you would like more information about our event, please send in email to Chris Hosman, Community Services Manager at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406 or chosman@somervillema.gov. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective commu-



Co-Chair on the City of Somerville's Commission for Women, Kristen Strezo.

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'THE WEEK IN CRIME'

By Jim Clark

'Protein Powder Bandit' loses flip-flops

Police officers responded to a call last Friday morning reporting a robbery at knife-point at a pharmacy on Broadway.

A description of the suspects, two males and two females, and the suspect vehicle was provided to the responding officers. The suspect vehicle, a rental car, bore a Florida license plate.

After the robbery, the suspects fled the store's parking lot and left the area. A search of the area was immediately made by patrol units but to no avail.

Police officers questioned the victim of the robbery, a store employee, as well as a witness to the incident.

The victim reportedly stated that he observed two males grab five items off a shelf and begin to walk out the front door. He specified that one of the men had taken two containers of protein powder and the other man had taken three containers

of Rogaine.

The victim said he approached the suspects as they walked out the front door and asked them to stop and return the items they had just stolen.

They reportedly ignored his demand, and when he got too close to the men, later identified as William Oliva, pulled out a switchblade knife and rudely told the victim to back off as he waved the knife at him.

Upon being threatened with the knife, the victim, who said he had been robbed and stabbed in previous robberies, let the suspects run into a waiting car that was occupied by two white females, a heavy-set one driving and a thinner one in the passenger's seat.

According to the victim and witness, before the suspects got into the car, Oliva literally ran out of his flip-flops and left them on the ground.

They then fled the parking lot and took a right on Broadway. The victim and the witness took note of the license plate on the car and reported it to police.

A witness videotaped the car's departure on her cell phone and provided police with both still photos and video of the vehicle clearly showing the plate number and Oliva inside the car.

The store manager, who provided a copy of the surveillance video from inside the store, corroborated the victim's and witness's account.

Police identified the person who rented the suspect vehicle, Kimberly Graffeo, from Florida and Medford, having dual addresses on her license. She reportedly rented the car on or about February 28 in West Palm Beach, Florida. In running her license image police saw that she was a heavy-set fe-

male in her 30's, which matched the description given by witnesses regarding the driver of the suspect vehicle.

Somerville Police was informed by Medford Police that the aforementioned suspect vehicle rented by Graffeo had been located at a Woburn Street location. Somerville Police responded to the location and had the suspect vehicle towed back to the S.P.D. for processing.

At approximately 5:30 p.m. a call was received from Medford Police informing them that they had received a phone-call from Graffeo in which she stated that she had driven her boyfriend, Oliva, to the pharmacy in Somerville earlier that day and that he had committed a robbery in which he pulled out a knife. Graffeo was inside the Woburn Street residence, along with Oliva, when police towed

the car away.

Based on this information, in which Graffeo implicated herself and Oliva in an armed robbery, Somerville Police notified Medford Police that they had probable cause to arrest them both for armed robbery.

Subsequently, Oliva was found hiding in a snowbank in the rear of the Woburn Street residence and placed under arrest. Within minutes, Graffeo was also arrested at the same address. They were both booked at the Medford police station and then transported to Somerville police for booking on charges of armed robbery.

Police have received information as to the identity of the two remaining suspects in and will be filing applications for warrants/complaints charging them with armed robbery.

The recovered flip-flops were tagged into evidence.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Michael Dellea, of 5G Street, Boston, March 12, 6:59 a.m., arrested at Essex St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and receiving stolen property over \$250.

German Mendez-Castillo, of 63 Nyack St., Watertown, March 12, 3:00 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and marked lanes violation.

Ruben Marques, of 84 Na-

poleon St., Newark, NJ, March 12, 6:22 p.m., arrested at Central St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Kimberly Graffeo, of 10 Daly Rd., Medford, March 16, 11:27 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of armed robbery.

William Oliva, March 16, 11:27 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of armed robbery.

Justin Myrick, of 4 Golden Court, Medford, March 17, 7:30 p.m., arrested at Cutter St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, carrying a firearm

with ammunition, and drug violation near a school.

Michael Castillo, of 52 Glen St., Apt. #2, March 17, 7:30 p.m., arrested at Cutter St. on warrant charges of bicycle violator refusal to identify self and bicycle violation.

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gets under way in order to effectively make use of the liquid contraceptive bait product.

On the question of the effectiveness of Senestech, McLaughlin said, "I remember in the study, MacArthur Street did have a drop in rodents. Gilman Street was another test area and that didn't work as well. There are just so many of them [rats]."

Video monitoring of known rodent infested areas was also discussed and it was generally agreed that such monitoring should be continued as various

control methods are rolled out and tested.

This resolution was kept in Committee in order to follow up with the Inspectional Services Department.

The next agenda item concerned an order sponsored by Chairman McLaughlin that the Superintendent of Inspectional Services, the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of any other department involved in rodent control efforts, appear before the Board's Special Committee on Rodent

Issues each month to highlight rodent control efforts.

McLaughlin suggested that the various department representatives should meet on a monthly basis and prepare reports for the Committee prior to its regular meetings.

This order was subsequently approved.

An additional order put forward at the meeting called for the City Solicitor to draft a feral cat ordinance similar to Chicago's, to assist feral cats and address rodent concerns.

McLaughlin reported on how Chicago and New York have taken on a feral cat ordinance program involving cats, approved by the Humane Society, that have been taken off the streets, spayed and neutered, then put into a program where they would be fed and taken care of by residents. The cats would be microchipped so that there would be knowledge of who owned them and where they would be going.

McLaughlin said that in Chicago a decline in rodent popula-

tion was recorded following the adoption of this program.

"Anecdotally, there are no rodents on my street because I have an outdoor cat," said McLaughlin.

Some concern was expressed over the safety of migratory birds that may pass through the city as a result of the program, and further study of this aspect would be in order before going forward with such a program.

This order was approved and the Committee will expect a response from the City Solicitor.

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Pizza, then Pi, and finally Pies

A great way to celebrate a transcendental number

By Tom Bannister

Wednesday, March 14, was Pi Day (3.14). What better excuse is there to have a celebration of math with middle schoolers than π ? Last Friday night, well over 250 students, parents, teachers, and volunteers from the high school, PTA and community celebrated π at the East Somerville Community School by eating pizza for dinner then spending an evening estimating, creating, collecting data, answering questions, and ending with pies for everyone. Luckily the Math Fund celebrated early, since many schools had a Snow Day on Pi Day, thanks to the third Nor'easter this March.

After enjoying pizza donated by the Bickoff family of the Commercial Cleaning Service (discounted by White Sport), the students from the East Somerville School, who were joined by students from Argenziano and Healey 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 Scott Weaver (ESCS), Wil Jacques (Healey) and Erica Voolich (Somerville Mathematics Fund) with help from Jen Rodriguez (Argenziano) and Jonathan Killian (Argenziano). Teachers at the Somerville High School recruited volunteers to help run the events they may have experienced themselves years before.

Table Talk Pies of Worcester generously supplied small pies for

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Drawing a cardioid with straight lines during Pi Night at the East Somerville Community School.
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Somerville Rotary welcomes fellow Rotarian from Italy



Giorgio Albanese, of southern Italy, who himself is a Rotarian, was welcomed this week at the club's weekly meeting.

Somerville Rotarian President Brian Rooney is pictured here welcoming Albanese, who exchanged club flags as a gesture of good will.

Albanese gave a short talk about his Rotary Club and the small Southern town in Italy where he is from.

Albanese is here in Boston attending Berkeley School of Music. He is a musician, composer and educator. When he finishes school in two years he will return to his home town and Rotary Club in Ostuni, Italy.

Somerville Rotary meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. Drop in if you are interested in joining the club and being part of a worldwide organization that gives to many local charities here in Somerville including Scholarships.

— Donald Norton



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of March 12-16.

NEW SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICIES IN THE HOUSE (H 4291)

House 151-0, unanimously approved a measure that requires the House to promote the safety and respectful treatment of all members, officers, interns and employees of the House, and all third parties, by establishing uniform procedures for making and receiving complaints of harassment and initiating, conducting and concluding investigations into complaints of harassment. The measure states the House is committed to providing fair and equal opportunity for employment and advancement to all employees and applicants.

It also spells out a specific procedure for handling sexual harassment cases and prohibits anyone from retaliating against a person who has complained about harassment or participated in an investigation into an allegation. Other provisions include employing a full-time Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and a full-time Director of Human Resources.

Despite the unanimous vote, there was heated debate on the House floor. Rep. Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) told her personal story about how she was sexually harassed in 2011 by many people at the Statehouse following an incident. She was working as a House aide when rumors began to spread about alleged inappropriate behavior with former Rep. Mark Cusack in the House chamber late one night during a party at the Statehouse. An investigation by Speaker Bob DeLeo's office in 2011 found that nothing inappropriate had occurred but DiZoglio's boss decided that the rumors had become too much and he asked her to find employment elsewhere.

"But on my way out the door I was hit with another surprise, the speaker's office would not release my six weeks' severance pay unless I signed a non-disclosure agreement including a non-disparagement agreement that legally bound me from discussing what had happened and from criticizing any past, present or future elected members of this House," DiZoglio said. "I hesitated for days because I did not want to sign this document. With my money running out quickly, however, I didn't feel I had another option, so I signed under duress."

"No member, officer or employee of the House of Representatives should be subjected to the sort of treatment described by Rep. DiZoglio," said DeLeo in a written statement e-mailed to reporters while the debate was taking place. "To be clear, yesterday was the first time that I or any member of my staff, House Counsel's Office or House Human Resources heard of the harassment Rep. DiZoglio experienced after the incident that occurred in the House Chamber in April of 2011."

DeLeo said DiZoglio was fired by her boss despite being instructed to the contrary and that she was represented by an attorney when a severance agreement was drafted. "To hear now that she did not want to agree to the terms of the termination and severance agreement is troubling," DeLeo's statement said. "Her attorney competently negotiated the agreement on her behalf and we presumed that his client was in agreement with the terms."

Things got more heated when Rep. Angelo Scaccia (D-Boston), the longest serving House member, taunted DeLeo. "Mr. Speaker, Come out. Come out of your office and chair."

"Mr. Speaker, you've been getting away for too long in this House with the sound of silence," Scaccia said, using references to the hit Simon and Garfunkel song. "This House should call up the attorney general of this commonwealth and let her find out what happened in the past to bring about the present."

Scaccia called Thursday's session "an absolute charade" and said he had heard of harassment on Beacon Hill many years ago. "Madame Speaker," Scaccia said to Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset) who was presiding over the session. "You're not going to tell me that the speaker of this House found out about this issue a couple of days ago."

The speaker's office confirmed that 33 fired House employees were offered a small severance payment in exchange for executing a written agreement. The speaker's office said the House "has not paid any money to settle a complaint of sexual harassment/misconduct brought against or by any member, officer, employee or third party" since DeLeo was elected speaker in 2009.

(A "Yes" vote is for the new regulations and rules).

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

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (H 4291)

House 21-131, rejected an amendment that would have prohibited the use of NDAs in any situation.

Amendment supporters said any use of NDAs is an abuse of power that uses public money to pressure public employees to sign away their right to speak. They said making NDAs an option will be taken advantage of by the predators.

Amendment opponents said victims should still have the choice whether to sign an NDA or not and noted in some cases it could be part of the best solution for them.

"We cannot through a crystal ball, the best intentions, mental telepathy or any other way, presume to know what's in the best interest of aggrieved parties moving forward," said Rep. Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown).

Please read this vote carefully to see how your representative voted and what it means. The amendment would have prohibited the use of NDAs in any situation. Therefore, a "Yes" vote is for prohibiting the use of NDAs. A "No" vote is for allowing the use of NDAs.)

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

SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY PROTECTION (S 2320)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill designed to protect students and employees from being forced or bullied into providing schools and companies with information about and access to their social media accounts.

Provisions prohibit any school from requiring a student or applicant and an employee or applicant to disclose photographs, videos, a user name, password or other means of access to a personal social media account; allows an aggrieved student or applicant to bring a civil suit against the school for violating these new laws; per-

mits the attorney general to investigate any violations by employers; and permit schools to disclose lawfully obtained information from a student's personal social media account to law enforcement to protect against immediate danger of death or serious physical injury to a student or other individuals.

Supporters said that a growing number of employers and schools are demanding access to the social media account of students and employees and prospective students and employees. They argued this is an invasion of privacy that should not be allowed in the Bay State. They said demanding access to a social media account is the same as demanding offline access to a person's diary, regular mail, photo albums and conversations the person has with family and friends – offline things that which would never be demanded by a school or employer.

(A Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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PROTECT ANIMALS (S 2332)

Senate 36-0, approved a bill designed to protect the health and safety of animals. Provisions include requiring that animal abuse be reported by the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Elder Affairs and the Disabled Persons Protection Commission; making animal control officers mandatory reporters of child abuse, elder abuse and abuse against disabled persons; increasing non-criminal penalties for abuse of an animal; repealing a current requirement that animals involved in illegal animal fighting automatically be killed

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 12-16, the House met for a total of six hours and 48 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 19 minutes.

Mon. March 12	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:56 a.m.
Tues. March 13	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 14	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. March 15	House 11:02 a.m. to 5:41 p.m. Senate 11:30 a.m. to 6:57 p.m.
Fri. March 16	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville) Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

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

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

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class – A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional info please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, March 27 starting at 12:00 p.m. at the SOMERVILLE THEATRE in Davis Square. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. \$1 per person. This month’s movie is Only The Brave. RSVP to Josie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Diabetic Shoe Clinic – Monday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Did you know that you may be eligible for a new pair of diabetic shoes? Must have appointment. If you require additional info, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Magpie Puppets – Thursday, April 5 at our Holland Street Center starting at 11:15 a.m. Shadow Songs and Stories bring favorite songs and stories to life with cleverly crafted shadow puppets. Lunch and Bingo following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

History Through The Beatles – Thursday, April 19 at our Holland Street Center starting at 12:00 p.m. Fran Hart of the 4EverFab group will be performing acoustic based songs of The Beatles along with a video slide show. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Bingo immediately following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Gatlinburg, TN & Ashville, NC – April 22 – 28 – 7 days – 6 nights \$909 per person double or \$1204 per person single – price includes transportation, lodging, 6 hotel breakfasts and 6 hotel dinners, Biltmore Estates with wine tasting, Dolly Parton’s Dixie Stampede, Hatfield & McCoy Dinner show, Ripley’s Aquarium and so much more. For additional info or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Nutrition Fair – Thursday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. There will be health screening, food demos, healthy eating tips, recipes, giveaways and more. Join us for a healthy lunch and bingo after. RSVP is a must. If you have any questions, require additional information or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Finger Lakes Region – Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 11th – 5 days and 4 nights - \$989 per person double or \$1389 per person single – includes transportation, lodging, 4 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 winery, 2 casinos and so much more. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mother’s Day Special Lunch & Bingo – Monday, May 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. \$5 fee includes lunch, coffee and dessert. Limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 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 information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

LGBTQ Lunch: Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 12.

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. 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 you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

De-cluttering support group - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This

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

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

Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women’s Group - Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women’s issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays: Fit-4-Life - Group A (exercise) - 8:45 a.m. / Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m./ Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) / Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) / Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) / Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

** Keep Moving Walking Club is on hiatus until the Spring

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Seniors' St. Patrick's Day Party

Somerville seniors enjoyed Irish festivities on March 19 at the Holiday Inn as Mayor Curtatone, Middlesex County DA Ryan and George Landers entertained with their Irish Singing Tour. The event was coordinated by the Council On Aging.



The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #149

The Paper Trail

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Somerville natives have always had words to say and listened to those who said them. Her roots go deeper than Boston's. On the eve of April 19, 1775, Somerville was the first to hear Paul Revere's warning as he rode up Winter Hill that the British regulars were on the move. The following January, General Washington raised the first American flag on Prospect Hill which was designed and delivered by Benjamin Franklin.



All three of these heroes were connected to printing. Revere owned a printing press in which he ran off early anti-English crown engravings. Franklin began his career as a printer's apprentice and later published his famous annual *Poor Richard's Almanac*. He proposed that his epitaph begin with "The body of B. Franklin, printer." Washington's face is on our currency and stamps and has become the most printed image in America. His writings about his rules to live by and his Washington war letters, which were written as commander in chief during the Revolution, were all well-read.

Somerville has a long history of news periodicals. On January 1, 1861, one of the earliest publications, *The Gem*, had a picture of General Washington and a sketch of his life in its first issue. Its author planned a measure of the newspaper to be pledged to history. About that time, another paper was launched having the interesting name of *Every Once in a While*.

In 1870, what was to become Somerville's longest running newspaper, *The Somerville Journal*, began its journey. One of its earliest editors was Russell Conwell, founder of Temple University and father of Somerville Mayor Leon Conwell. Conwell Street, Conwell Avenue and the former Conwell School were all named after them.



The popular Rosebud Diner in Davis Square derives its name from Orson Welles' movie, *Citizen Kane*, whose hero was a newspaper baron.

Bishop Benedict Fenwick, overseer of the burned Ursuline Convent in East Somerville, was the founder of the Catholic paper, *The Pilot*. Bishop Place, Fenwick Street, Benedict Avenue and Benedict Street bring the sad incident to mind.

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In lieu of flowers donations in Olga's memory can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St. Boston, MA 02114.



Daniel F. O'Meara

father of Kerri A. Zima and her husband Jeff of Marsh-field, Sean P. O'Meara and his wife Denise of New Boston, NH. Brother of Fred O'Meara and his wife Joan of Reading, Cathy Camuso of Medford and her late husband Alfred. Cherished Grandfather of Re-gan, Jocelyn, Kylie and Tristan. Retired Electrical Technician for Swiss Log, Corp.

Late Veteran US Air Force Vietnam Era and member of the George Dilboy Post #529, VFW Somerville.



Daniel F. O'Meara, 72, of Somerville March 13, 2018.

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Public Hearing on

Proposed Transfer Fee

Home Rule Petition

A Public Hearing on Proposed Transfer Fee Home Rule Pe-tition will be held Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m., at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., 2nd Floor, Aldermanic Chambers.

Go to the city's website to view the draft of the proposed Home Rule Petition: <https://www.somervillema.gov/transferfeehearing>.



Kate's Café LGBT dinner relocating to new venue

By Natham Lamb

After roughly four years at Ryles Jazz Club, the Kate's Café LGBT dinner is planning to relocate. But the monthly dinner party for LGBT elders isn't going far – it's actually just moving across the street to the S&S Restaurant in Cambridge, explained Café Coordinator Melissa Bryant. "We've gotten a lot of calls from people who were concerned about the future of Kate's Café, when word got out that Ryles is closing," said Bryant. "Fortunately, the family that owns Ryles has been a great partner, and we were able to relocate to another one of their venues nearby." Ryles co-owner Gary Mitchell confirmed plans to close the jazz club to the Boston Globe in late February, citing a desire to focus attention on the adjacent S&S Restaurant. The family has yet to announce a timeline for the sale, and Bryant said Kate's Cafe would continue to meet at Ryles until further notice. Established in 2010, Kate Café is coordinated by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES). The monthly social

event for LGBT elders, their friends, and caregivers is named in honor of former SCES Elder Care Advisor Kate Thomas, who was a passionate advocate of LGBT issues. Bryant is head of the SCES LGBT Task Force, which focuses on outreach and resources for LGBT older adults. She said Kate's Café has been a great community event that will continue for the foreseeable future. "SCES is dedicated to Kate's Café and we're hoping for a smooth transition," said Bryant. Kate's Café is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The dinner is \$4 for seniors (60+) and \$7 for people under 60. RSVP is required for the dinner, by calling 617-628-2601

x 3193 or emailing lgbtcafe@eldercare.org Transportation is available upon request for Cambridge and Somerville residents 60 and over who have difficulty taking public transportation or The Ride. Ryles Jazz Club is located at 212 Hampshire Street, Inman Square/Cambridge. Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

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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.

16 percent reduction in motor vehicle crashes: Last year we saw a 16 percent reduction in total motor vehicle crashes – with none of them resulting in fatalities – in Somerville. The year also represented a five-year low in motor vehicle crashes involving bicycles and a seven-year low in motor vehicle crashes involving pedestrians.

It's encouraging to see crashes trending in the right direction across the city, but we also know that there are still areas of concern and additional steps we must take to drive down rates of

accidents even further. For example, 46 percent of the motor vehicle crashes involving pedestrians in 2017 occurred when the pedestrian was in the crosswalk. With spring around the corner (hopefully!), we'll have even more people out walking and biking so it's important that we bolster our education efforts and continue to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving, biking, and walking. Stay tuned throughout the coming weeks for more information and tips on how you can safely share the road.

10 percent increase in turnout for Council on Aging programming: Although we're just about to wrap up the Quarter 2 of Fiscal Year 2018, we've already seen a 10 percent increase in turnout for Council on Aging programming compared to all four quarters of Fiscal Year 2017. And the Council on Aging shows no sign of slowing down anytime soon. In fact, they're adding 16 new programs in 2018, including health and wellness initiatives like therapy dog visits, cooking

classes, and swimming and water aerobics; social services like a mental health series, mindfulness group, and housing fair; and social events like picnic in the park and arts and crafts groups.

The Council on Aging aims to support the estimated 10,987 Somerville residents ages 60 and older and help make our city a great place to grow older. If you or an older adult you know are interested in services offered by the Council on Aging, visit www.somervillema.gov/departments/health-and-human-services/council-aging or contact the Director of the Council on Aging, Cindy Hickey, by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 or emailing chickey@somervillema.gov.

12 percent increase in Home Energy Assessments: Led by the City's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development and designed to aid efforts in the National Grid Community Initiative grant program, the Somerville Energy Efficiency Now! (SEEN) campaign prioritizes sustainability and encourages residents

to complete no-cost Mass Save Home Energy Assessments and home energy upgrades.

In 2016, Somerville residents completed over 500 no-cost Mass Save Home Energy Assessments and more than 500 home energy upgrades, exceeding the program goals and earning the City \$36,000 in grant funding and a reusable water bottle refilling station in Davis Square's Statue Park.

Last year saw a 50 percent increase in inquiry calls, a 12 percent increase in home energy assessments and upgrades, a 24 percent increase BTUs saved, and finally a whopping 741 percent increase in dollars saved. Additionally, the City earned about \$27,500 in grant funding for future energy program outreach and projects, for a combined total of about \$62,000 in funding between 2016 and 2017.

For more information on the SEEN initiative, visit www.somervillema.gov/seen.

11 licensed dogs named Jake: Of the 1,380 dogs currently licensed in Somerville, the name

Jake has come out on top as the most popular pooch name in the city with 11 of the licensed dogs answering to it. However, there's some close competition. Sadie came in at the number two spot with 10 licensed dogs under the name, while there are 9 dogs named Lola and Lucy and 8 dogs named Bella and Tucker.

As a reminder, the City does require the pet owners license their dogs. More information and the form can be found at www.somervillema.gov/departments/animal-control.

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 monthly 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.

Somerville's libraries are our common wealth on common ground



By William C. Shelton

Our Public Library represents only 1% of annual city expenses, but it may be the budget's most cost-effective line item. It stewards a wealth of assets that we all hold in common. And it exists as rare common ground in which the different Somervilles that comprise our city encounter each other.

An abundance of empirical studies from across the U.S. has found that public libraries deliver a return on investment (ROI) of between 4 and 10. That is, the economic value of the services that they provide is between four and ten times the cost of providing them. And the denser the population is that a library serves, the higher the ROI is that it delivers.

The depth and breadth of ser-

vices the Somerville Library provides is exceptional. Start with what is probably the most obvious, its physical collections of books, digital media, documents, databases, reference materials, and art. Add to that movies, music, and ebooks that you can stream 24/7. Last year, the Library loaned 360,000 items.

If you can't immediately find what you want in the stacks, your library card provides entrée to the Minuteman Network's 6 million items. And if that is still insufficient, you can access the Commonwealth Catalog, a statewide network of other library networks and colleges.

If you need help finding something, or deciding what to look for, reference librarians make every possible effort to deliver. They even provide one-to-one technology training – coaching seniors on smart-phones, kids on Microsoft Office, and researchers on digital media. And if you don't have a computer of your own, you can use one of the 28 in the Central Branch.

Libraries are among our most democratic institutions. Knowl-

edge is power, and our library offers knowledge to the wealthy and the homeless alike. Visit it and you'll find entrepreneurs researching their businesses, kids who have no other quiet space or computer access to do their homework, job seekers applying online, immigrants learning English, families investigating their genealogy, and homeowners planning renovations and gardens. It is our city's commitment to the cultural and intellectual wellbeing of all our citizens.

In fulfilling this commitment, library staff do not passively wait for patrons to darken their doors. They offer at least two free and open-to-the public programs every day, across a variety of locations, serving populations from preschool to retirement homes. "Books and Brews," for example, is a book club for people in their 20s and 30s that meets at the Aeronaut Brewing Company.

"Pop-up libraries" pop up at events like the Fluff Festival, National Night Out, Art Beat, farmer's markets, the Cambridge Health Alliance, and the Mystic

Learning Center. They can issue library cards and request check-out items. They bring along a mini bookcase with popular items, and if kids are present, they can conduct story times.

In an age of disintegrating communities and accelerating economic inequality, the Library has become innovative in its provision of nontraditional services. For some people, it is the only safe location where they can simply exist, without having to buy something. It's cool in summer, warm in winter, and contains resources to entertain, inform, and educate.

Accordingly, the library has contracted with Cambridge Health Alliance to provide referrals, intervention, and case management for vulnerable patrons who are dealing with homelessness, addiction, abuse, and mental health issues.

Another consequence of economic inequality is the "digital divide." Preparing, searching, and applying for a job often requires digital technology and internet access. Leading universities like Harvard and MIT, for example,

now offer free Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs). And some employers are hiring people based on their performance in such courses. But participation requires a computer, and the library can provide it.

Interestingly, while the internet has doomed many retailers, daily newspapers, magazines, and other enterprises, it has extended libraries' reach and assets. The Institute of Museum and Library Services finds that Internet users are 50 percent more likely to visit a public library than non-Internet users. And 91 percent of those who use libraries' online databases also visit in person.

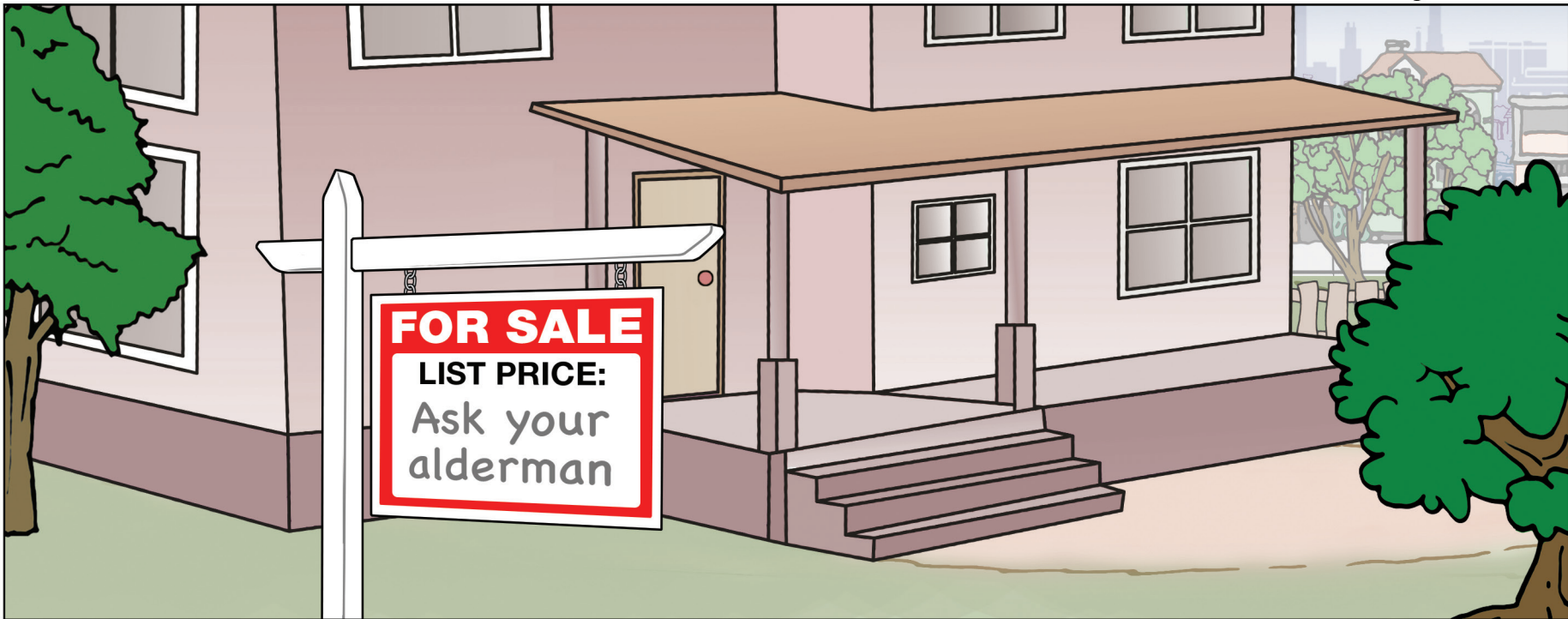
During the global financial meltdown ten years ago, I wrote a column reporting that Somerville was at risk of being decertified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners due to inadequate funding of our library. I am delighted to report that we are now fully compliant with regard to overall funding, hours of operation, and materials budget. Moreover, in 2016 city officials

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Can we even sell a house anymore?

Our View Of The Times



Something of an uproar has taken place in the home-owning community since a number of members of the Somerville Board of Aldermen began looking at a home rule petition proposal to impose a real estate transfer fee on property sales in the city.

Advocates of the plan say that the fee would discourage developers from "flip-

ping" houses and apartments, thus helping to keep families and individuals from being priced out of the city.

Critics feel that it is just another way to draw money from the public and would in fact do little to alleviate the difficulties facing those who seek mortgages or who are trying to sell their properties. In fact, some argue that the proposed fee would

only make the situation worse for sellers.

Aldermen who favor the proposal argue that the collected funds could go only to an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and would specifically target developers who are buying properties. Also, the Board is looking at exempting all owner-occupied 1, 2, and 3 family homes, as well as exempting any family trust transfers.

The proposal has a long way to go before it can – if it can – get off the ground. The specifics of the plan still need to be finalized, and then it will go forward to the State Legislature for further consideration as a home rule petition.

Those concerned with the issue should attend public hearings that have been scheduled to make their opinions known.

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will be **Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.**, at **City Hall**. We hear that this new Board of Aldermen just might find out that they will have awakened some that might disagree with them going for another tax grab. It seems like all the city can do since **Joe Curtatone** has been elected is not only raise your tax but find new ways to tax us, even now if you want to sell your home. The new Board leans very heavily to the left and they want as much money as they can grab from the residents. Show up for the public hearing and let your voices be heard, either way. But we have a suggestion if what the Board wants to do is to help middle income families stay: they can ask the state for more Section 8 housing grants. We think it's too late to save the middle incomers here in Somerville. Soon it will be two different classes of residents, the very poor and the very rich. Again, the middle income population will run from the city because of all the taxes that keep pounding the residents. The **City of Cambridge City Council** was proposing the same 1% tax on home sales that could also have been 2%, but the Cambridge property owners showed up at public hearings and made their voices heard and the Council voted the proposal down. Maybe the same thing will hap-

pen here in Somerville. Again, we think that no longer can voices go silent. Show the administration and the left leaning Board who it is they work for. It's called a transfer tax. Remember, once they vote on a tax affirmatively they will never do away with it. And aren't you upset that the sales tax was increased so that now the city of Somerville gets a part of the sales tax directly? Ask yourself how much more in taxes you want to pay.

At the latest **Board of Aldermen** meeting, **Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti** put forward a motion to have every property owner notified of the hearing, but was shot down by **Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis** and **Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen**, leading the charge to defeat transparency. With that the Board voted down Rossetti's motion. Imagine that, too costly to notify taxpayers that there is an order to increase their taxes. We can tell where this Board is headed. Nothing is sacred when it comes to taxing the public to feed the progressive machine.

Speaking of progressive leftists, a **well-known leader** in that community was arrested Tuesday in broad daylight for driving under the influence. She was

seen berating the police as she was handcuffed. Do you think she was yelling to the police "You know who I am?" We don't want to give her name because we're not nasty, but look for it in the **Somerville Police** arrest report, maybe next week.

Some of us remember when **Assembly Square** was being worked on and the **mayor and other parties** in the city were telling us that it will bring in revenue and keep taxes down. Now, name one time they lowered your taxes since Joe Curtatone has been mayor? Can you name all the creative ways that they raised taxes?

Happy birthday this week to the following; Happy birthday to good friend and former Somerville resident, now in the western part of Kansas, **Carolyn Calier**, a great lady. Happy birthday also to one of the famous Sullivans of Spring Hill, **Michael Sullivan**, now living in Worcester, is celebrating this week. A nice guy, we wish him the very best. Happy birthday to another former Spring Hill lady, **Rachael Hart-Adams**. We wish her the very best of birthdays, celebrating with her great family and, of course, with her son **Finn**. Happy birthday to great guy and lifelong resident – who knows where

all the money is – **Ed Bean** from Prospect Hill, who works at City Hall. Happy birthday to another lifelong resident, **Neil Gillis Sr.**, a knowledgeable Somerville history buff. Finally, to all those we might have missed we send birthday greetings for this week throughout Somerville and beyond.

Our condolences to the family of **Olga I. (Del Ponte) Beninati**, who recently passed away. What a sweet lady who was always full of smiles. Truly, a nice lady you just wanted to be friends with. She was married to her departed husband, **Salvatore Beninati**, whom in the day were just a nice couple. To her many family members and friends, we extend our sincere condolences. FYI, she was the devoted aunt of our own **Jimmy Del Ponte**. He thought the world of her.

Our condolences to the family of **Dan O'Meara**, who recently passed away, Dan was a good guy, with a great sense of humor. He will be missed by his large family and many friends he had here in Somerville. Our condolences to his lovely wife **Joan**, who was totally devoted to Dan through his illness these past few years. Dan and Joan would often be seen together with many

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Pizza, then Pi, and finally Pies

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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. Fifteen 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 more than 60,000 pies to schools and organizations celebrating pi day.

The organizers send out 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.somervillemathematics-fund.org or mathfund@gmail.com or call 617-666-0666.



Drawing a circle using a right angle.



Making Pi buttons.



Pitching pennies to determine which is a better challenge, a square in a circle or a circle in a square.



Drawing a circle using tangents.



Estimating how far a bike wheel will roll after 2 revolutions.



Taking a Pi Facts Quiz.

Photo courtesy of the Somerville Mathematics Fund



Free-hand Drawing of a perfect circle the size of a CD.



Graphing the diameter vs. the circumference of a circle.



Making Pi buttons.

Harlem Wizards vs. Somerville Schoolsters

The Harlem Wizards took on city staffers in a fundraising exhibition match with proceeds from the citywide event going to scholarships for Somerville High School Seniors.

It truly was a community event with multiple police officers, firefighters, alderman – current and prior – and school committee members. Mayor Curtatone and School Superintendent Mary Skipper were the "Somerville Schoolsters" coaches. Mayor Curtatone was introduced to the audience as "Sylvester Stallone." It was definitely one community enjoying an evening together!

This fun filled basketball game was hosted by the Somerville PTA Scholarship Committee and all of the PTA Units in the city.

The Harlem Wizards won the game with a final score of 52 to 31.



Photos by Mary Marshall and Caroline Rosas



SPORTS

2017-2018 MCSAO Champion Crowned

By Katie Harris

This year’s Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO) girls’ basketball season started with 21 schools divided into three divisions – North, Central and South. Any team with as many wins as losses or better during the regular season, regardless of division, would earn a berth in the MCSAO’s end of season championship state tournament. Nine teams qualified for this tournament. The Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards (14-1), the North Division regular season champion, qualified as the second seeded team – bested only by Community Charter School of Cambridge (14-0), the Central Division champion and the #1 seed. Additionally, PHA’s only loss this year was a 40-24 setback to Cambridge late in January. Last year, Community Char-

ter and Prospect Hill entered the tournament as the top two seeds, eliminated all other tournament qualifiers and squared off in the championship game. Community Charter walked away last March as state tournament champion besting Prospect Hill 45-43. Thus, the Lady Wizards had reached the state tournament championship game at the end of the last four MCSAO seasons and only wore the champion’s crown once – at the end of the 2015-2016 campaign. #9 KIPP Academy (8-5) started this year’s tournament with a first round game at #8 Boston Preparatory Charter (10-6). KIPP, with a 47-18 win, earned a quarter-final date with #1 Community Charter School of Cambridge. The other quarter-final clashes were #7 Foxborough Regional Charter (10-6) v. #2 Prospect Hill Academy, #6 Pioneer Charter School of Science in Saugus (9-3) v. #3 Roxbury Preparatory (12-2) and #5 Academy of the Pacific Rim in Hyde Park (13-4) v. #4 Boston’s Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers (14-4). Postponements due to weather moved all quarter-final games from the University of Massachusetts at Boston to home court games hosted by the four highest seeded teams. Community Charter prevailed 52-40. Prospect Hill eased to a 72-23 win. Roxbury Prep triumphed 70-53. Kennedy won 51-39. The PHA Lady Wizards were led in the quarter-finals by Junior forward Kaleesha Joseph with 31 points and 15 rebounds, Junior floor general Ashley Cadet with 16 points and 8 assists, 7th grade sharp-shooter Mia Mitchell with 9 points and 8th grade forward Raiana Vass with 6 points. Six days after originally scheduled, the semi-finals were held at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of U Mass Boston. The Lady Wizards were matched against the Roxbury Prep Wolves and the Community Charter Cougars faced off against the Kennedy Academy Huskies. The reigning champs and undefeated Cougars from Cambridge were stunned in overtime by the lower seeded Huskies 50-47. Prospect Hill stayed committed its task at hand despite Junior center Samaya Belizaire-Arrendel fouling out and several players getting into early foul trouble, including Joseph and back-up Senior center Imani Dottin. Most of Prospect Hills’ fouls were created trying to contain Roxbury’s



The 2017-2018 Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization State Tournament Champions, the Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards. — Photos by Correen Demers and Fatima Benmimoun

8th grade daredevil guard Taina Mair who slashed and dashed her way to 23 total points. PHA stayed on course with a 77-51 semi-final win led by Cadet with 39 points and 8 assists and Joseph with 29 points and 17 rebounds. With U Mass Boston again unavailable, the MCSAO state tournament championship game, which pitted Prospect Hill Academy against Edward M. Kennedy, was moved to KIPP Academy, a neutral site gym in Lynn. This was Prospect Hill’s fifth straight appearance in the title tilt. Kennedy moved out to a stunning early lead of 12-1 on four made three-point shots. In the first half, Prospect Hill could not whittle into this eleven-point lead and was down 24-13 at the half-time buzzer. Coach Brian Harris and his coaching staff—long-time assistants John Collins, Correen Demers and Katie Harris, together with cousins and first year assistants Tashi and Renay Hamilton – came up with a creative and experimental defensive plan that the team had never practiced. Furthermore, every player, individually and collectively, was asked to commit 100% to the questionable plan. The second half started, the bench continuously chanted “Defense, defense, defense”. Prospect Hill put together a series of defensive stops followed by fast-break lay-ups by several players and made 3-pointers from Cadet and Mitchell. Eight minutes, and three time-outs used by EMK, into the second half, the Lady Wizards had outscored the Huskies 19-4 and were up by four points. When the final buzzer sounded, Prospect Hill (17-1 overall) was on the winning end of a final score of 46-37 led by Cadet with 20 points and Joseph with 17 points. Five minutes later, Prospect Hill’s five seniors – Fabiana Paul, Semhar Habtom, Imani Dottin, Carla Minoche and Thais Velasquez – stepped up to half court to receive the trophy as 2017-2018 Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization State Tournament Champions. Additionally, the team received a plaque designating Prospect Hill the 2017-2018 undefeated MCSAO North Division Champions (10-0). Cadet and Belizaire-Arrendel were recognized as North Division All-Stars. Joseph received hardware as the “Most Outstanding Player” of the North Division for the second consecutive year. Coach Harris collected his fourth award in five years as the North Division “Coach of the Year.”

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who did Poet Dorothy Parker bequeath her estate to when she died?

2. What is the difference between white and green asparagus?

3. In what movie did Elvis Presley play the son of an Native American family?

4. What is the name of the whaling ship in *Moby Dick*?

5. What kind of bird is Tweety Pie?

6. What kind of plant produces bananas?

7. What does the sign on Winnie the Pooh's house say?

8. Where is Cobra Beer manufactured?

9. In what year did the Chicago Cubs win the World Series to end a 108-year World Series championship drought?

10. What character did Michael J. Fox play in the movie *Back to the Future*?

11. What actress was the author of *Nibbles and Me*?

12. What is the strongest sense of a bear?

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Removal of Public Shade Trees

City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Albert F. Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St, Somerville, MA**, to consider the removal of the following public shade tree(s):

1.

9 Union Square – removal of 16 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

2.

9 Union Square – removal of 11 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

3.

9 Union Square – removal of 12 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

4.

66 Union Square Plaza – removal of 3 inch diameter Littleleaf Linden for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

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6.

66 Union Square Plaza – removal of 4 inch diameter Littleleaf Linden for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

7.

66 Union Square Plaza – removal of 10 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

8.

290 Somerville Ave – removal of 18 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

9.

290 Somerville Ave – removal of 20 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

10.

90 Union Square – removal of 13 inch diameter Linden for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

11.

267-271 Somerville Ave – removal of 7 inch diameter Red Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

12.

267-271 Somerville Ave – removal of 5 inch diameter Red Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

13.

267-271 Somerville Ave – removal of 7 inch diameter Red Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

14.

D2 Parcel – removal of 10 inch diameter Honeylocust for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

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16.

4 Milk Pl – removal of 12 inch diameter Norway Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

17.

261 Somerville Ave – removal of 11 inch diameter Norway Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

18.

248 Somerville Ave – removal of 13 inch diameter Norway Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

19.

244 Somerville Ave – removal of 12 inch diameter Norway Maple for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

20.

255 Somerville Ave – removal of 3 inch diameter Zelkova for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

21.

227 Somerville Ave – removal of 12 inch diameter London Plane for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

22.

227 Somerville Ave – removal of 10 inch diameter London Plane for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

23.

229 Somerville Ave – removal of 15 inch diameter London Plane for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

24.

218 Somerville Ave – removal of 6 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

25.

218 Somerville Ave – removal of 4 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

26.

217 Somerville Ave – removal of 13 inch diameter London Plane for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

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217 Somerville Ave – removal of 9 inch diameter London Plane for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

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31.

203 Somerville Ave – removal of 13 inch diameter Linden for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

32.

203 Somerville Ave – removal of 4 inch diameter Tree Lilac for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

33.

212 Somerville Ave – removal of 10 inch diameter Single Oak for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

34.

210 Somerville Ave – removal of 10 inch diameter Single Oak for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

35.

206 Somerville Ave – removal of 8 inch diameter Callery Pear for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

36.


174 Somerville Ave – removal of 6 inch diameter Honeylocust for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

37.

174 Somerville Ave – removal of 11 inch diameter Honeylocust for construction of the Somerville Ave Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing prior to or during the hearing. Letters should be addressed to: Somerville City Arborist, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA. 02143; or emailtrees@somervillema.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA.**

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the url associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.***

1 Earle Street (A.K.A. 2 Harding Street MBL 97-B-19) – Boynton Yards Building 1 (PB2018-03): Applicant & Owner, RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.2 to replace an existing gravel storage lot with an 8-story commercial building containing 139,000sf of office/retail/R&D uses with a 14,000sf basement. Parking relief under §9.13, a waiver under §9.17 for shared loading docks is also requested. A Variance from the ZBA under SZO §5.5 for exceeding maximum building height, increased F.A.R, and reduced parking is separately requested (ZBA2018-20). Zone TOD-55. Ward 2.

2 Earle Street (A.K.A. MBL 97-B-26 subplot of 153 South Street) – Boynton Yards Building 2 (PB2018-04): Applicant & Owner, RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.2 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 with parking relief under §9.13, a waiver under §9.17 for shared loading docks is also requested. A Variance from the ZBA under SZO §5.5 for reduced parking is separately requested (ZBA2018-21). Zone TOD-135. Ward 2.

130 Broadway (PB 2018-05): Applicant and Owner, 130 Broadway LLC c/o Jon Pucker, seeks a special permit under SZO §6.5.D.5.a to make façade alterations to the existing structure other than a one-for-one replacement of signage to place signage decals on the temporary vestibules. CCD-55 Zone. Ward 1.

292 Beacon Street (PB 2018-06): Applicant and Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a determination from the Planning Board on a repetitive petition under SZO §3.2.11 and M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 16 that there are specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the pervious unfavorable action (ZBA 2007-11-R3-3/2017) by the Zoning Board of Appeals was based. RC Zone. Ward 2.

1 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 1: <http://eepurl.com/doHy5f>
2 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 2: <http://eepurl.com/doHATb>
130 Broadway: <http://eepurl.com/doJIZP>
292 Beacon St.: <http://eepurl.com/doJIAR>

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

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 2018

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00pm**, in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

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

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

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

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


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

NOTE: In preparation for this public hearing, the City Administration introduced the code at joint meetings of the Land Use Committee and Planning Board on January 31, 2018 and February 13, 2018. Video recordings of these meetings are available at www.somervillezoning.com. In further preparation for this public hearing, the City Administration and Land Use Committee may further discuss the overhaul at public meetings prior to the April 3, 2018 public hearing. Agendas for these meetings will be posted on-line at www.somervillecityma.igmp2.com, and video will be posted on-line after the meeting at www.somervillezoning.com.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board
Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, BOA Land Use Committee
To be published in the Somerville Times on March 14, 2018 and March 21, 2018

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Request for Information (RFI)
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Request for Information (RFI) may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/personnel/employee-wellness> or from the Personnel Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **Monday, March 19th, 2018**. Responses will be received at the above office until, **Monday, March 26th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**

The City of Somerville’s Personnel Department, is seeking information from innovative companies that can offer a quick, simple and convenient way for Somerville’s City and School Employees to order daily lunches from a diverse menu and delivered to a pre-designated central location.

Please contact Candace Cooper at ccooper@somervillema.gov for more information.

Candace Cooper
Director of Personnel
617-625-6600 x3310

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

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN
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 4, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA.**

*** Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the URL associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.***

1 Earle Street (A.K.A. 2 Harding Street MBL 97-B-19): – Boynton Yards Building 1 (ZBA2018-20): Applicant & Owner, RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC, seeks a Variance under SZO \$5.5 for exceeding maximum building height, increased F.A.R, and reduced parking in order to replace an existing surface parking lot with a 10-story commercial building containing 139,000sf of office/retail/R&D uses with a 14,000sf basement. A Special Permit with Site Plan Review from the Planning Board under SZO \$5.2 (PB2018-03) is separately requested. Zone TOD-55. Ward 2.

2 Earle Street (A.K.A. MBL 97-B-26 sublot of 153 South Street): – Boynton Yards Building 2 (ZBA2018-21): Applicant & Owner, RECP V Boynton Yards Owner LLC, seeks a Variance under SZO \$5.5 for reduced parking in order to replace an existing gravel storage lot with a 9-story commercial building containing 224,300sf of office/ R&D uses and 10,700sf of retail/arts-related uses. A Special Permit with Site Plan Review from the Planning Board under SZO \$5.2 (PB2018-04) is separately requested. Zone TOD-135. Ward 2.

102 Heath Street (ZBA 2018-06): Applicant, Craig Scanzio, and Owner, 102 Heath Street, LLP, seek a special permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by adding one-bedroom to each of the three units and a special permit under SZO \$9.13 for parking relief. RB Zone. Ward 4.

29 Knowlton Street (ZBA 2018-14): Applicant, Eric Parkes, and Owners, Chris and May Devers, seek a special permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a roof deck above an existing 2nd story portion of the structure. RB Zone. Ward 1.

28 Sterling Street (ZBA 2018-29): Applicant David A. Placey of Franca Enterprise Services, Inc., and Owner 28 Sterling Street LLC, seek a special permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing two dormers, finishing a portion of the basement, and installing a spiral staircase in the rear. RA Zone. Ward 7.

166 Walnut Street (ZBA 2018-28): Applicant, Anthony Adam of A. Adam Construction, and Owners, Aaron Liebhaber and Dan Feinstein, seek a special permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a bulkhead door within the front yard. RB Zone. Ward 4.

88 Dover Street (ZBA 2015-82-E1-2/2018): Applicant, Sing Cheung, and Owners, Nam Cheung, Sing Cheung, and So Ling Sheung, seek to extend a Special Permit by one year under \$5.3.10 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 6.

241 School Street (ZBA 2018-31): Applicants John Topalis and Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 241 School Street, LLC, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1of the SZO to alter a non-conforming structure, including increasing the FAR by more than 25%. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RA zone. Ward 4.

130 Walnut Street (ZBA 2018-39): Applicant, Justin Rank of 134 Walnut Street, seeks an Administrative Appeal under \$3.1.9, \$3.2, and \$3.2.3 of the SZO and M.G.L. Chapter 40A §8 of a decision by the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to issue a building permit for the property at 130 Walnut Street. The owner of 130 Walnut Street is Garrett Realty. RB zone. Ward 4.


1 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 1: <http://eepurl.com/doHy5f>
2 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 2: <http://eepurl.com/doHATb>
102 Heath St.: <http://eepurl.com/doJi6b>
29 Knowlton St.: <http://eepurl.com/doJkEb>
28 Sterling St.: <http://eepurl.com/doJkZD>
166 Walnut St.: <http://eepurl.com/doJliT>

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: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
As published in The Somerville Times on 3/21/18 & 3/28/18.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 18-58D

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

Repairs, maintenance and/or replacement to overhead doors

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, March 14, 2018.** Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **04/05/2018 at 11:00A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 04/10/2018 through 04/09/2019, with two one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

A 5% bid deposit is required. Prevailing wage applies to this procurement.

For more information, please contact Prajkta Waditwar: pwaditwar@somervillema.gov

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

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Live out all your childhood circus dreams at AirCRAFT Aerial Arts

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close friendships. The community created at AirCRAFT has led to wedding guests and children attending classes whose mothers were training when they were pregnant.


Currently, in their spring session (which runs through the end of April), AirCRAFT’s sessions meet eight times, once a week. They do monthly performances at their studio and other locations. People who aren’t sure if they want to sign up for the session can take a 90-minute “taster” class to learn the basic skills it takes to hang on the different kinds of apparatuses.

“It’s very gentle, even going upside down on the silks,” Maio said. “It’s amazing, people are in disbelief that it’s gonna support them but it does.”

She said the hardest part is hanging from unexpected parts of your body, like the heels, toes, neck or elbows.

“The most difficult thing is like putting your arm behind your back,” she said. “The drops are exciting, but they’re not so hard.”

Anyone interested in getting more information on the studio can visit www.aircraftaerialarts.com.



AirCRAFT Aerial Arts opened in 2009.

— Photo by Emily Blackwood

Somerville’s libraries are our common wealth on common ground

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came to agreement with the union to hire some additional five-to-six librarians to get back to pre-recession staffing levels.

Meanwhile, plans are near completion to update, repair, and make fully accessible the West Branch. It will have a dedicated multipurpose room for hosting programs and events, and two conference rooms that can be used for meetings, study, and related uses. Other improvements include a new children’s room, modern equipment and furnishings, a restored skylight, and, potentially, restoration of two fireplaces.

The Central and East Branches will also get new furnishings, including new lounge chairs. And a new service desk in the children’s room will be at a kids-level height.

So we’re moving in the right direction. Our library is a precious gift that we give to ourselves and our neighbors. Let’s be generous.

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Section 00.11.00
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The **Somerville Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **200-2 Replace VCT in Stairwells and Landings at 10 Buildings, #274116** in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **Winslow Architects Inc..**

The Project consists of: Replacement of existing VCT at common hallways and stair landings in 10 buildings.

The work is estimated to cost **\$152,000.**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

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

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 PM on Wednesday, 11 April 2018** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until on and publicly opened online, forthwith.

SUBTRADES

NONE

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

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

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

There is a plan deposit of **\$50.00** per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to [BidDocs ONLINE Inc.](http://www.biddocsonline.com)

Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority.

Additional sets may be purchased for **\$50.00**

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

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.**

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:
Date and Time: Wednesday, 28 March 2018 at 9:00 AM
Address: 40B Memorial Road,
Somerville MA 02145, Somerville
Instructions: Meet at Front Entry to Building 40B.

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:
Somerville Housing Authority
30 Memorial Road
Somerville, MA 02145
617-625-1152

Nashoba Blue Inc.
433 Main Street
Hudson, MA 0174
978-568-1167

Section 00.21.00
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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

ARTICLE 1 - BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

1.1 Each General Bidder or Sub-bidder (hereinafter called the **"Bidder"**) by making a bid or sub-bid (hereinafter called **"bid"**) represents that:
1. The Bidder has read and understands the Contract Documents and the bid is made in accordance therewith.
2. The Bidder has visited the site and is familiar with the local conditions under which the Work has to be performed.

1.2 Failure to so examine the Contract Documents and site will not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under the bid as submitted.

ARTICLE 2 - GENERAL BIDDER'S AND FILED SUB-BIDDER'S CERTIFICATION

2.1 General bids shall be submitted with the following:
1. A Certificate of Eligibility on the appropriate form prescribed and issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder is eligible to bid on projects of this size in the specified category of work; and
2. A Contractor Update Statement, DCAMM Form CQ3.
3. The Contractor Update Statement (CQ3) is not a public record as defined in DCAMM regulation 810 CMR 8.06 and will not be open to public inspection.

2.2 Advertised Filed sub-bids shall be submitted with the following:
1. A Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility on the appropriate form prescribed and issued by DCAMM showing that the sub-bidder is eligible to bid on public projects in the specified category of work; and
2. A Sub-Bidder Update Statement on a form prescribed by DCAMM.

2.3 It is the Sub-Bidder's responsibility to obtain the necessary forms from DCAMM and make application in sufficient time for evaluation of the application and issuance of a Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility prior to bid.

2.4 The Sub-Bidder Update Statement is not a public record as defined in DCAMM regulation 810 CMR 8.06 and will not be open to public inspection.

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of their friends around the city. We also will miss him.

The **Somerville City Club** is looking to increase its membership. For the time being, membership is open to any resident here in the city. It's a great organization that has been around a long time, with lots of activities that support local charitable groups. Contact the club on Innerbelt Road across from Holiday Inn for more details.

We heard that **Mayor Joe** had very few people turn out at his recent fundraiser on March 7. Very few department heads and appointed employees of the city. Some who were present were shocked at the low turnout. What do you think the mayor thought of it? We bet names were taken of those that weren't there, but who moved out of the city. Some very interesting appointments too. Some might consider them family appointments.

It looks like our own **Congressman Mike Capua-no** has a fight on his hands this year. A popular **Boston City Councilor** is running against him. We think it's important to keep Mike as our congressman. He's former mayor of Somerville and was actually a pretty good one, we think. We hear he's mustering up and dusting off the troops for a hard fought campaign. We remember when he first ran he literally had hundreds of volunteers, so expect the same this time. Mike Capuano has always been a faithful and loyal congressman helping out many here in the district. We like him.

The **Green Line Extension (GLX) project public meeting** recently scheduled for **March 21**, has been rescheduled due to weather. The new meeting date is **Wednesday, March 28**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the **Somerville High School Auditorium**, 81 Highland Avenue. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an outlook on construction activities planned in the coming months. For more information on the GLX project, please visit www.greenlineextension.org. For questions or comments email: info@glxinfo.com.

Tufts University will hold a **Community Presentation** on **Wednesday, April 25**, to inform community members about programs and resources available to them and to provide an overview of recently completed and upcoming projects. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in **Breed Hall**, 51 Winthrop St., and is open to the public. After the presentation, neighbors will be invited to ask questions and offer comments. The event was previously scheduled for March 21 but was rescheduled due to snow. The presenters will include: **Barbara Stein, Vice President of Operations; Stanley, Director of Campus Planning; Robert Chihade, Director of Real Estate; Barbara Rubel, Director of Government & Community Relations (Somerville); and Rocco DiRico, Director of Government & Community Relations (Medford).** The event will be hosted by the **Office of Government & Community Relations** at Tufts University. Light refreshments will be served, so RSVPs are appreciated. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Office of Government & Community Relations at 617-627-3780.

Be sure to visit us online at
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and on Facebook at
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18th Annual Irish Film Festival kicks off this Thursday

Join in this Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., for the Opening of the 18th Annual Irish Film Festival, Boston, as the Somerville Theatre presents two award-winning films, then enjoy the after-party at Orleans Restaurant.

The program features *Kissing Candice*, the directorial debut feature film from Aoife McArdle, shot on location in Ireland, following her multiple award winning short film Every Breaking Wave, commissioned by Bono, U2 and Jefferson Hack. Recipient of the Festival's Breakthrough Feature Award.

Also playing with *Kissing Candice* is Director Paul Horan's *Bless Me Father*, winner of the Festival's Most Inspiring Short Award. Bless Me Father is the first film by writer/director Paul Horan.

For more information about the Festival, go to: irishfilmfestival.com.



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|March 21

Central Library
Wilson reading tutoring
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Somerville Positive Forces
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
PreK Puppet Story Time!
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday|March 22

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Lego Club!
3:30 p.m. -5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday|March 23

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

Monday|March 26

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

West Branch Library
Kids' Book Club
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday|March 27

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Somerville High School Anime Club
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Somerville Little League
6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 28

Central Library
Wilson reading tutoring
9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Preschool Story Time!
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|March 21

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.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The A-Beez
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Nico Rivers|8 p.m.
Maxwell Bailey|9 p.m.
Tory Silver|10 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Red Cross Blood Drive

2 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall
The Art of Taxes with Huntington Tax Partners
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Keith Harkin of Celtic Thunder
6:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

Thursday|March 22

Sally O’Brien’s
Forrest Pettengill Songwriters Feature|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Melody Stanford Jazz Combo with Andy Lantz |7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Icon For Hire
Makeout, Courage My Love
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Ken Clark Organ Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Friday|March 23

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
Ghosts & Shadows, Dots On Dice, Grand Undoing, Lady Pilot \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Simona Minns |7 p.m.
Cover Up|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Sonic Red, Resonate, Large Bodies, Capt’n Martini&the KeyStoners
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s
Hi-Fi Monk
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Casey’s
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Music of Traffic John Barleycorn Must Live
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Plutonians!|6:30 p.m.
Ghost Town|8:30 p.m.
Flamenco Boston|10:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.
Murder Night: A Rock Opera|9 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Rick Drost, Colette O’Connor & Ric Allendorf
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|March 24

Sally O’Brien’s
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
John E Funk & The Skunks last show, Pineapple Jam, Boagrius \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Evan Goodrow|7 p.m.
Scattershot|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s
Petrossi & Surnames
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road
Booty Vortex (Funk/Disco)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Eight Tracks|7 p.m.
Hollie Cook|8 p.m.
Flying Vipers
156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
Guitar Stop Spring Recital
3 p.m.|Café
Urbanity Dance Adult Winter Showcase
6:30p.m.|Performance Hall
Broad Appeal
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.
Murder Night: A Rock Opera|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|March 25

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m.
Jessie Banhazi with Luddy Mussy|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
The April Verch Band|4 p.m.
Marty O’Reilly and The Old Soul Orchestra|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road
Americana Sundays w/ Blame The Whiskey
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Rock for Rights|1 p.m.
Will Hatch & Co.|5 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
JCC with the PJ Library Presents: Project "Unleavened" Bread
10 a.m.|Performance Hall
Wildflower Trio
11 a.m.|Café
Bowery Boston Presents: Neil Hilborn
7 p.m.|Performance Hall
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Crawlspace LIVE!
6 p.m.|255 Elm St

Monday|March 26

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

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Thunder Road
War Twins
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Savtones
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|March 27

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

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room: Noel Hill|7:30 p.m.
Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Metal Yoga with Black Widow Yoga|6:30 p.m.
Heavy Metal Tuesday|8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

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

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

The Rockwell
Lucy Rose
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday|March 28

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.
Night Tree: with Jenna Moynihan|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Mega Ran
Sammus, None Like Joshua
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Gallerist|8 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Somerville Community Corporation Annual Meeting & Dinner
5:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
notloB Music Presents: Ethan Setiawan and Minnie Jordan
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|March 21

Central Library
Medicare 101
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 22

Central Library
Mindfulness & Yoga for Staff
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Family Game Night
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Drop In Knitting
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

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

Saturday|March 24

Central Library
Stand up comedy writers group
11 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Bagel Bards
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 25

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

Monday|March 26

Central Library
Smith College School for Social Work Field Seminar
5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|March 27

Central Library
Fair Housing Commission Meeting
1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Somerville Little League
6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 28
Central Library
Mystery Book Club
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

New England’s new era of talent is pulling up

The New Era of New England (NE-ONE - pronounced “anyone”) has announced the lineup for its highly anticipated third installment of The Pull Up. After a brief hiatus, #ThePullUpNE recruited a plethora of New England based talents, headlined by Latrell James, to mark its return. Happening on Friday March 30, at ONCE Ballroom in Somerville, #ThePullUpNE doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with an advanced cover charge of \$15.



As Co-Founder Marquis Neal said in the Boston Metro story, “Audiences want to see them [artists] be stars on the stage. They want to see them in their moment. Because these guys haven’t had the chance to have that moment yet.” #ThePullUpNE has proven to be successful in providing that moment for artists to shine and propel themselves into the shared space of recognizable acts.

To produce a memorable show, NEONE has partnered with Live Free or Die, (LFOD) Radio, and Mass Apparel, a creative compound based in Allston, MA, to create pop-up shops throughout ONCE Ballroom. The Pull Up has enlisted the following artists to perform: Latrell James; Kaovanny; Lily Rayne; Mike Wyche & Inspektah; Deco Fam; Philly G & Baylen; Lord Felix; Boogie Da God; and Where’s Nasty? (DJ).

The New Era of New England is a concert promotion company based out of Boston with a mission to shed a much-needed light on the talented artists and bands from the region. Founded in 2016, NEONE has happily invited hundreds of artists and fans to take part in transforming their live music experience. For tickets go to: <http://thepullup.splashthat.com>.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

Charles Taylor, Somerville resident and alderman, launched *The Boston Globe* newspaper and also owned the Boston Red Sox and built Fenway Park. *The Somerville Gazette*, *The Somerville Sentinel*, and *The Somerville Citizen* followed this newspaper, and in 1874, *The Somerville Chronicle* was a self-described publication that was independent of all parties and subservient to no cliques.

In 1887, the first female-published newspaper, *The Home Life*, was printed and became a best seller. Later that year, Somerville’s Robert Luce, long-time Congressman and Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor, published *The Writer*. Early publications were the original *Somerville News*, *The Somerville Truth*, *The Author*, and *The West Somerville Reporter*. Others were Somerville High School’s yearbook, *The Radiator*, and Tufts University’s student newspaper, *The Observer*.

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Panel: Understanding Net Neutrality and the Future of Our Internet

Beyond Boston – Regional News Show presents.... Understanding Net Neutrality and the Future of Our Internet: A Panel Discussion & Q and A.

This panel is held on Thursday, March 29th from 7-8:30pm at Malden Senior Center (7 Washington St, Malden, MA 02148). It is no surprise that a free, open, and accessible internet is vital to our modern democracy. To ensure such protections, net neutrality rules were created to make sure all internet traffic is treated equally and enables freedom of the press, expression, and speech in the digital age. Despite the clear importance of net neutrality, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to eliminate net neutrality and change the way Americans access the internet. We invite the public to attend this panel discussion to learn more about Net Neutrality, our Internet future and what efforts are taking place to fight against this war on information access.

MODERATORS:

Jason Pramas
Executive Editor, DigBoston
Network Director, Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Guillermo Hamlin
Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, MATV
Clerk, Somerville Media Center

PANELISTS:

Evan Greer, Campaign Director, Fight For The Future
Jordan Berg Powers, Executive Director, Mass Alliance
Cara Lisa Berg Powers, Executive Director, Transformative Culture Project
Representative Michael E. Capuano, Net Neutrality Advocate & Policymaker

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS:

Beyond Boston is a collaboration of regional community media centers whose mission is to bring awareness to topics that have impact and relevance beyond their own communities. This cohort produces a monthly regional news magazine spotlighting reporting from Boston, MA area community access centers – including Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) in Brookline, MA, Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) in Cambridge, MA, Malden Access TV (MATV) in Malden, MA and MA, Somerville Media Center (SMC/SCATV) in Somerville – in partnership with BINJ.

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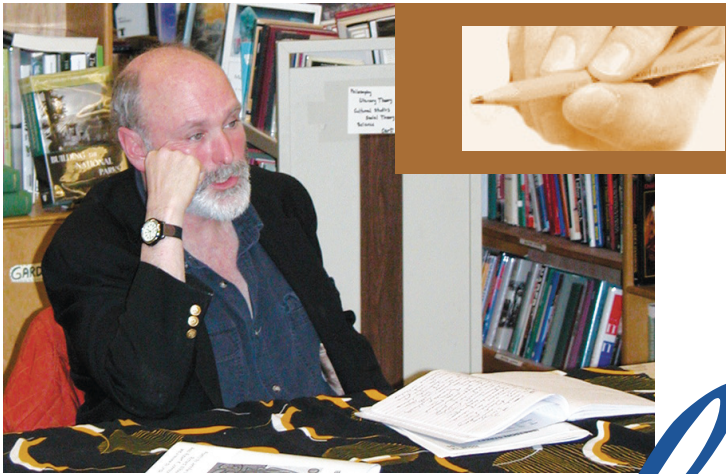
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7:00am	Wide Angle	10:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	Beyond Boston	11:00am	Beyond the Badge
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	11:00pm	DIWHY the show	6:30pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Friday March 23		7:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
9:00am	DW Global 3000	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:30pm	SOM ARTS	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	4:00pm	DW Euromaxx
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	4:30pm	NASA TV
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	10:00am	NASA TV	Sunday March 25		6:00pm	SMC youth Media
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	11:00am	SOM ARTS	12:00am	Flotilla	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	7:30pm	SMC Presents
4:00pm	NASA TV	1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	3:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:00pm	Physicians Focus	1:30pm	Physicians focus	6:00am	NASA TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Going Postal	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	10:00pm	Donnie steubins
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7:00pm	Donnie Steubins	3:00pm	Democracy Now	6:00am	NASA TV	Tuesday March 27	
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	4:00pm	Gay USA	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	8:00am	Tele Magazine	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
9:30pm	SMC Member Submissions	5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:00am	DW Euromaxx
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	6:00pm	The Boston Medium	10:00am	Art and Ideas	7:30am	Esoteric Science
10:30pm	Ojo Rojo	6:30pm	The Real Estate Answers Show	10:30am	DW Conflict Zone	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
Thursday, March 22		8:00pm	The Grandstanders	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	SMC Roundtable
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	8:30pm	Greater Somerville	12:30pm	Effort Pour Christ	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
1:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	SOM Arts	1:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	Cambridge Calendar	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:30am	Beyond the Badge
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm	African Television Network	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe	11:00pm	Totally Working Out	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:00pm	Words on Film
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:30pm	Totally Working Out	5:00pm	SMC Member Submissions	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today	Saturday March 24		5:30pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Hello Neighbor	12:00am	DIWHY The Show	6:00pm	The Grandstanders	4:00pm	Perils for Pedestrians
10:00am	The Kamla Show	1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	6:30pm	The Real Estate Answers Show	4:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media
10:30am	Somerville Pundits	2:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Gay USA	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Art and Ideas	5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	8:00pm	New England Pride TV	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
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1:00pm	The Somerville Line	8:00am	Democracy Now	10:00pm	The Boston Medium	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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6:30pm	Greater Somerville	1:00pm	African Television Network	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash
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		4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?		The Stephanie Miller Show		

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Wednesday, March 21							
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	9:00am	Rally Point	9:30pm	Haitian Cultural Celebration	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 3.22.18
9:00am	Middlesex County Update	9:30am	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	11:00pm	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	Rally Point
9:30am	Talking Business	11:30am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	Sunday, March 25		7:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
11:30am	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	1:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00am	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	7:30pm	Middlesex County Update
1:00pm	SomerViva en Español	1:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	12:30am	Rally Point	8:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
1:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.19.18	2:00pm	Multilingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	1:00am	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	9:03pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	2:30am	SomerViva en Espanol	10:30pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year
7:02pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	7:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol	9:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	Tuesday, March 27	
7:30pm	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	7:30pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - March 2018	12:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
8:37pm	Talking Business	8:33pm	Middlesex County Update	12:30pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	1:03am	Talking Business
9:00pm	SomerViva en Español	9:02pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	1:46pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	1:30am	Middlesex County Update
9:30pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	9:30pm	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	2:00pm	SomerViva em Português	2:00am	BOA Finance Committee
11:00pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:37pm	Talking Business	2:32pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017
Thursday, March 22		11:00pm	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	Middlesex County Update	9:00am	Rally Point
12:00am	BOA Legislative Matters Committee	Saturday, March 24		7:00pm	Senior Circuit - March 2018	9:30am	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
8:30am	Fit-4-Life #6 2017	12:00am	Middlesex County Update	7:30pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00pm	Senior Circuit - March 2018
9:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	12:30am	School Committee Meeting - 3.19.18	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	12:30pm	BOA Finance Committee
11:30am	SomerViva em Português	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 3.22.18	6:30pm	Middlesex County Update
12:00pm	Senior Circuit - March 2018	9:00am	Middlesex County Update	Monday, March 26		7:00pm	Senior Circuit - March 2018
12:32pm	Middlesex County Update	9:30am	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am	Senior Circuit - March 2018	7:00pm	Senior Circuit - March 2018
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	11:30am	Rally Point	12:30am	SomerViva en Espanol	7:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	1:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	8:00pm	BOA Finance Committee
Friday, March 23		1:03pm	SomerViva en Espanol	2:03am	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	Wednesday, March 28	
12:00am	School Committee Meeting - 3.19.18	1:33pm	BOA Legislative Matters Committee	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	12:00am	Senior Circuit - March 2018
8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017	6:30pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	9:00am	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	12:30am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
		8:00pm	Gov't Affairs Breakfast	11:30am	Rally Point	2:00am	Gov't Affairs Breakfast
		9:07pm	Talking Business				

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Wednesday, March 21							
9:00am	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair	6:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - ESCS	4:00pm	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	4:00pm	SHS Hockey v Lynn C.
9:30am	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	7:00pm	SHS Student Health Survey 2018	6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott	5:30pm	Our Schools, Our City-The New SHS
10:00am	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott	8:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Matignon	7:30pm	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden	6:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Gloucester
12:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester	9:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	9:15pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Beverly	7:30pm	Healey School Winter Concert
2:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers	11:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett	10:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	8:30pm	SHS Student Health Survey 2018
3:30pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	Friday, March 23		11:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford	10:00pm	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters
5:00pm	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair	12:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Healey School	Sunday, March 25		Tuesday, March 27	
5:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	1:00am	Public Domain Theater	1:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	12:00am	WSNS Winter Concert 2018
6:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Swampscott	9:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere	3:00am	Public Domain Theater	1:00am	Argenziano School Winter Concert
8:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Gloucester	10:30am	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair	9:00am	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	2:00am	SHS Hockey vs Gloucester
10:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Danvers	11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Arlington	11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball @ Woburn	9:00am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School
11:30pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	1:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs MC	1:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball @ Danvers	9:30am	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair
Thursday, March 22		2:30pm	Talk with MA History Teacher of the Year	2:30pm	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge	10:00am	Argenziano School MLK Concert
1:00am	SHS Hockey vs Latin Academy	4:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball @ Danvers	4:00pm	WSNS Winter Concert 2018	11:00am	SHS Hockey vs Cambridge
2:30am	Argenziano School MLK Concert	5:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	5:00pm	Harlem Wizards v Somerville Schoolsters	12:30pm	The Bilingual Brain Symposium
9:00am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School	6:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere	7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball @ Woburn	2:00pm	SHS Hockey vs Gloucester
9:30am	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Brown School	7:30pm	SFLC Summer Camp & Activities Fair	9:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball @ Danvers	3:30pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS
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5:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - Kennedy School	10:30am	SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden	12:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	Wednesday, March 28	
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6:00pm	Student of the Qtr. Awards - WSNS	1:30pm	Somerville Recreation Activities Fair	2:30pm	Our Schools, Our City-The New SHS	2:00am	Public Domain Theater
		2:00pm	SHS Girls Basketball vs Medford	3:00pm	All-City Beginners' Concert		



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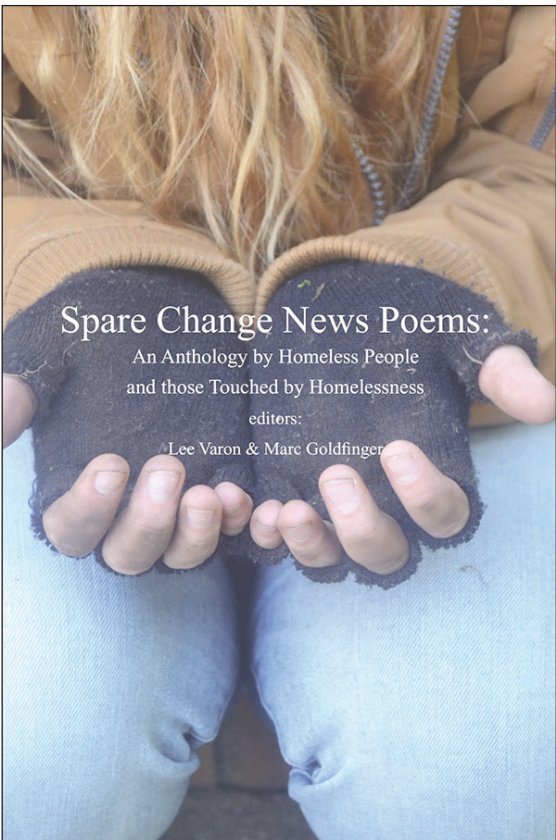
Spare Change News Poems:

An Anthology by Homeless People and
those Touched by Homelessness

I am really honored that our Ibbetson Street Press, based in Somerville, is publishing *Spare Change News Poems: An Anthology by Homeless People and those Touched by Homelessness*. Years ago, I assisted the then poetry editor Don DiVecchio with his poetry column in *Spare Change News* and wrote a few features for the all-poetry issues. I learned a lot working with the former editor of the paper Linda Larson, and the assistant editor Cindy Baron. Now noted poets, Lee Varon and the current poetry editor Marc Goldfinger are putting out this anthology of verse through us.

The paper was started in Boston in 1992 and was the brainchild of Tim Hobson, who enlisted the aid of twelve other homeless people "When people think of helping the poor and homeless, they usually think of food and shelter," Harris said. "Those things are necessary, but it's more than that. It's the spiritual. The homeless need to express themselves and be a part of the community. It's important that they have human dignity".

The first issue of *Spare Change News* was published on Friday, May 8, 1992. The newspaper's first managing editor, Tim Hobson, said at its founding that it would be "heavy on politics as well as discussion of homeless empowerment". He also said an important



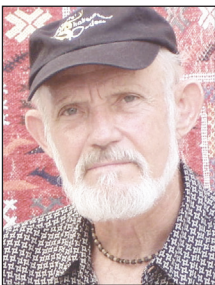
goal was to "put a face on the homeless to show that we're human beings". MIT Professor Noam Chomsky, together with his friend, the historian Howard Zinn, were some of the first major supporters of *Spare Change News*.

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David Gullette was one of the first editors of *Ploughshares* and is Literary Director of The Poets' Theatre, which presented his adaptation of Seamus Heaney's translation of *Beowulf* in December 2015 and his *The Boston Abolitionists* in March 2017 at the Boston Athenaeum. He has also acted with the ART, Christmas Revels, Actors Shakespeare Project, and NPR's *The Spider's Web*. His book of poems, *Questionable Shapes*, was published by Cervena Barva Press (Somerville, MA.) in 2017.



GIRL GOES GREEN

"He'd been after me for ages
So I took to the woods
Planting myself in a hidden thicket
My toes lengthening rootlike
Nails disappearing into the sod
Knees knotty, fingers caked with dirt
Hair fernier, frondier, leafier
My lichen-covered limbs toughening
My shins barked and mossy my sex.

"So when he made his long-fantasized move
It was already too late.
He bloodied his lip against what he'd been sure he wanted
But I had simply become what I needed to be."

— David Gullette

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Entre Chien et Loup: Works by Francis Domec

(Memorial Reception)



Francis Domec was a Medford-based artist whose artwork explored elements of transformation. Playing with lines and figures by means of drawings and collages, Domec used all types of mediums to create something new and intriguing. Some of his works are simply drawn using permanent ink markers. Other pieces are enhanced with linocuts, collages, impressions carved on linoleum plates and ink pressed onto the paper, unveiling multiple layers of shapes through the transparency of the original drawing. Domec reveled in this "chance element" of the creative process, describing the transformation of two different images to create something new as a spiritual experience. Incredibly talented, Domec was also incredibly kind, gentle and generous. He passed away on September 14, 2017 at home with his husband and sister by his side. He was living with cancer since 2011, and did a fine job doing so at that. Please join in on Sunday, April 22, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., at Nave Gallery, 155 Powder House Blvd, Somerville, as we come together in a celebration of Domec's life, surrounded by his artwork. The main exhibition runs April 7–22. For more information about this and other events at Nave Gallery go to: <http://navegallery.org>.

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Answers

From on page 14

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| 1. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | plants |
| 2. How it is grown - white is covered in dirt to deprive it of light | 7. Mr. Sanders |
| 3. Stay Away, Joe | 8. United Kingdom and India |
| 4. Pequod | 9. 2016 World Series |
| 5. Yellow canary | 10. Marty McFly |
| 6. Herbaceous flowering | 11. Elizabeth Taylor |
| | 12. Sense of smell |

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