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# Board of Aldermen to examine noise issues caused by waste collection



Late night and early morning noise caused by waste management companies emptying dumpsters in the city's central business districts is being scrutinized by city officials.

#### By Jim Clark

At the latest regular meeting of the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen, an order was put forward requesting that the City Solicitor advise Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis on whether the city's noise ordinance can be enforced against waste companies that empty dumpsters overnight and in the early morning.

Alderman Davis told the Board, "This arose out a constituent complaint regarding dumpsters being emptied overnight, and this has come up a number of times over the years."

Davis explained that his understanding of the legal situation is that state law forbids the city from prohibiting dumpster emptying in the central business districts. "Of course, in many of our communities - including Davis Square - we have very tight residential neighborhoods right up against that, and some of those dumpsters happen to be in the back end Continued on page 4

# Somerville celebrates urban maple syrup production

#### By Hannes Remmert

On Saturday, March 18, Groundwork Somerville, a local nonprofit, hosted the annual Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival. This festival serves every year as the main event of Groundwork's Maple Syrup Project, an educational program covering Somerville's urban maple syrup production.

More than 300 people from all over the city came to the highly anticipated festival at the Somerville Community Growing Center to "celebrate the season and also this amazing food which is special for New England," said first-time organizer Eli Bloch.

The Maple Syrup Project has officially been around since 2001. However, the idea was born back in the 90s when a "high school teacher started it as an education project for his class. They tapped one tree and learned about science, history, and math through the lens of the sugar maple," said Chris Mancini, Continued on page 13

Groundwork Somerville's annual celebra Somerville Community Growing Center.



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

Also on Monday March 27, please join Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis for his re-election campaign fundraiser starting at 5:30 p.m. at Redbones BBQ, 55 Chester St., Davis Square. Complimentary appetizers will be served. It appears various elected officials will be traveling between Katjana and Lance's fundraiser. It's a good thing they are not that far apart.

The City of Somerville is marking its 175th birthday all year, but March is an especially important month. It was in March of 1842 that Somerville officially separated from Charlestown and became its own city. Help celebrate by joining an informal party on Broadway near the Charlestown line and then heading to Mount Vernon Restaurant for appetizers and cake. There will also be a cash bar where Aeronaut Brewing Company is unveiling a special gluten free Somerville birthday brew: Municipal Freedom Gives National Strength.

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We hear the **Winter Hill Post Office** has been experiencing their **Verizon** phones and computers going off and on very often. It seems like Verizon can't get their act together and fix the problem. Instead the nice ladies at the post office are getting the blame. We think Verizon should finally fix the problem. Enough with the constant down time, and we hear they often don't even respond. In any event, why a large company like Verizon has a problem at one of the most frequently visited post offices in the city, if not the entire area. We'll be watching to see if a solution is found. If not, maybe **Comcast** can go in and sign them up for a new account?

OK, so last week's "storm" wasn't what it was cracked up to be here in Somerville. So why the days off from school? Don't we live in New England, and aren't we supposed to get snow in the winter? Aren't we supposed to be used to

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# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

# Response to: GLX Update: Good news, and not-so-good news

#### Kirk Etherton says:

Many thanks (as always) for Rep. Provost's comprehensive and concise overview of a very important issue. Everyone I know trusts Provost to tell us, honestly, what's happening—and to work with great energy, intelligence, and integrity to make good things happen.

#### Old Taxpayer says:

They should have stayed within the original intent of the Green line when it was first started. Just get something working, simple and cheaply. All that will happen as people want more and it causes delays is eventually it will just not happen. Prices to build will go up and we will have more cuts and delays. Common sense was needed right at the start of this.

#### Response to: Newstalk - March 15

#### Scooby Doo says:

Never mind what the Lego building at the corner of Broadway and Temple looks like, how about how long it is taking to build? Whole weeks go by sometimes with no progress. Outrageous. Can't the city hold them to account? Is it true that it's the same company which took forever to build the Porter Square Hotel and which has done nothing to the Beacon St Hotel after pouring the foundation? Plate-spinners.

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

#### Maria Cortez says:

Good work, kids. Keep spreading the word. We are proud of you.

#### Steve keenan says:

These young people make me proud. It's nice to see a nice positive story about young people. Our youth are our future.

Smoking is a dirty and unhealthy addiction and it is very expensive. A sound mind and body go hand in hand. I, like Maria Cortez, am very proud of these young people. Keep up the good work!

# Response to: Beacon Street Protected Bicycle Lane to Close for 2017 Construction Season

#### Forrest says

Close the automobile lanes and let the bikes have the whole road!

#### MarketMan says:

I'm with Forrest!

#### Freebie says:

Yes I agree, ban the cars!

#### Response to: Are you a Villen?

#### Mary says

I think Villen is retarded and wouldn't want to be referred to as one.

#### Courtney O'Keefe says:

I can see another word in your comment that is worse than "Villen."

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# Somerville High School sets two world records for charity

#### By Charles Lane

On Monday, March 20, Somerville High School hosted a multi-purpose extravaganza: two world records attempts, a clothing drive, and an energizer for sophomores scheduled to take MCAS testing this week.

For the third consecutive year, the Class of 2017's "World Record Day" has become a newly annual event, pitting challenges for students and faculty to accomplish. In 2015, 59 people set a new record for "most arm-linked people to stand up

simultaneously." And in 2016, 264 persons partook in the "most different flags flown simultaneously" record.

"This has become a tradition; celebrating our diversity with engaging opportunities for all to experience," said Ella Sprick, Student Government President.

On Monday, 260+ Somerville Public Schools students (K - 12) and faculty packed the high school's library to break two back-to-back records: "most people wearing odd socks" and "most people wearing eye-black." The current record for each is 250 persons. In addition, the



Your most people wearing eye-black world record setters for 2017 - or six out the participating 260 or more - the generous and talented students of Somerville, doing it all for the glory and for charity.

students ran a clothing drive, with donations being delivered to a local charity by the end of the week.

The one-hour process was filmed by WHDH Channel 7 News Boston for an upcoming news feature on the school.

"With the many community projects that our class has done this year - post-election mannequin challenge, inspirational messages on lockers, kindness cards to all K-12 schools, and free

female hygiene products dispensers in bathrooms - it felt genuine to continue giving back," said Emily Valenzuela, a senior who ran the charity drive.

The school will receive verification of their attempts status by mid-June.

"The last several months have impacted this school and city in many ways. So, as seniors readying for graduation, for us to find ways for everyone to collaborate together does help overall," said Sprick.



For the record: more than 260 odd sock wearers.

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#### **SHS Career & Technical Education Fair**

The annual Career & Technical Education (CTE) Fair takes place on Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Somerville High School Atrium, 81 Highland Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Stop by for a tour and to learn more about Somerville's outstanding technical/vocational education programs available to all Somerville High School stu-



dents. Guests have an opportunity to learn directly from students and teachers about each program, and also have a chance to participate in a variety of handson activities at each program. The public is encouraged to stop by early for a leisurely guided tour. Visit the CTE website at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/cte for a glimpse of their existing CTE programs.

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# WEEK IN CR By Jim Clark

# Customer tips self, tips off police

Police officers were dispatched to the Dunkin' Donuts on Alewife Brook Parkway last week on reports of a man who took tips out of the tip jar and left the store.

While en route, the officers were supplied with a description of the suspect and were advised that he was walking on Alewife Brook Parkway towards the Dilboy pool.

The suspect, later identified as Matthew Powers, was spotted by the officers as he walked along the Parkway and they stopped to question him.

Upon entering Powers' infor-

mation into the police database, the officers were informed that he had an active arrest warrant out of New Hampshire.

Powers was informed that he was going to be placed under arrest. According to reports he was very cooperative and asked if he could gather money from his bag

in the event that bail was posted. While he was going through his bag, a female driver's license fell out on to the ground. The license belonged to a woman in Maine. Powers was then transported back to Somerville Police headquarters for booking.

During the booking process

police reportedly discovered two checkbooks and a Discover credit card that did not belong Powers in his backpack.

He was subsequently charged with receiving stolen property under \$250, fugitive from justice, and receiving a stolen credit card.

#### **Arrests**:

Matthew Powers, March 13, 4:15 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of receiving stolen property under \$250, fugitive from justice, and receiving a stolen credit card.

Derek Correia, of 60 Albi-

on St., March 13, 4:40 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, felony daytime breaking and entering, larceny from a building, malicious wanton defacement of property, possession of a class A drug, marked

lanes violation, distribution of a class E drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, witness intimidation, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Ayman Janini, of 65 Central St., Lynn, March 15, 7:13

p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of larceny over \$250 and removal of theft prevention

Krystal Batzek, of 22 Pleasantview Ave., Everett, March 15, 7:44 p.m., arrested at Mc-Grath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle

with a suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and unregistered motor

Rui Ramos, of 24 Melvin St., March 19, 2:47 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of miscellaneous statutory violation.

# Man rescued from tracks at Davis Sq. T station

#### By Jim Clark

It was a lucky St. Patrick's Day last Friday for a 47-yearold Medford man who tumbled onto the train track at Somerville's Davis Square T

Tufts students who were at the

train station en route to their St. Patrick's Day celebrations saw the man fall and leapt into action to save him.

The first to jump onto the track to help the man was a 20-yearold freshman, Eric Sinton. He and his friends helped to lift the man back onto the platform out

A video released by the MBTA showed the students saving the man's life by getting him off the track before a train came by, but they also want to warn the public that it is never a good idea to jump onto the tracks due to the live third rail.



# **Commuter rail train** strikes, kills man

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#### By Jim Clark

A man was struck and killed by an inbound Fitchburg Line MBTA commuter rail train near the Park St. Grade Crossing in Somerville shortly after noon on Monday.

Police said that the man, whose name has not yet been made public, was trespassing on the tracks at the time he was struck by the train.

Investigators have indicated that they do not believe foul play was involved, and the investigation is still underway.

# Noise issues

of the central business district and right up to people's bedroom windows," said Davis, who the explained that before pushing ahead on the issue it would be prudent to look into the legal aspects of taking action on the matter.

Board President William A. White Jr., pointed out the state law usually supercedes local law, but he suggested that the matter be approved and go before the Public Health and Safety Committee for further study.



Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis is seeking legal guidance in the matter of noise abatement issues associated with waste removal activities in the city.

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## **Community meeting to discuss** renovation of Hoyt Playground

Join Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development on Wednesday, March 29, for a community meeting to discuss upcoming renovations to the Hoyt-Sullivan Playground. The meeting will be held at the Visiting Nurse's Association, 259 Lowell St., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. City staff and project architects will present new plans for the playground, which are based on community feedback. To review the plans, visit www.somervillema.gov/hoytsullivan. For more information, contact Arn Franzen at AFranzen@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2545.

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# 95th birthday party for Daniel Spinosa

#### By Donald Norton

This past Saturday, Daniel Spinosa of Winter Hill, lifelong Somerville resident, World War II veteran, businessman and political figure, celebrated his 95 years of devotion to his country and city.

Surrounded by his many family members and old friends, a party was held at his home. Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr., a long time friend, presented Spinosa with a plaque recognizing his

years of service to the community.

Throughout the afternoon many friends, including Mayor Joe Curtatone, Alderman At-Large Jack Connolly and Alderman At-Large Dennis Sullivan dropped in to congratulate Spinosa.

Danny is just one of those guys who, when you meet him, is always smiling and never has a bad word to say about anyone. Maybe that's his secret for living 95 years. Even his lady friend came up from Florida to help celebrate.



Above: L to R Linda, Brad, Dan Spinosa, Alderman Bill White, Ricky, Angela and Karen Spinosa.

Below: L to R Maria Curtatone, Dan Spinosa and Bill White.

— Photos by Donald Norton



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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Mike Connolly

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

"THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW" - Massachusetts

offers citizens the "right of free petition" -- the power to propose their own legislation. Although Friday, January 20, was technically the deadline to file "seasonably-filed" bills for the 2017-2018 session, bills can be filed anytime. Bills filed by the deadline are automatically put into play while those filed after the deadline need a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate in order to be admitted. In most cases, these late-filed bills are admitted.

Sometimes a legislator might be opposed to legislation proposed by a citizen but will file it anyway as a courtesy. In those cases, the bill is listed as being filed "by request" – indicating that the legislator is doing so at the request of the citizen and does not necessarily support it.

Citizens who are interested in filing legislation should contact their own or any other representative or senator.

2015-2016 SESSION - Beacon Hill Roll Call's research finds that of 177 filed by citizens in the 2015-2016 session, none became law and 134 were sent to a study committee where they died. Of the 43 that didn't get killed in a study committee, only four of those made it to the House or Senate floor for a vote. But none of those four received final approval and was signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker.

**2017-2018 SESSION** - There are 150 bills filed by citizens for the 2017-2018 session including:

#### NO AUTO INSURANCE SURCHARGE (S 934)

- Exempts a person's first civil motor vehicle infraction from counting as a surchargeable incident that would go on his or her records and often result in an increase in auto insurance. This exemption would not apply to violations that include charges of driving while under the influence or violations that result in bodily harm or death.

Citizen sponsor Mark Bell said he filed the legislation "predominantly as a consumer driving bill, to help put money back in people's pockets but also out of a sense of fairness to all." He noted that the penalties are unnecessarily steep right now for first time offenders.

"For all first-time offenders who get a moving violation: No appeals, no hearings before the insurance board, no steps, no surcharges, no increased insurance rates for years to come, no other penalties," said Bell. "Just pay the ticket or fight it ... and walk away. Done. End of story."

#### PROHIBIT PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR RAPISTS

- Prohibits convicted rapists from being granted the right to visit or have contact with the child born as a result of the rape. The bill is sponsored by well-known attorney Wendy Murphy, an adjunct professor of sexual violence law at New England Law Boston. Her work in state and federal courts across the nation has changed many laws to improve protections for women's and children's rights.

Murphy said that prior to 2014, no law gave parental rights to rapists. "The Legislature in 2014 secretly passed a law granting parental rights to convicted rapists," said Murphy. "There was no debate and there were no public hearings ... The 2014 law established Massachusetts as the worst state in the nation on this issue."

She continued, "It also unconscionably burdens victims with the responsibility of paying for a lawyer and going to family court to prove that their attack-

ers should lose rights they shouldn't have in the first place, based solely on the happenstance of ovulation at the time of the crime."

#### CITIES AND TOWNS MUST POST BYLAWS

- Requires each city and town to make available on its website, an easily accessible, complete and updated version of the city or town ordinances and bylaws, including the zoning ordinances and bylaws. It also requires municipalities to make the same information available at their city or town hall, for those people who do not have computer access. Cities and towns that do not comply would be subject to fines imposed by the attorney general.

Citizen John Mahoney of Canton said he filed the bill because many cities and towns do not currently share their bylaws online and even worse, some refuse requests to e-mail out an electronic copy. "If this bill is passed I hope that it will allow all stakeholders in our state the ability to immediately view updated copies of the laws they need to conduct themselves and their business," said Mahoney.

#### PROHIBIT USE OF NATIVE AMERICAN MAS-

COTS (S 291) - Prohibits the use of Native American mascots by Massachusetts public schools. Prohibited are "a name, symbol or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian tribe, individual, custom, or tradition that is used by a public school as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name." The measure also specifically prohibits the use of the words Redskins, Savages, Indians, Indianettes, Chiefs, Chieftains, Braves, or Redmen. Some 40 Bay State schools currently use native American logos.

Citizen sponsor Linda Thomas, the woman who leads the group of citizens who filed the bill, said that public schools must stop perpetuating racial stereotypes. "Native Americans have been calling on schools and teams to cease using these names and images since the late 1960s," said Thomas. "Their history, heritage and culture should not be reduced to caricatures or to images that fix them in some mythical past. Our schools should not be teaching that this type of language and imagery is acceptable. It is not."

Thomas also cites the 2001 U.S. Commission on Civil Rights resolution on the issue of Native American mascots: "The use of stereotypical images of Native Americans by educational institutions has the potential to create a racially hostile educational environment that may be intimidating to Indian students. American Indians have the lowest high school graduation rates in the nation and even lower college attendance and graduation rates. The perpetuation of harmful stereotypes may exacerbate these problems."

#### REQUIRE HOOKS IN BATHROOMS (S 1229) -

Requires all public bathrooms to contain hooks to hang personal belongings like jackets, purses and backpacks.

Citizen sponsor Gino Dalasio, Jr. said that when he goes into public bathrooms, 90 percent of the time he must put his jacket and backpack on the floor because the bathroom does not have hooks next to mirrors or in the stalls. He said it is especially dangerous in the winter cold and flu season. "There must be countless women out there that use the mirrors and have to put their pocketbooks on the wet germ-infested counters and then they go home and put them on the kitchen table or on the furniture and spread disease to their families," said

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Dalasio. "This simple bill would probably save countless thousands of man-hours per year from people getting sick by the transference [of germs] that happens because of this."

#### TAX CREDIT FOR TEACHING LITERACY (S

1557) - Gives a tax credit of \$750 to \$2,200 to volunteers who tutor people to who want to become literate. The volunteers would follow a Literacy Training Lesson Program that would be established by the state. Appropriate standards used to approve the tutors would be set by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Citizen sponsor Vince Dixon said that the credit will provide an incentive for individuals, to join a generalized effort, to help individuals become literate in English and receive a modest tax credit. "Bright young high school, college, other students, young professionals and many senior citizens all would be very interested in participating in this idea," said Dixon.

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

#### R.I.P - BILLS DIE IN STUDY COMMITTEES

- The 2015-2016 Legislature shipped dozens of other bills, filed by legislators rather than citizens, off to a study committee. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated. Most of the proposals have been refiled for consideration in the 2017-2018 Legislature.

The 2015-2016 batch that died in study committees included:

MUST CHECK FOR ABANDONED ANIMALS (H 1865) Requires landlords and owners who are foreclosing on a property to inspect the property within three days of the tenant's departure and request that an animal control officer takes charge of any abandoned animal he or she may find.

TAXES - Several tax bills including providing a tax credit of up to \$20,000 for taxpayers who purchase a new vehicle, that is primarily fueled by an alternative fuel including electricity, liquid petroleum gas, natural gas or hydrogen fuel (H 2435); exempting seniors 75 or older from the portion of their local property taxes that is devoted to local education (H 2437); allowing an income tax credit of up to \$600 for a taxpayer who is caring for elderly relatives over 70 or victims of Alzheimer's disease at home (H 2441); and allowing self-employed taxpayers to deduct their health insurance premiums on their state taxes (H 2444).

REGULATE KENNELS AND DOGGY DAY CARE (H 630) - Requires the state to establish rules and regulations for boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs. The Department of Agricultural Resources would establish regulations establishing qualifications of personnel, the ratio of providers to dog, group sizes, minimum housing and care requirements, indoor and outdoor physical facility requirements, dog handling, body language, interpretation, breed familiarity, emergency response training and insurance.

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 13-17, the House met for a total of two hours and 59 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 17 minutes.

Mon. March 13	House 11:02 a.m. to 1:44 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
	Defiate 11.00 a.m. to 11.11 a.m.
Tues. March 14	No House session
	No Senate session
Wed. March 15	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. March 16	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
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#### Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **Address Description DOM List Price** 26 Hinckley St 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Other 14 \$619,000

10 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial

6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family

2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family

2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family

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	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Ove	r the Past Montl	ո։	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
341 Highland Ave U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$475,000	\$482,000
39 Oliver St U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	81	\$499,000	\$490,000
18-20 Arlington St U:4	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	46	\$574,900	\$574,900
14 Gordon Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$589,900	\$600,000
65 Oak Street U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	89	\$644,900	\$644,900
16 Gordon Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	26	\$649,900	\$649,900
14 Fiske Ave U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$649,900	\$660,000
51 Pitman U:2B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	28	\$659,900	\$692,000
18 Lowell St U:18	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	41	\$669,900	\$670,000
14 Fiske Ave U:1	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	22	\$674,900	\$675,000
18-20 Arlington St U:5	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Mid-Rise	46	\$674,900	\$672,666
16 Lowell St U:16	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	41	\$699,900	\$715,000

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
ı	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville	Over the Past Mont	:h:	
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79 Benton Rd U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	28	\$899,900	\$890,000
56 Line St U:3	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	31	\$869,900	\$870,000
42 Myrtle Street U:B4	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Loft	8	\$749,000	\$782,000
42-44 Puritan Road U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	27	\$739,900	\$733,000
79 Benton Rd U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$729,000	\$755,000

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

This past Friday afternoon and into the evening a lot of city officials dropped in to have a pint of Guinness and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Sally O'Brien's in Union Square, a great pub where a lot of locals and many newcomers to the city are flocking to. The friendliest of pub owners, Liam, and his crew behind the bar are legendary as the nicest in the city. Everyone who showed up had a good time. Later in the evening a bagpiper was even present. There was lots of fun and entertainment for celebrating the holiday.

— Donald Norton













# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

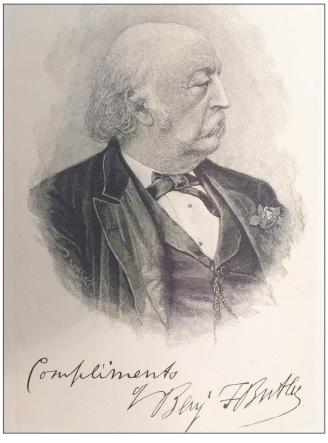


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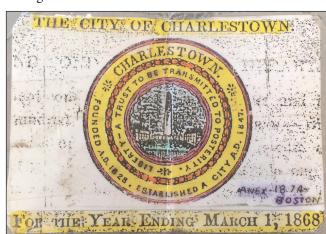
#### The Beautiful Beast

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Benjamin Franklin Butler was born in Deerfield, New Hampshire in 1818. He was raised in Lowell, Massachusetts and left a love-hate impression in Massachusetts and American history that carries on today. He was a brilliant lawyer, a controversial Civil War general, a popular politician, and a successful businessman.



He passed the Massachusetts Bar in 1840 and then pursued a successful law career. This frequently took him through Somerville to Boston by rail where he would witness the burned ruins of the 1834 Mount Benedict Convent riot. Years later, he would unsuccessfully try to recoup damages for its Ursuline Nuns.



In 1853, he effectively postponed Charlestown's annexation to Boston for twenty more years. Butler Drive at St. Polycarp's Village bears his name, as well as the new Benjamin F. Butler Middle School in Lowell.

In the 1850's, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Butler was a member of the Massachusetts Militia for twenty-two years before the Civil War. He wasn't a trained officer, but he was intelligent. He anticipated the coming war and had his men ready at the start.

At President Lincoln's call to arms to protect Washington, D.C., he and his troops acted like Minutemen. They were the first northern troops to respond, putting down riots, capturing Baltimore and Annapolis, the Naval Academy, and the USS Constitution. In this way, Washington was protected from the Confederacy.

Lincoln appointed him one of his

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## OPEN HOUSE

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# Pizza, then Pi and finally Pies — What more can you want on a Well-Rounded Pi Day?

By Erica Voolich

What better excuse is there to have a celebration of math with middle schoolers than  $\pi$ ? Last Friday night, well over 250 students, parents, teachers, and volunteers from the high school, PTA and community, celebrated  $\pi$  at the Healey School by eating pizza for dinner, then spending an evening estimating, creating, collecting data, answering questions, and ending with pies for everyone.

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

These activities included: bicycle wheel roll, guessing contest, tooth pick drop (Buffon Needle problem), drawing a circle the size of a CD, mystery boxes,  $\pi$  button design,  $\pi$  facts quiz, birthday in  $\pi$ , 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, predicting circumferences in mm by feel of objects in mystery boxes.

The event was planned by Wil Jacques (Healey), Jen Rodriguez (Healey), and Erica Voolich (Somerville Mathematics Fund) with help from Scott Weaver (ESCS) and Jonathan Killian (Argenziano). Table Talk Pies of Worcester generously supplied small pies for all who came



Finding your birthday in Pi at the Pi Night at the Healey School.

Graphing the circumference vs. the Diameter of a circle at Pi Night at the

that night and large pies for the winners of events. Table Talk has generously supported this Somerville Math Fund event for fourteen years.

When planning the first SMF  $\pi$  Night in 2003, the Math Fund called the Table Talk Pi Company and explained what  $\pi$  day was and Table Talk generously donated large pies for prizes and small pies for everyone. Fourteen years later, Table Talk Pies is not only still donating to the Somerville Pi night celebration, but to many more celebrations. In fact, this year Table Talk donat-

ed than 56,832 pies to schools and organizations celebrating pi day - but most likely the pi day celebrations were delayed all over New England thanks to the March Pi Day Nor'easter.

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

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

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Dear Supporters,

The Alex Foster Foundation and the extended Foster Family would like

to thank you for helping make our first Rock 'n Hope fundraiser a huge success! Our humble thanks to so many friends who came out on a cold and snowy night to support our organization's mission to educate, raise awareness and support individuals and families affected by addiction.

The gathering was enjoyed by all who attended, thanks to the assistance of so many

family members, friends and local businesses. The Malden Irish American Club was a most generous host. Our evenings' entertainment "One Moe Time" impressed, ensuring everyone had a good time listening and dancing to their vast array of pop music. Our special guest Laura Sanscartier shared her musical gifts with us, singing several songs of hope, which set the mood of the evening. Shout out to Dom's Catering in Malden, who provided us with a delicious buffet. We're already looking forward to next year!

100% of the support we have received will

more to come! Michael and Maureen Foster Megan and Jay Costa Diana and Matt Young Emily Foster and Claudel Jean-Louis

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# COMMENTARY

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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.

7: That figure represents the number of cases of elevated blood lead levels in Somerville children in 2013 (the most recent year for which we have state health data). While even one case is too many, the encouraging news is that the number is down from 43 cases in 2001. The decrease can be attributed to many policies aimed at reducing the interaction between children and lead, particularly by eliminating it from

paint used in homes. However, approximately 90 percent of homes in Somerville were built before 1978 when the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint, and potentially hazardous lead paint is still present in some residences. It's crucial that we continue to prioritize reducing children's exposure to lead until the number of cases becomes zero. The City of Somerville's lead paint abatement program offers eligible homeowners, landlords, or tenants financial assistance with the removal of lead paint. For more information, contact Russell Koty at 617-625-6600 x2568 or rkoty@somervillema.gov.

\$5,000: That's the cost added to each bid we issue when purchasing qualifying new City vehicles to make sure each one is outfitted with life-saving side guards. Truck side guards are a safety device designed to

protect pedestrians and bicyclists from the rear wheels of large trucks. Without them, pedestrians and bicyclists can be pulled under the carriage of trucks during a side collision, which usually results in horrific and fatal injuries. The data on this are clear. They show a substantial decrease in side-impact fatalities involving vehicles that have side-guards installed. That's why for every City vehicle purchased since 2014, if it can be fitted with a side guard, it has a side guard.

601: That's the total number of unique drivers who used the three electric vehicle charging stations in the city in 2016. Together, the drivers using the City Hall, Davis Square, and Union Square charging stations saved 10,016 kilograms in greenhouse gas emissions by charging up here. Currently, there are more than 5,000 electric vehicles registered in

Massachusetts, so that means about one-fifth of them have stopped by to use our charging stations, which we installed with funds from the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program and the state's Green Community Program. In 2013, Massachusetts signed onto a Zero-Emission Vehicle agreement, setting a goal to have 300,000 electric vehicles registered in the Commonwealth by 2025. A key to increasing those numbers is the availability of convenient charging stations. Somerville is happy to do its part.

659: That's the number of Facebook users who have already declared their interest in attending the "A Very Somerville Birthday Party" event on Wednesday, March 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. As many of you know by now, this year marks Somerville's 175th birthday, and it was in March 1842 that we officially

split from Charlestown to become our own city. Join us on Broadway near the Charlestown line for an informal celebration followed by appetizers and cake at Mount Vernon Pub and Restaurant along with the unveiling of Aeronaut's commemorative gluten-free birthday beer named after the City's motto: Municipal Freedom Gives National Strength.

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. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at http://www.somervillema.gov/datafarm/.

# A world without jobs

## Part 1: The crisis beyond the horizon



By William C. Shelton

There will come a time in this Century when our political economy cannot provide what we think of as a "job" to half or more working-age people. By then, that system may no longer exist as we would recognize it.

What takes its place can make life much more, or much less, enjoyable for most of humanity. The political choices that we make today will heavily influence that outcome.

The least popular new president in modern history, and the most popular politician in America agree that we have lost millions of jobs to trade agreements that favor the wealthiest of us.

Establishment politicians in both their parties hasten to counter that technological displacement has eliminated even more jobs. They are mute, however, in advocating the kind of policies that enable other post-industrial

nations to manage this while protecting workers.

Germany, for example, prepares young people for emerging well-paying jobs that don't require college, effectively retrains older workers, provides firms with incentives to reduce all workers' hours rather than laying some off, and pursues industrial policies that promote growth industries like alternative energy while supporting them with infrastructure and research investments.

Similar policies could have prevented, and still could prevent, much suffering among American workers. But all such policies will eventually be insufficient to prevent displacement by digital technology and robotic devices from denying a critical portion of the population the opportunity to earn a living through paid work.

People have been predicting something like this ever since early 19th Century Luddites smashed the weaving machines they feared would replace them. But ever since then, developed economies have found ways to prove them wrong. Until now.

Randall Collins is a worldclass historical sociologist. In his essay, "The End of Middle Class Work: No More Escapes," he outlines the ways that capitalism escaped this crisis in the past:

- New technologies created new jobs and whole new job
- Markets and products spread to new geographical regions.
- Expansion of government and its investments created new jobs.
- Speculative financial meta-markets borrowed against the future, funding current economic activity.
- Increasing credential requirements created educational jobs while delaying students' entry into the workforce, thereby slowing increases in demand for jobs.

Collins then shows why each of these "escape routes" is leading to a dead end. He estimates that we could reach 50% structural unemployment by 2040.

Despite low official U.S. unemployment—currently hovering around 5%—we can already identify elements of this trend in our nation's stark slide toward greater economic inequality.

For three decades after World War II, increases in workers' earnings tracked directly with increases in the economy's productivity gains. That is, workers' incomes increased proportionately to increases in the

amount of goods and services produced by the same amount of their labor.

Since 1980, those who own and finance companies have taken almost all the wealth produced by productivity gains. And labor's share of economic output now stands near its lowest level since the government began recording it. Two University of Chicago economists estimate that displacement of workers by digital technology accounts for half of that decline.

Our low official unemployment rate obscures the reality that one in six prime-age (25-to-54) men are unemployed or have dropped out of the workforce. And the proportion of those absent workers has increased as much during the current recovery as it did during the Great Recession itself.

Meanwhile, as anticipated in Randall Collins's last "escape route," employers are demanding higher educational credentials. More young people are in school, but recent college graduates' compensation has declined by 7.7% since 2000.

In a widely noted study, two Oxford economists examined the potential for computerization's eliminating 702 different occupations. Consistent with

Collins's forecast, they estimated that 47% of total U.S. employment was at risk of elimination within the next 20 years.

A team at MacKinsey and Company's Global Institute challenges that forecast. Somewhat.

Their report estimates that 49% of time spent on work activities could be automated with "currently demonstrated technology." But the speed of that technology's adoption will be moderated by economics, labor markets, regulation, and social attitudes. They estimate that half of all work activity could be automated by 2055, give or take 20 years.

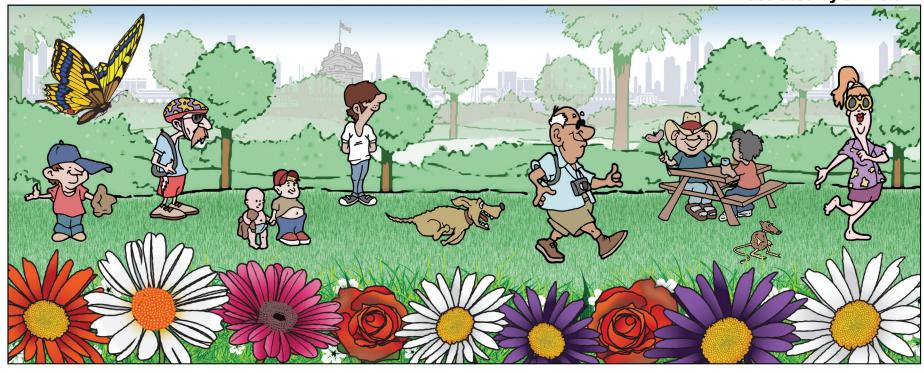
A more optimistic view, put forth in works like Ruchir Sharma's The Rise and Fall of Nations, argues that, in the medium term at least, robots will be our economic salvation rather than our doom. A global population that is already aging results in a shrinking segment of working-age people supporting a growing segment of those who have aged out of the workforce. So, "the economic answer to aging will be all hands on deck, no matter what [those hands] are made of."

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# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Illustrated by Jim Clark



# **Our View Of The Times**

There is nothing like spring time in the Ville.



So, we may still be keeping our snow shovels handy for a while, considering the unpredictable weather over the past several weeks, but it's still nice to know that springtime has officially arrived. We anxiously await the final thaw and balmier days ahead.

One of the finer benefits of New England living is standing witness to the

massive explosion of nature's rebirth and renewal, seemingly amplified here. Grass, trees, wildlife and flowers seems to go forth and multiply at an astounding rate, as if on cue to the call for "Action!"

How nice it will be to stroll through a park and feed a few squirrels. To replant a garden plot and watch as life springs forth. Or to take the family on a weekend getaway to the beach or mountains.

The seasonal cycle brings its highs and lows. Its pleasures and its challenges. We evolved as creatures in sync with that cycle, so we know how to adapt and make the most out of each day on the calendar. Still, most of us would surely confess to a few choice dates to name as our favorites, if pushed to 'fess up.

As much as so many of us love our winter scenery, sports, etc., there is so much to be said for being able to step out one's front door without danger of slipping and busting a hip. Not to mention the simple pleasure of soaking up some sun and taking in fine fragrance of life anew.

We've really got it made, so let's get out there and start loving us some spring.

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this? Didn't we go to school when it snowed in years past? Some of us here at The Times remember when school wasn't closed for a few inches of snow (OK, so it was more like 6 to 7 inches), but everyone was still told to stay home and in the house. So, not only politicians are telling us to stay home, we now turn on the TV and the so-called media is telling us to stay home. Did we lose our common sense somewhere? Why did the city say "snow emergency at 12 midnight" and all cars off the wrong side of the street by 4:00 a.m., when it didn't start snowing until 8:00 or so? Yes, we believe in being cautious and not stupid, but do we need to turn this into more of a nanny state than it already is?

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We heard a rumor that DPW Commissioner Stan Koty has a new memo on his desk stating what he can and cannot do from the Somerville Municipal Employees Association. One thing we hear is that he can't go on the dispatch radio and yell at the workers anymore. We guess this was from a class action suit filed by the SMEA. Maybe that stifles his management skills?

Definition of **loyalty**: fidelity, allegiance, fealty, loyalty, devotion, piety mean

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faithfulness to something or someone to which one is bound by pledge or duty. Fidelity implies strict and continuing faithfulness to an obligation, trust, or duty (marital fidelity) or friendship.

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Candidate rumors: the latest is that Ward 1 incumbent McLaughlin still might face an opponent. The school committee race is wide open down in East Somerville. Ward 2 incumbent Heuston has an opponent who has filed with the OCPF (Office of Campaign and Political Finance). We hear that Ward 3 incumbent McWatters might have an opponent as well. In the School Committee race in Ward 3, we hear a well-known PTA lady is thinking of challenging the incumbent, Palmer. No incumbent in Ward 4, but we hear three names so far, maybe four. On the School Board we hear that incumbent Green might also have a challenger. In Ward 5 we hear someone is seriously considering going against incumbent Niedergang. In Ward 6 we did hear that a lady from the square was considering challenging incumbent Davis. In Ward 7 we heard that a person was considering a run against incumbent Ballantyne. Now, Alderman At-Large has eight so far. Talk of a ninth candidate is possible, so we hear. If that happens there will be a primary. So far, no challengers against **Mayor Joe**. What do you think?

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

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to Ed Bean, a lifelong loyal Somerville guy and another of the City of Somerville's finest employees. We hope Ed has a great day for himself. Happy birthday to an old friend, Mike Sullivan, who used to work for Marie Howe when she was our state representative, and who still works at the state house. Mike is from the Berkeley Street Sullivans. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Neil Gillis Jr., who is celebrating this week. To a new mom recently, we wish Rachael Hart-Adams a very special birthday. We hope that she and baby Finnegan – who was born just about 3 months ago – the Hart family and friends (which are a lot) are very happy for Rachael and her baby boy. Happy birthday Rachael and many more happy ones for you. Finally, although she doesn't live here anymore and is in Kansas, we wish our good friend **Carolyn Caler** a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to all the others celebrating this week. We wish you all a great birthday.

It was nice seeing "the Ward 3 couple" (at least in our book, and also many others) **Zack** and his lovely wife **Lauren** at **Sally O'Brien's** this past St. Patrick's Day. Congratulations to Zach, who is now the **Chairman of the Condo Review Board**. With his leadership skills he can lead the blind, never mind the other members of the board.

Our publisher and great guy Ross Blouin is back in the hospital undergoing some major procedures. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. Mt. Auburn Hospital is his home for a few days this week.

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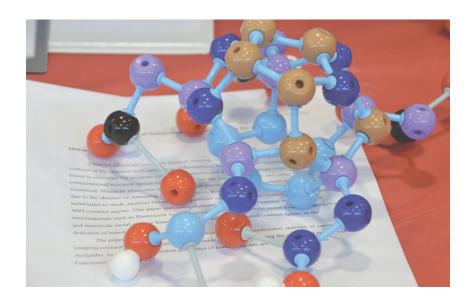
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# 2017 MA Region IV Science Fair

The 2017 Massachusetts Region IV Science Fair, sponsored by Tufts University, the Rotary Club of Somerville, DistriGas, and the Somerville Public Schools, took place in the Somerville High School Field House on Saturday, March 18.

The six Massachusetts Regional Science Fairs serve as qualifying competitions for the Massachusetts State Science Fair to be held in May at MIT. Many Somerville High School students go on to compete at the Region IV fair annually.



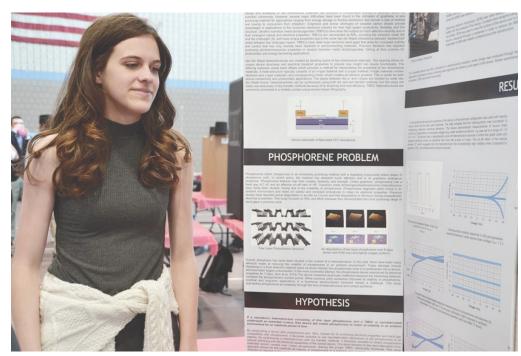












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Photos by Claudia Ferro



# Somerville celebrates urban maple syrup production

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the former Executive Director of Groundwork Somerville. In the following years, volunteers continued the project until it was eventually taken over by the nonprofit organization.

Henceforth, every winter the project involves community volunteers and children in the tapping of local sugar maple trees and collecting the sap. On January 29, seven volunteers collected 150 gallons of sap from 6 trees on Tufts Campus. In order to keep it fresh, the sap was frozen at Groundwork's office and at the Somerville Homeless Coalition, who donated space this year, until the Maple Syrup Boil Down Festival.

In addition to the practical work on Tufts Campus, the project involves an educational component. In the course of and following the sap collection 13 volunteer teachers taught a series of four classes in 18 second-grade classes exposing the students to the life cycles of maple trees and how to make maple syrup. Chris Mancini especially emphasizes showing the production in urban areas."We spend a lot of time talking about health, nutrition, planting seeds, and understanding where your food comes from. Everyone has seen pictures of horse-drawn buggies, metal buckets, and a wood-fired stove. Here we can do it in the densest city in New England," he said.

At the festival itself, however, one not only gets to know the different areas of work of the Maple Syrup Project. While reading about the project's history visitors could buy a t-shirt with maple-themed prints from Groundwork's youth branch called the Green Team. In addition, pancakes with maple syrup, apple cider, and live music were provided.

Families seemed especially fond of the festival. "I like that I can teach my daughter about where food comes from and that it doesn't just show up in grocery stores as it is," said Lauren, a visitor from Arlington. At the arts and craft stand children could learn about the different layers of wood and which trees can be tapped to get syrup. Furthermore, the children were able to try tapping a small trunk before moving on to the next step of maple syrup production: The boiler.

The project's current boiler was built in 2006 by Somerville High School students and consists of a fireplace on the bottom and a tub on top. When added to the tub the sap evaporates over the heating fire and boils down to the thick liquid we call syrup. At the festival, 50 to 60 gallons of sap were being boiled down to syrup in about 6 to 8 hours. 40 gallons of the watery sap would make one gallon of syrup. Groundwork employees continuously explained the making of maple syrup from the tree to the boiler. Moreover, sap samples from the tub were handed out. Visitors were able to grasp the different stages sap goes through when being boiled down. The rest of the collected sap was sent to a local brewery and can soon be enjoyed as a seasonal beer

resents one of Somerville's unique cultural events. With it, the people behind the Maple Syrup Project build up the connection to something that gets lost easily in urban areas: The origin of the food we buy and consume every day.

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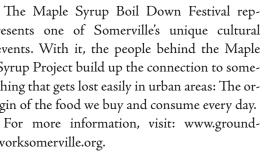














# **SPORTS**

# Ras Na hEireann 5k 2017

#### By Joe Ruvido

More than 1800 runners took part in Sunday's Ras Na hEireann 5k in Davis Square. For some, including race winners Kevin Greene and Holly Rees, the run was another competitive event on the spring racing calendar. For others it served as a healthy, athletic end to a festive St Patrick's Day weekend.

The weather showed no signs of a turn toward spring, with wintry temperatures in the low-30s and flurries throughout the morning. Runners faced a brisk, raw headwind for the first mile as they raced up Holland Street toward Teele Square. From there they turned east along Powderhouse Boulevard before looping back in to Davis Square via the community path.

As is usually the case, the thousands of dollars in prize money for top finishers attracted fast running talent. Greene, who won the men's race and was the first overall finisher was joined by teammate Holly Rees of Cambridge who won the women's race. Both took home medals and \$400 dollars in prize money. Rees and Green run for Battle Road Track Club, a subelite running club sponsored by New Balance.

The men's race was a dead-heat until Green, using the finishing speed he's honed on the track, powered past David Melly and Jonathan Phillips in the last 200 meters to take the win. Green ran an average pace of 4:49 per mile for a finishing time of 14:47. "We were all so close, right towards the end," said



— Photo by Donald Norton



— Photo by Joe Ruvido

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What did critic John Mason Brown describe
- 2. Who made the film Renaldo and Clara with Bob Dylan?

eyes"?

as "chewing gum for the

- 3. How many Gilbert and Sullivan operas are there?
- 4. Who said, "Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle"?
- 5. What year was the first Tarzan novel published?
- 6. Michael Jackson's Will You Be There came from which movie?

- 7. Who won the Best Director Oscar for Platoon?
- 8. The first great rock charity show was to help the people of which country?
- 9. Who wrote the very last episode of Seinfeld?
- 10. Which company first manufactured the electric toothbrush?
- 11. Which actor bought the island of Tetiaroa?
- 12. In which year was Bloody Sunday in Londonderry, Northern Ireland?

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Green, catching his breath at the finish line after the race. Asked where he'll be spending his prize money, he smiled. "I'm not sure, I'm currently a grad assistant so this is a big payday for me."

Though more spread out, the women's race was no less competitive in terms of pace and time. Rees finished more than a minute ahead of runner-up Heather Mahoney of Westford and third-place finisher Nora Weathers of Cambridge. "My time was ok, it was windy, I was happy with today," said Rees

about the win. Rees's 17:18 finishing time translates to an average pace of 5:34 per mile.

In spite of the cold and the wind, spectators dressed in green and holiday accessories lined the streets to cheer on runners. A bagpipe group in kilts played in the bus stop on Holland Street at Cameron Ave.

After the run, participants joined after-parties at bars in Davis Square to celebrate finishing the race and the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Alderman Jack Connolly, who ran the race in

addition to helping plan it, was enthusiastic about the turnout. "All of us involved with the planning and logistics involved were very pleased with a perfect running day," remarked Connolly.

Race Director Paul Collyer was equally content with the outcome of competition and festivities. "It's our 15th year. A lot of local sports oriented organizations are a part of it," said Collyer. The race benefits many local youth sports organizations, including Somerville High School Track.

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# SYSL coaches sought

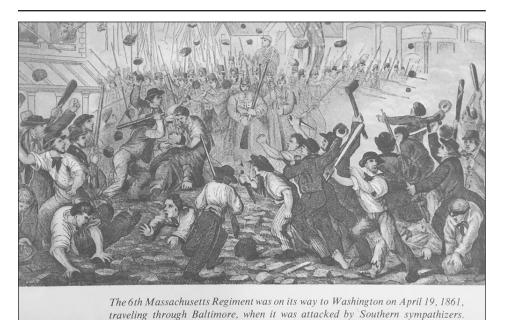
Do you want to coach soccer? Somerville Youth Soccer is a volunteer league that needs a few coaches from the community to step in. They need to find coaches for teams of 2nd and 8th graders.

The season runs April 1 – June 17. Some teams have no coach, and others just need assistants. Contact Betty at: ebyouareherenow@gmail.com to express your interest.



## **Historical Fact**

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first generals, and his first assignment was to strengthen Fortress Monroe in Virginia to protect Washington. While in command, he freed thousands of runaway slaves by labeling them military contraband, thus making them legally free. This was the forerunner to Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment.

Butler then became military governor of the surrendered city of New Orleans where the confederates labeled him "The Beast." Here, he controlled this city with an iron hand. When undersupplied with manpower, he began recruiting African American regiments and continued to do so through the remainder of the war. At its end, his regiments were the first Union troops to enter Richmond.

Ben Butler was a patriot. When he learned that American flags, ensigns, and pennants were made of foreign cloth in England, he stopped this practice. He changed to American-made fabric. After the war, he created the United States Bunting Company in Lowell that became the biggest flag company in the nation.

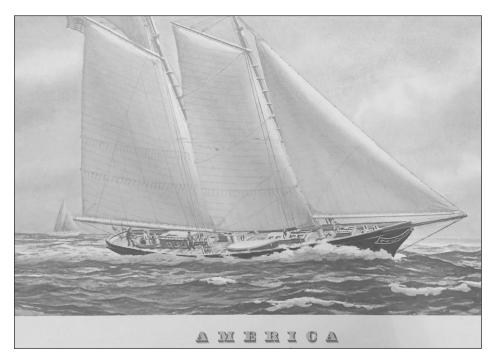
The first American flag, as we know it today, was flown on Somerville's Prospect Hill. The first official flag that was made in America was produced by Butler's company and flown in 1866 over the Capitol Building in Washington.

In Louisiana, they hated "Butler the Beast" so much that they put his image on the bottom of their chamber pots and wanted him hanged. In Massachusetts, they loved their "Big Ben" so much that they honored him with celebrations, parades, and elected him Governor.

While Governor, he was the first to appoint Afro-American and Irish-American judges. He and Charles Sumner co-authored the Civil Rights Act of 1875. He sponsored a scholarship for Afro Americans at Phillips Academy in Andover and was the first owner of the yacht, America.

In 1896, an attempt to have an equestrian statue of him erected at the State House in his honor came close to fruition.

To Civil War Americans, Benjamin Franklin Butler was "Beauty and the Beast."



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# LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston announces search for 2017 Creative Crew

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston has announced the search for their 2017-2018 Creative Crew. The Creative Crew are twelve children aged 5-10 who will have the opportunity to participate in exclusive building sessions with LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston Master Model Builder Megan Amaral, attend special events and be the first to test new rides and games.



The Creative Crew will also serve as a "kid panel" to share tips about everything from the best seat in the 4D theater to how to get the highest score on rides and other little known facts about visiting LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston.

The contest will run through Sunday, April 30. To apply, children must answer the question, "What does LEGO mean to you?" and submit a video or photo with a written answer. Submissions should also include an original LEGO build that the child has created. The contest is open to children throughout New England who are willing to come to LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston once a month for Creative Crew events.

Winners will be chosen by Amaral and announced on Monday, May 8 on LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston's Facebook page. The induction of the new Creative Crew will be held on Sunday, June 4.

"I meet with the Creative Crew monthly to teach them new LEGO building techniques, show them a new part of the attraction or celebrate one of our special events," said Amaral. "We are looking for creative and passionate kids from across New England who want to have fun trying out new parts of the attraction and can help us spread the word of all the cool things LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston has to offer."

For more information about LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston go to www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/boston/.

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

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

10 Linden Place: (Case #ZBA 2016-152) Applicant/Owner, Jamuna Kote & Simha Kadagathur, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a rear addition for a first floor living room, mud room, and bathroom, a second floor bedroom, and relocating a bulkhead door for basement access. RB zone. Ward 5.

54-56 Clarendon Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2017-14) Applicant and Owner, KSHR Properties, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to windows within the nonconforming side yard setbacks. RB Zone. Ward 7.

46 Ware Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-19) Applicant and Owner, Parikh Somerville Realty Trust, Anand and Anuradha Parikh, Trustees, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to construct a second and third floor addition to the front of a nonconforming structure. RA Zone. Ward 7. 640 Mystic Avenue: (Case #ZBA 2017-15) Applicant, Linda Pingiaro, individually and as a Trustee of 48-50 Ash Avenue Condominium Trust, seeks an Administrative Appeal per SZO §3.1.9, 3.2, and 3.2.3 from a decision by the Inspectional Services Department to refuse to stop work under a building permit issued for a residential structure at 640 Mystic Ave. The property owner is 640 Mystic Avenue LLC (previous owner El Camino LLC).

9 Richardson Street: (Case #ZBA 2017-16) Applicant Marissa Cummins and James Cummins seek a special permit per SZO 4.4.1 to modify an existing single family home with a renovation that includes a rear addition, modification to window locations and additional ceiling height. RB district, Ward 5.

16-18 Washington Terrace: (Case #ZBA 2017-24) Applicants and Owners, Theodore J. Poppitz and Victoria K. Choitz, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to the nonconforming structure, a Special Permit under §7.3 and §7.11.2.b for a special residential conversion from a two-family dwelling into a three-family dwelling, and a Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief. RA Zone. Ward 3.

Applications are not posted online. Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 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. Reports, plans and decisions, when completed, are posted online at 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 dpereira@somervillema.gov.



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development (OSPCD) will hold a public hearing on Thursday April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. on the 2017-2018 One Year Action Plan and to receive community input on priority needs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness for grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and the HOME Program. The public hearing will be held in the cafeteria at the Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center located at 150 Glen St. Somerville, MA. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, April 3 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Monday, April 3, 2017. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments must be submitted by Monday May 8, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m. and should be sent to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 Attn: Elizabeth Twomey or email to OSPCD@somervillema.gov.

Joseph A. Curtatone Mayor

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSION** JOSEPH A. CURTATONE **MAYOR**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Somerville Conservation Commission **Public Hearing** 

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

Nick Gove, Department of Conservation & Applicant:

Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 700,

Boston, MA 02114 Matt Devlin, AECOM, 250 Apollo Drive,

Representative: Chelmsford, MA 01824

Project Location: Mystic River State Reservation, Somerville, MA 02143

The proposed project implements a system wide maintenance and repair program for outfalls within the Mystic River State Reservation that discharge directly to the Mystic River. Many of the stormwater outfalls are currently in a state of disrepair. The proposed maintenance activities will attenuate flows prior to discharging to the Mystic

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

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PLANNING DIVISION

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A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Revision to Preliminary Master Plan Approval for Planned Unit Development - Assembly Square: (PB# 2006-59-R4-022017) The Applicant, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, and its Agent, Robert A. Fishman, Esq., seek approval of a Major Amendment of a Preliminary Master Plan (S.Z.O. §16.11.3.1) for a Planned Unit Development (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014 to change the design guideline

The Owners of the parcels within the boundaries of the proposed PUD include Federal Realty Investment Trust, FR Assembly Square, LLC, Street Retail Inc., SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, (Parcels: 86-A-1, 67-A-2, 67-A-6, 67-A-7, 85-A-5, 85-A-8, 85-A-9, 85-A-10, 85-A-11, 85-A-12, 85-A-13, 85-A-14, 85-A-15, 85-A-16, 85-A-17, 85-A-18, 99-A-8, 99-A-13, 99-A-14, 99-A-15, 99-A-16, 99-A-17, 99-A-18). Conveyed to MBTA: 85-A-19, 99-A-10a, 99-A-19. Department of Conservation and Recreation: Parcel 67-A-6, 67-A-7, 85-A-17, & 85-A-18.

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A). Ward 1.

Assembly Row Block 5B - Grand Union Boulevard: (PB 2017-05) Applicant and Owner, Street Retail Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of "Block 5B" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to build an approx. 237,600 sf office space, 489 structured parking spaces for shared use with Block 5A. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP.

The Applicant and Owner also seeks waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12 & 16.5.5) for unarticulated façade length at the garage enclosure under §6.4.7 and fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1

Assembly Row Block 8 – 300-398 Assembly Row: (PB 2017-06) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of "Block 8" (identified as MBL 99-A-14) of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 and June 19, 2014. Applicant and Owner seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2 to construct a mixed-use building with approx. 26,500 sf retail space, 500 residential units, and approx. 500 parking spaces. The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements.

The Applicant and Owner also seek waivers (S.Z.O. §6.4.12, & 16.11) for the signage height limit of 35' along Great River Road under §6.4.14, the submission of a landscape and screening plan under §5.3.2.10, the Planning Board's right of first refusal or option to purchase the inclusionary units under §13.3.5, and from the inclusionary housing requirements under §13.3.4 as permitted by §16.10.2 of the SZO. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Develop-

ment Overlay District - A (PUD-A) / Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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#### A world without jobs CONT. FROM PG 10

MacKinsey, and the Oxford scholars forecast, we should be largely past the age bulge that Sharma's concerns anticipate. And robots' ability to perform the work does not mean that those who own them, and the

governments that their owners influence, will commit them to providing goods and services for people who are no longer economically productive—either as a result of aging or of technological displacement.

Moreover, consumer products and services, which once accounted for a third of our economy, already now account for two thirds. Henry Ford II is reported to have asked United Auto Workers leader Walther Re-

uther, "How are you going to get these robots to pay union dues?" Reuther reportedly replied, "How are you going to get them to buy your cars?" Indeed, who can buy consumer goods when half or more of the workforce is

no longer employed and most of the rest have reduced incomes?

Questions like these have profound implications for our institutions, our culture, and how we will live our lives. I'll examine those questions in my next column.

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#### SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Somerville Housing Authority invites bids from contractors for Automotive Service and Repair Contract # P-Auto-042017. The Project consists of providing labor and material and other duties as described in the attached procurement package.

Contract term is 3 years from date of on "Notice to Proceed" form NOT to exceed \$100,000.00

General Bids will be received until 11:00 A.M., April 4, 2017 and publicly opened forthwith, at the Offices of the Somerville Housing Authority, Modernization Bldg., 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at the Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after 10:00 A.M. on March 15, 2017 or you may downloading them from our web site www.sha-web.org under our opportunities tab. There will be no charge for these documents. If downloaded, you must contact Anthony Crespo and leave a contact email to receive changes, or updates

Bids can be mailed, or dropped off to Somerville Housing Authority, Attn.: Anthony Crespo, Paint Bid, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245 and must be received by the time and date specified.

Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or email Tonyc@sha-web.org if you have questions.

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40/54A Hearing Notice

19 Kent Court Somerville Ma 02145

File No

#### **Legal Notice** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts **Massachusetts Department of Transportation**

#### **Notice of Hearing**

Upon the request of Floyd Richardson, the Building Inspector of Somerville

Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 54A, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation shall conduct a hearing to determine whether a building permit shall be issued to Eamon Fee for the Demolition of the existing single family and the erection off a three family structure located at 19 Kent Court Massachusetts and bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY one hundred twenty (120) feet to the location of the Fitchburg Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad: thence turning

SOUTHEASTERLY forty feet, six (6) inches by the location of said railroad to land now or formerly Enoch H. Wakefield: thence turning and

SOUTHWESTERLY by said land now or formerly of Wakefield, one hundred twenty (120) feet to said Kent Court: thence turning and run-

NORTHWESTERLY by said Kent Court, forty (40) feet, six (6) inches to the prior point of beginning.

The parcel includes part of the properties of the Fitchburg Railway

The hearing will take place on April 24th At 1.30 At the Department of Transportation, Ten Park Plaza Suite (4160) Boston, MA 02116. All interested should attend. Inquiries regarding this hearing may be made to Massachusetts Department of Transportation - Rail and Transit Division at (857)368-8964

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# Caregiver advocates rally at **Adult Foster Care Awareness Day**

#### By Nathan Lamb

With their support system facing millions in budget cuts, caregiver advocates from across the Commonwealth converged at Beacon Hill for Adult Foster Care Awareness Day on March 9.

Funded through MassHealth, Adult Foster Care (AFC) serves more than 12,000 elders and people with disabilities across the Commonwealth, by providing compensation, training, and respite for live-in caregivers.

But the program was recently hit with a \$2 million budget cut, as part of a larger package of cost-cutting measures announced by Governor Charlie Baker in December. Jeanne Leyden, who is director of the AFC program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) said advocates were at the Statehouse to urge lawmakers to reverse that cut, both in the current fiscal year and for FY18, where the annualized impact would be \$10.6 million.

"Our main focus is helping people receive the best possible care at home, but the program also saves the state a lot of money, by helping people avoid unwanted nursing home placements," said Leyden. "The current proposal



Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services was at the State House on March 9 to show its support for Adult Foster Care Awareness Day.

would reduce the program rates back to the 2006 level, and we're really concerned about how this will undermine our ability to support family caregivers.

The maximum daily cost for an AFC participant is \$85 - compared to the average of \$180 per day for a nursing home - according to numbers distributed by the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care, a nonprofit organization that advocates for more than 60 providers across the state.

The rally was organized by the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care, which invited both legislators and caregivers to speak

about the program changes lives. Speaking to the standing-room only gathering at Nurse's Hall in the Statehouse, council president Linda Andrade summed up their message in a six-word chant: "AFC is community. AFC is family."

Andrade also urged supporters to contact their legislators, which can be reached by calling 617-722-2000.

Adult Family Care is a non-profit program at SCES that supports inhome caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

#### SHS Students Excel at SkillsUSA District

Competition Students in the Somerville High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) SkillsUSA chapter recently participated in the District III SkillsUSA competition, facing off against regional CTE schools in the district. Students were required to take a written exam in their field of study. Placement on this district test qualifies students for the state competition which includes a hands-on challenge in their field, and which can possibly also qualify students for thousands of dollars in scholarships. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry partrs working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps students e



in their chosen fields by providing educational programs, events and competitions that support career and technical education in the nation's classrooms. Sponsorship opportunities to support the work of the Somerville SkillsUSA team are available; contact team advisor Mario Sousa (msousa@k12.somerville.ma.us or (617) 625-6600, x6273) for information. To learn more about SkillsUSA Massachusetts, visit https:// www.maskillsusa.org/. Congratulations to the following Somerville students who earned medals for their outstanding performances on their written exams: Anthony Araujo Amaral - Gold (Graphic Design & Communication); Samuel Saron - Bronze (Drafting and Engineering); Charlotte Kafka-Gibbons - Gold (Commercial Baking); Brian Garcia - Silver (commercial Baking); Tabatha Bohmbach - Bronze (Cosmetology); Molly Roderick - Silver (Dental Assisting); Alexis Mcgeoghean - Silver (Early Education and Childhood)

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

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

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The Brian Higgins Foundation invites you to join the fun at one of Somerville's biggest community nights of the year - the Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night! The event takes place March 23, 6:30 p.m. at Tufts University's Cousens Gym. The celebration includes a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and numerous raffles. A light dinner and cash bar will be available. Visit www.thebrianhigginsfoundation. org for more information about the foundation's work.

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#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday | March 22

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

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

#### Thursday | March 23

**Central Library** 

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

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

#### Friday | March 24

**Central Library** 

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

**Central Library** Film & Discussion: The Duff 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Saturday | March 25

**Central Library** Yoga for Kids Ages 3-7 with Janine 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Sunday | March 26

**Central Library** 

Fluff: The Sticky Sweet Story of an American Icon, Talk and Reception with Mimi Graney 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday | March 27

**Central Library** Sing Along

11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

West Branch Library Book Club for Kids at West Branch 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

#### Tuesday | March 28

West Branch Library

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

**Central Library** 

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

**Central Library** 

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Wednesday | March 29

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

#### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday | March 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room Backroom Series: Robbie O'Connell|7 p.m.

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 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

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Ioshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

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

#### Thursday | March 23

Sally O'Brien's

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

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Compa-Backroom Series: Girls Guns & Glory

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

P.A.'s Lounge The Visitors 8 p.m. The Perry Bakalos Group Dancehall Lounge

7p.m.

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

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The Rockwell Cootie Catcher 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Friday | March 24

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HereNowLive presents Addison Chase, Kyle Jordan, Dori Cameron, Cute Uterus \$10 cover | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series: Dana Louise & The Glorious Birds|7 p.m. Spike the Punch 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 247

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

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Casev's Entertainment every Friday

173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 Thunder Road

Naughty Professor (Future Funk/Jazz) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Stef Chura 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

DJ Tina 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and B.U.M.P|9:30 p.m.

Dirty Disney 11 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory Young Fiddlers' Workshop Series -

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Boston Scottish Fiddle Club 7:15 p.m.|Café Grand Harmonie presents: March

7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | March 25 Sally O'Brien's

Avon 39 Walk to End Breast Cancer fundraiser! Seismic Gaps featuring Brightnight|2 p.m.

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. The Black Cheers, BETH \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195 **Thunder Road** 

Kids' Union Dance Party!|3 p.m.

Cult of Point Break Society Presents: The Music Of Steely Dan 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Savak, Lake Ruth, DJ Bad Squirrel 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell KERPLUNK!|11 a.m. Shit Faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|7 p.m.

255 Elm Street Aeronaut Brewing Co. Weird Folk Festival 2:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory CiRQULARITY: Sherlock Holmes & the Sapphire Night 8 p.m.|Performance Hall Penny 4 Ya Thoughts?

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Sunday | March 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar Roy Sludge Trio |6 p.m. Red Right Hand 9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

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Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave 617-718-9177

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Pop Icon Heartbruncher- Mariah Carey's Birthday Brunch|10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Ryan Alvanos 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Cirqularity: Sherlock Holmes & the 3:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Café|Performance Hall191 Highland Ave

#### Monday March 27

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Come-Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run

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

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On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Taco Monday Mess-Around
Jay Allen (Jay Allen and The Archcriminals), Tom Baker (Tom Baker and The Snakes), Justine Covault (Justine and The Unclean), Chrissie Vaccaro (Petty Morals)

#### Tuesday | March 28 Sally O'Brien's Bar

7 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Jan Marie & Josie Lowder 7 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m. Back Room:

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. . 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 **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.

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PJ Ryan's 239 Holland St.|617-625-8200 Thunder Road

Thunder & Lightening Sessions 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

#### 156 Highland Ave Wednesday | March 29

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm **Backroom Series** Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

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Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Wacken Metal Battle USA - Boston Round 3 Upheaval, Leather Lung, Birnam Wood, Concillium

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Josiah Reibstein Quintet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday | March 22

**Central Library Oral History Training** 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | March 23

**Central Library** 

Fair Housing Commission meeting 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.|79 Highland

**East Branch Library** Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. 40 College Ave **East Branch Library** Drop in Knitting at the East Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

**Central Library** FREE Yoga at the Library 6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland 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

#### **Book Group** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday | March 24

**East Branch Library** 

Saturday | March 25 **Central Library** Yoga with Janine 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

9:30 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet

**Somerville Winters Farmer Market** 

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

Sunday | March 26 **Central Library** Fluff: The Sticky Sweet Story of an American Icon, Talk and Reception

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

## Monday | March 27

with Mimi Graney

Central Library Childrens Budget Forum Understand-

ing the City and District Budgeting Process 8 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **East Branch Library** 

(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2) 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 115 Broadway West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Learn English at the Library!

Tuesday | March 28 **Central Library** 

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

Wednesday | March 29 Arts at the Armory

Farm Share Fair 4 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave **Central Library** 

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

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Children of the World Preschool – Tuesday, March 28 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center – Join us for this special treat as the Children of the World Preschool

entertain us. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

Make History With Somerville – Friday, April 7 at our Holland Street Center at 10:30 a.m. – Come see how you can contribute to Somerville's 175th Anniversary. Please RSVP to 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

New Hampshire Bingo – Wednesday, April 12 – Holland Street check in at 2:45 p.m. with an approximate return time of 10:30 p.m. Dinner & Bingo on your own - \$5 for transporation – Limited seating – To sign up or for more information please call Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

Mohegan Sun – Tuesday, April 18 – Holland check in at 8:00 a.m. – Ralph & Jenny check in at 8:15 a.m. – approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon and \$10 free bet – Reserve your spot by calling Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

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

The day trip to Twin River scheduled for Monday, March 27th is SOLD OUT.

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

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

**2017 Advisory Dates 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Holland St.** July 10, October 16.

#### 2017 Event Dates

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

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

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

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

#### **Mondays:**

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

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

One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

#### Wednesday, March 22

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

#### Thursday, March 23

9:00 Community Food Program (RJ) 10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ) (joint lunch with Holland) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

#### Friday, March 24

11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

#### Monday, March 27

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C) 1:00 Bereavement Group (H) Twin Rivers

#### Tuesday, March 28

10:00 Senior Housing 101 (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)
11:30 Pizza & Movie (H)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

#### Wednesday, March 29

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

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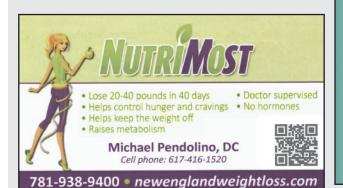
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	4:00pm	Words on Film	2:30pm	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center
7:30am	Somerville Storytellers	8:00pm	(LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Science 360	10:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm	SCOUTV	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	7:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
	Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	The Struggle
11:00am	DW Global 3000	Friday, M	arch 24	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
11:30am	Hello Neighbor!	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm	The Folklorist	7:00pm	Start Up TV Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am	What's Left	10:30pm	Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
1:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Flotilla	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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4:00pm	Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	
5:00pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday	, March 28
5:30pm	Justicia Migrante	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:00am	Aging Well	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
6:00pm	Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:30am	International Church of God	7:30am	Art at SCAT
7:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	SCOUTV	12:00pm	Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	,
9:30pm	Beyond Boston	4:00pm	Gay USA	1:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	10:30am	,
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm	Reeling Review	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	11:00am	
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	The Language of Business	6:00pm	DW In Good Shape	1:00pm	(LIVE) Words on Film
7:30am	Esoteric Science	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
9:00am	SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Telemagazine	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Public Domain Film Festival	4:00pm	Aging Well
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	4:30pm	The Struggle (LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Ojo Rojo	11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	5:00pm 5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
11:30am	What's Left	Saturday	, March 25	Monday,	March 27	6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	(LIVE) Greater Somerville
4:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	SCATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions	8:00pm	(LIVE) Dead Air Live
4:30pm	Off the Shelf	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
5:00pm	DW Global 3000	11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	11:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:30pm	Legacies	12:00pm	Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00pm	
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Wedneso	lay, March 22
8:00am	Fit-4-Life #6 2017
9:00am	Inventing the Charles River
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.20.17
2:33pm	SomerViva em Português
3:02pm	Talking Business "Chill Ville"
6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee Public Hearing
9:03pm	Congressional Update
9:34pm	Maura Healey Town Hall
Thursday	y, March 23
12:00am	Inventing the Charles River
1:03am	Charles Bulfinch & the Barrell Mansion
2:14am	SomerSafe Sports Concussion Awareness
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Friday, March 24 12:00am Somerville by Design 1:00am Rally Point 1:32am The Next Innovation Center 9:00am 9:32am Push Ups for Veterans 9:33am Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 12:00pm Maura Healey Town Hall 1:30pm Congressional Update 2:00pm Inventing the Charles River Fit-4-Life #6 2017 4:00pm 6:30pm Charles Bulfinch & the Barrell Mansion 7:40pm 8:11pm 10:14pm 10:44pm 11:01pm Saturday, March 25

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SHS Boys Basketball v Medford @ Tufts

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Argenziano School MLK Concert

**Beginners Instrumental Concert** 

Our Schools, Our City

Inventing the Charles River 8:03pm Rally Point Women's History Month Celebration 8:35pm The Mayor's Report 9:35pm 10:00pm Inventing the Charles River Tuesday, March 28 12:00am Women's History Month Celebration 1:00am Neighborhood Planning Mtg. Davis Sq. 2:07am 2:39am 5:00am 9:00am

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11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden
1:00pm	Student of the QtrWHCS
1:30pm	Student of the Qtr Argenziano
2:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball v S. Boston
3:30pm	SHS Girls Basketball v Austin Prep
5:00pm	SomerSafe: Sports Concussion Awareness
6:30pm	Student of the Qtr Kennedy School
7:00pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden
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Friday, March 24 12:00am

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Monday, March 27 12:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Everett 1:30am Student of the Qtr. - Kennedy School 2:00am Chris Herren Speaks to SHS 3:00am Public Domain Theater 9:00am SHS Varsity Swim Meet - 2/6/17

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Tuesday, March 28

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Wednesday, March 29

12:00am SHS Girls Basketball vs NDA Hingham 1:30am SHS Girls Basketball v Austin Prep 3:00am **Public Domain Theater** 

by Doug Holder

# Inward Accompaniment in 'hundred and eight prayer flags' A book of poems by Simrin Tamhane

Somerville writer Michael Todd Steffen reviews a poetry collection from Endicott College student Simrin Tamhane, as part of Somerville's Ibbetson Street

Press/Endicott College Young Poet Series, as founded by yours truly and professor Daniel Sklar. It is currently directed by Emily Pineau and all books are designed by Steve Glines.

In the February 13 and 20, 2017 issue of *The New Yorker* (pp 93-5), Joyce Carol Oates comments on refugee and fiction writer Viet Thanh Nguyen. "It is hardly surprising," Oates writes, that the displaced person "is obsessed with identity, both personal and ethnic ... likely to be highly sensitive to others' interpretations of him and his 'minority' culture. And so his peripheral status confers certain advantages, for he is in a position to see what others do not."

The insight applies to Simrin Tamhane and her expressive debut book of poems, hundred and eight prayer flags, issued this year as part of the Endicott College Young Poets Series by Ibbetson Street Press (series director: Emily Pineau; Founders: Dan Sklar and Doug Holder).

Tamhane sees from her experience and memory, in the title poem, the embodiment of her natural and homeland energies, in

thousands of faded mantras printed on rows of endless white prayer flags that cling

onto tall bamboo poles while dancing with the swirling Himalayan wind... [page 3]

The poet poignantly documents the significant coincidence of her young displacement from India to America with the loss of a cherished grandfather:

When I was flying to the United States, leaving behind everything, the time zone didn't let me know that you died until 2 days later...

And so I lit candles for you, In this foreign land, And prayed for your soul...

Hidden in the dorm bathroom, Silencing my pain with Cheap toilet paper ["my father's father," page 9]

The physical sense of isolation, however, is sustained inwardly with accompaniment in images of multiplicity like the "hundred and eight prayer flags" of the poem, or even more subtly in Tamhane's choice word for a particular red denoting



plenitude:

i am vermillion power clouds ["who am i" p. 6]

The genius of the poetry, however, while allowing the consolation and inspiration of memory, faces its counterweight in what has happened with a striking concluding image:

Goodbye was 3 pistachios placed On your hand while you Struggled to have them touch your lips [page 9]

Whether she is conjuring from her past in India a poor maid that looked after her, forays with other children stealing passion fruit from her grandfather's bamboo trellis, or witnessing the contradictions in the lives of her young American encounters (a would-be animal-rights activist who wears a vintage leather jacket, a medical student who works as a nightclub stripper) Tamhane's vision is pristine and her language vivid and to the heart.

Charlotte Gordon has called this book "luminous and clear-sighted." Mark Herlihy has noted the range of Tamhane's powers of empathy which convey "loss, longing and heartache on personal and universal levels." It is a promising first collection, accented with talent, imagination and consideration.

— Michael Todd Steffen

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Soon the national pastime will start up once again. So Somerville poet Ed Meek throws us a curve ball of a poem. Ed has recently released a collection of short stories titled *Luck*.



#### Curve ball

It was a slow curve—
A big bender,
Spinning against
The trajectory of the ball
It hung
At the apex
Suspending time
Like a full moon
While I waited
Back on my heels.
And when I finally
went for it,
it was nowhere near
where I expected
it to be.

Sometimes even
When you know what's coming
You still miss it.

— Ed Meek

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