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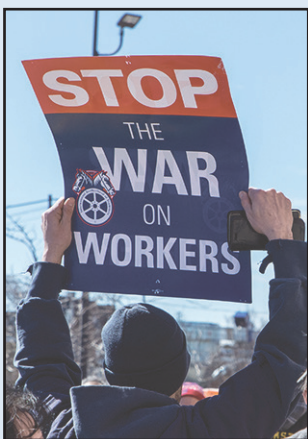
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City passes Condo Conversion Ordinance increasing tenant rights



The ordinance vote goes before the full council on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

By Denise Keniston

On Thursday, March 21, the Somerville Legislative Matters Committee passed a revised Condominium/Cooperative Conversion Ordinance. A condo conversion ordinance - enacted back in 1985 - is already on the books, but the committee approved revisions that substantively increase and update tenant's rights.

Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang, who chairs the committee, says, "The current ordinance doesn't protect tenants very effectively and we, the city, needed to take steps to protect tenants, particularly those tenants who are vulnerable, elderly, disabled, low-income."

Revisions include regulations regarding, notice periods for conversion, tenant's rights in public hearings and third-party purchase, vacancy and increased relocation payments from landlords.

Among other specifics, the revised ordinance requires a 5-year landlord

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Somerville High School 'kicks butts'

By Jackson Ellison

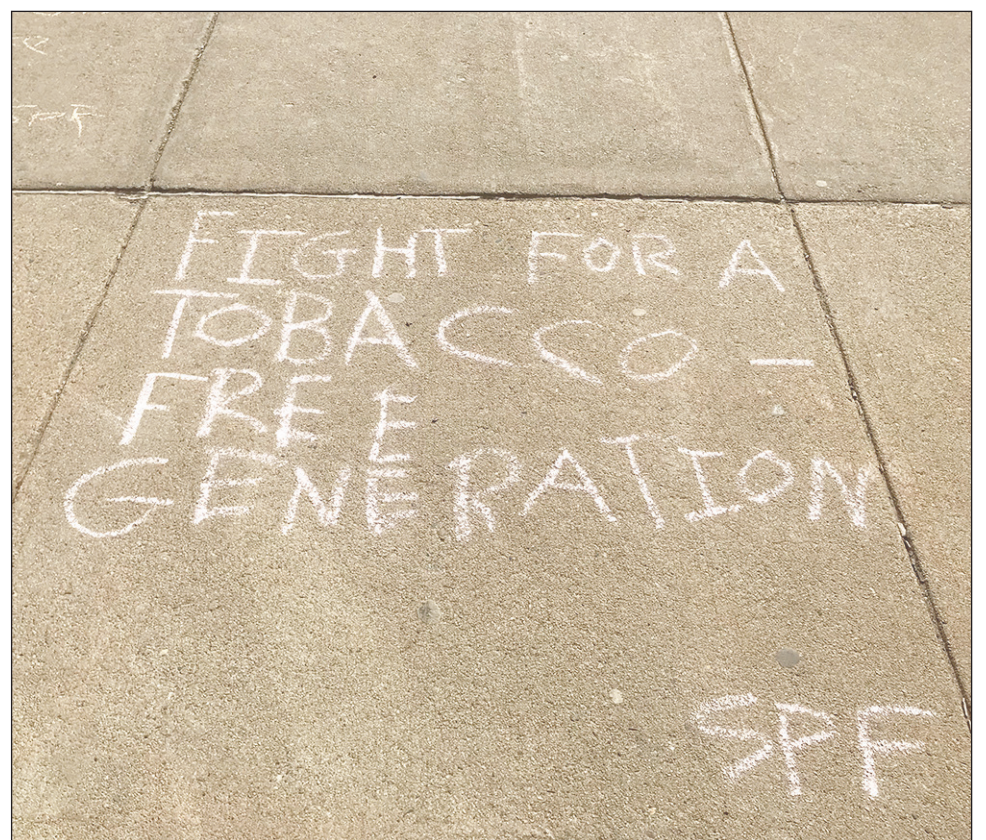
March 20 was National Kick Butts day, where events take place all over the country to raise awareness about the dangers of smoking. It is mainly targeted towards educating teens about the risks that come along with cigarettes.

Students at Somerville High School participated in Kick Butts Day by writing messages with chalk, all around the school grounds and city hall, about the harms of tobacco and the truth about e-cigarettes.

The messages were scattered all around the school and focused on spreading around the dangers of smoking in short, clear statements. Students wrote messages like "A smoking habit = \$3,285=a year," and "Fight for a tobacco-free generation."

Somerville Cares about Prevention and the City of Somerville Health and Human Services also joined with the high school in helping raise awareness for National Kick Butts Day. These organizations have worked with Somerville High School in the past few

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Somerville High School students recently participated in the National Kick Butts day by writing anti-smoking messages on city sidewalks with chalk. — Photo by Jackson Ellison

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The **Ball Square Bridge** is closed, but several local eateries are depending on you to continue stopping in and having a great breakfast or lunch. Whether it's **Ball Square Café, Sound Bites, Kelly's Diner, or Victor's Deli** – which everyone loves – please don't forget them. Business will be rough, but each place in Ball Square has loyal dedicated customers who need to keep coming back. Don't forget the many other businesses in Ball Square either. So far, as we are located here in Ball Square (the newspaper) traffic hasn't been that bad!

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

Once again for the 7th year now, the **Freemasons** on Highland Ave. are hosting their annual **Giggles night club** with a great night of comedy and a silent auction. The event is on **April 24**, doors open at 630 p.m. The *Continued on page 11*

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Our View of the Times – March 20

LindaS says:
This is the problem with having such a densely-populated city. Too many people, too many cars and bikes, and too many small streets to navigate. It's bad enough trying to move through Somerville as it is, much less when they block off main streets for marathons during the summer months. Most people coming in from outside the city probably don't know what's going on until they get here.
Let's hope they get this right. They've had plenty of time to plan this. We may all know about this here, but you just don't know how many people who live outside the city will know what's going on until they get here.
Let's also hope that it takes less time than they say it will. If Boston can fix the Commonwealth Avenue bridge in only a matter of a few weeks, I think we should be able to do the same.

Josh says:
Actually this is the problem with living in a city with a totally ineffective administration, elected officials, and appointed officials. They should have made a plan for this and they didn't. What happened to the shuttle they were going to provide so the elderly and disabled could get to their re-located bus stop? Nope. Elderly and disabled be damned.
LindaS, 'should be' able to finish in a matter of weeks. 'Should' being the operative word.

Old Taxpayer says:
It has a huge impact on our lives. And to make it worse it is something we don't want or will ever be able to use. Even if we were able bodied. Maybe the Army corp of engineers should have been asked to help.

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

Jake J. says:
Trump supporters were howling yesterday on Twitter. "Can everybody stop calling me a Russian bot for being a hot Trump supporter now?"
"Will everybody keep calling them Russian Bots because Trump's a gangsta just like Putin is."
Ultra-right Trump supporters and ultra-left Bernie supporters, but what happened to the Republican and Democratic parties?
Will the Welcome Project's Ben Echevarria explain what he thinks "the collective power of Somerville immigrants" is?
This ultra-left/right politics of virtue signals and identity labels gets carried too far. Better wear your Bernie badge or you don't get to talk. Or not until Mueller yesterday, and now we're going to listen to weeks of the Trump badges saying that he should be reelected Pres, and the Democrats and Bernie should apologize.
The ultra-politics of crazy people.

Response to: The Merry Jingle Highway

BMac says:
Brown eggs are local eggs,
and local eggs are fresh.
I wanna be a toys-r-us kid
more games, more toys, oh boy.

Old Taxpayer says:
So many of these just stuck in our brain forever, School bells ring and children sing, it's back to Robert Hall again

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John Connolly

Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

Ball of Confusion



The Ball Square bridge is closed. The detours seem to be working smoothly. Just for kicks, I threw a question out there. It read: “Name, or change a song/title dedicated to the Ball Sq. bridge closure and other detours in Somerville ... I’ll start ... Bridge Over Troubled ... Train Tracks!”

Of course, we all hope that the detours will be painless and not too stressful, I but in the meantime we can have a little fun. Here are the songs that my friends came up with:

Signs signs everywhere are

signs, blocking out Broadway blowing my mind! Get ya motor runnin’ ride out on the Ville way, swearing at the wheel, and whatever you go under! You’ve got me going in circles. Do you know, where you’re going to? The theme song from the Benny Hill show. CRAZY, I’m crazy for driving In Somerville! Baby you can drive my car (cause I’m hoofing it). Under the bridge. Jesus take the wheel. I will Survive! Crosstown Traffic. On the distress-way.

Ball Square bridge is falling down, falling down. On the highway to Hell. Turn around Drivers. Total u-turn of your car! It’s only just begun! (Never gonna be) easy like Sunday morning! I think I’m in trou-

ble. NOT the expressway to my heart. The night the roads went down in Somerville. Who let the cones out? One way out. Stuck in Ball Square with you. I walk the ... Green ... Line.

Where do I go, follow the detours. The long and winding detour. Train kept a rolling. Welcome to my nightmare. We gotta get outta this place. You got me going in circles. Bridge of sighs. Taking care of business and working overtime! (that one is for the police details.) Finally, Help! Turn, Turn, Turn, and Slow Ride.

And if we get frustrated due to lines of detoured traffic remember, slow down, and take it easy.

Please continue to support the businesses in Ball Square.



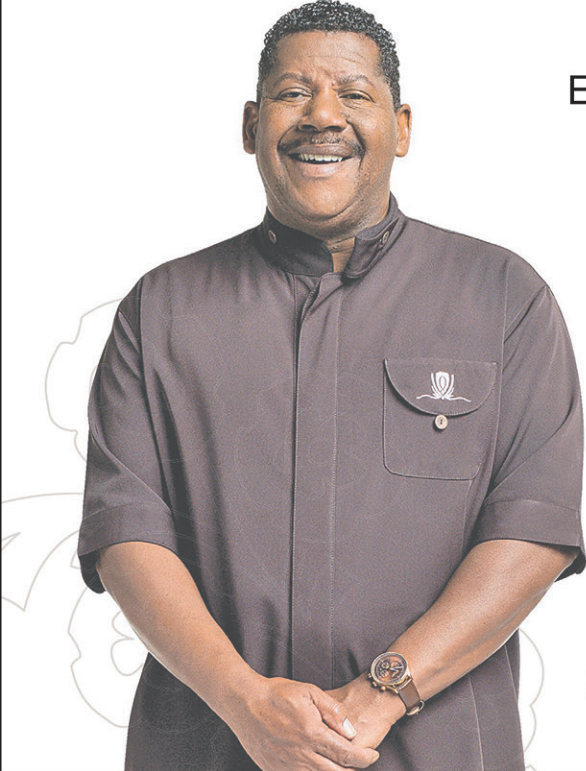
Harris Park landscape plan community meeting

The empty lot by the East Somerville Stop & Shop that was once Harris Park is set to be transformed into a new community green space. Join your neighbors and City staff at the Harris Park Community Meeting on April 3 to discuss the landscape plan for the renovation. The meeting will cover landscape features designed to provide both a welcoming green space and air quality improvements. Tree plantings and removals, as well as other plant choices, will also be discussed. The meeting will take place at the Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway on Wednesday, April 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Interpretation into Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Kreyol available upon advance request (at least 3 business days advance notice needed). For additional information or to request interpretation, please contact Cortney Kirk, Streetscape and Public Space Planner, at ckirk@somervillema.gov.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Taxi hater takes it out on parked cab

A Somerville Police officer who was monitoring vehicular traffic near the intersection of Elm and Chester Streets last Sunday was flagged by bystanders down and informed that a man had just come out of the Burren bar and broke the side mirror of a parked taxi cab.

After inspecting the damaged vehicle, the officer observed a man running west on Elm St., and several people pointed him out as the suspect in question.

After informing Somerville Police control of his location, the officer activated his emergency equipment and followed the man, later identified as Jacob Sylvester, towards Highland Ave.

Sylvester then reportedly ran towards Davis Square train station. The officer exited the cruiser and chased him on foot and was able to stop him on College Ave.

The officer placed Sylvester on the ground and put him in

handcuffs. While running away from the officer, Sylvester reportedly interfered with vehicular traffic, caused several cars to slam on their brakes to avoid striking him.

Once apprehended, Sylvester reportedly referred to the officer with a racially offensive epithet, called females who walked by derogatory names, and called a black man who walked passed us the n-word. Sylvester reportedly continued to yell at people on

the street for no reason, causing public inconvenience.

An off-duty Cambridge Police officer stopped and assisted until other Somerville officers arrived to assist in the arrest.

According to reports, Sylvester continued to yell at people on the street and the police officers and shouted profanities, as well as asserting that he hated taxi cabs.

The arresting officer spoke with the doorman at the Burren who informed him that Sylves-

ter attempted to walk out of the bar with a bottle of beer, and when he took it away from him he started yelling, then walked up to the cab and smashed the side mirror.

The cab driver reportedly told police that Sylvester seemed to break the mirror for no reason.

Sylvester was placed under arrest on charges of disorderly conduct and malicious damage to a motor vehicle and transported to the station for booking.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests: Kara Barowski , of 202 Powder House Blvd., March 18, 6:09 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property under \$1200. Paul Capotosto , of 52 Neponset St., Revere, March 18, 7:27 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of shop-	lifting over \$250 by concealing merchandise. Williyah Young , of 58 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury, March 19, 6:05 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise, disorderly conduct, removal of theft prevention device, and resisting arrest. John Potter , of 125 Jaques,	March 19, 6:06 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of defrauding a restaurant. Patrick Janeiro , of 22 Linden, Medford, March 20, 4:48 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Thomas Alonardo , of 20 Hale Ave., Medford, March 21,	5:41 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of drug possession to distribute. Natashia Fairweather , of 25 Charter St., Exeter, NH, March 21, 11:26 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute and shoplifting by concealing merchandise. Deniz Monteiro , of 2 Lewis	Pl., Roxbury, March 23, 7:37 p.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. Jacob Sylvester , of 15 Putnam St., March 24, 12:32 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of disorderly conduct and malicious damage to a motor vehicle.
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City passes Condo Conversion Ordinance increasing tenant rights

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notification to vulnerable tenants – defined as elderly, disabled, and low-income – and one year for all other tenants.

Ellen Shachter, the Director of the Office of Housing Stability for the City of Somerville, explains that landlords are currently getting around the ordinance by emptying their buildings – by whatever means possible – before applying for a condo conversion permit. "The new ordinance will take away the incentive for landlords to deliver a building vacant and get around the ordinance," she says. "This ordinance puts into place a 12-month waiting period to prevent landlords from emptying their buildings before applying."

On February 4, Somerville residents had the opportunity to voice their opinions at a public hearing. Many were in favor of the ordinance, some against.

Patrick Keefe used to live in Somerville and now resides in Medford. He owns and rents out a two-family house in Winter

Hill, and was present to oppose the changes to the ordinance, especially the inclusion of 2-4 unit properties. "I fundamentally disagree with most of the provisions in this revised ordinance, no matter how large the property, but to include four units or less in this ordinance is really a problem for hard-working people who took a risk and invested in the city of Somerville as small landlords," he said. "If they're anything like me, they saved up a down payment and bought it as an owner-occupant so that they could live within their means while building equity and now it's appreciated to become a significant part of their net worth." He goes on to say, "I think there will be a bunch of unintended consequences, but ultimately the small landlord gets hurt most. The big sophisticated groups will figure out a way around this ordinance, and the tenants will now have more power over small landlords. It's just another example of responsible middle-class citizens getting squeezed."

Most speakers were in favor of the revisions, including Alex Peary, who lives on St. James Avenue and agrees with the ordinance. "Who are we developing the city for? Is it for the benefit of the very few, many of whom are not Somerville residents who profit from development, the developers, their lawyers, contractors, and insurance providers," he says. "If not we need to pull ourselves up short and establish strong rules as we should have a long time ago and it seems possible with the current council."

Also in favor is Alan Bingham, who lives on Day Street. "You can take it from me who lives next door to a place where months ago, some 24 long-term residents were evicted from their building so that the landlord could modernize it and triple the rents, which he has successfully done," he said. "All those people have now moved, except for two, out of Somerville, which is quite distressing. I urge the city to think about this very careful-



Patrick Keefe is against the ordinance and, as a small landlord, believes it puts him at a disadvantage compared to larger ones.

ly, especially in trying to sustain Somerville for what it is, the city that we all love."

Katie Gradowski, who moved out of Somerville because she could no longer afford it, favors the revised ordinance. "This legislation is critical. One of the things that are really powerful about it is that it values renters at what they're actually worth, as families, as voters, and as members of this community," she said. "To folks who have spoken about their need to re-

tain their second home for retirement or as a college fund for their kids, I would ask, would you be able to move your kids right now if you have \$300 of moving expenses? To those who have concerns about the waiting period, I would ask if you've ever been given 30 days to move your family. It's a traumatizing experience."

The ordinance goes before the full Somerville City Council for a vote on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

District Attorney Marian Ryan announces new cold case unit

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has announced the launch of a new Cold Case Unit. To lead the team, she has hired an experienced prosecutor who will focus exclusively on solving the County's oldest and most challenging cases. The Unit will investigate unsolved homicides, suspicious deaths where foul play is suspected and missing persons cases.

"I know the enormous hole the loss of a loved one leaves in the life of a family, and I'm determined to do everything I can for every family who has waited years for answers," District Attorney Ryan said. "This is a new and aggressive approach to examining our unsolved cases. The Chief of our new unit will be working over the next few months to build a team of specially trained and experienced homicide detectives from the State Police and from each city and town in Middlesex County to review every unsolved homicide case over the last 50 years."

The work of the Cold Case Unit will be all encompassing. Prosecutors will be re-examining existing evidence and utilizing the latest investigative techniques and technology. This initiative reflects District Attorney Ryan's unwavering commitment to Middlesex County's oldest cases. In January, 2019, the Office solved the oldest case in their history, the 50-year-old murder of Harvard graduate student, Jane Britton, through the use of improved DNA testing measures. In

bringing this case to conclusion investigators were able to provide answers to Jane's brother and many of her friends who were alive and still haunted by her tragic death.

If after a thorough review, the Cold Case Unit concludes that no further investigative steps can be taken, a copy of the file will be made available, as the Office recently did for the family of Joan Risch, a Lincoln woman who went missing from her home in October 1961.

Attorney Dave Solet has returned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office to oversee the Cold Case Unit. Solet, who graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University and cum laude from Harvard Law School, previously served in the Office, prosecuting homicide cases, as well as cases involving child exploitation, narcotics trafficking, public corruption and organized crime. Solet has also trained police and prosecutors in a wide variety of topics including search warrants, digital evidence, and the law of weapons.




Solet recently served as Chief Legal Counsel at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) where he oversaw the secretariat's legal and legislative affairs. Solet is a member and former co-chair of the Boston Bar Association's Criminal Law Steering Committee, and serves as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps,

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High School Photo of Deanna 1994 Deanna and Thomas Leblanc (Semiformal 1994) Loc. where Deanna's body was found

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The unsolved 1995 murder of Somerville teen Deanna Cremin is but one of the many cold cases the new investigative unit will be addressing.

United States Army Reserve.

Collaboration with the community will also be a primary focus of the unit, recognizing that the public plays a critical role in moving unsolved investigations forward. If members of the pub-

lic believe that they have information about any unsolved homicides, they are encouraged to contact the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office at 781-867-6600.

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

ATTEMPT TO ABOLISH ELECTORAL COLLEGE

While on the stump in her presidential campaign last week, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) made headlines and reignited a debate that has been brewing across the nation for years. Warren wants to abolish the Electoral College, the current system under which the president and vice president are not actually elected directly by the voters but rather by “electors” who are elected by popular vote from each state. There are 538 electors with each state assigned a number of electoral votes equal to the number of its members of Congress. The District of Columbia has three electoral votes. Electors are chosen by political parties and pledge to vote for the winner of the state’s popular vote.

Warren was on the stump in Mississippi last week and promoted the abolishment of the Electoral College. “You know come a general election, presidential candidates don’t come to places like Mississippi,” said Warren. “They also don’t come to places like California and Massachusetts, because we’re not the battleground states. But my view is that every vote matters. And the way we can make that happen is that we can have national voting.”

Every four years there is talk about abolishing the Electoral College and electing the president based on the national popular vote. This talk intensified after the 2000 election in which Al Gore (50,999,897 votes) won 543,895 more popular votes than George W. Bush (50,456,002 votes) but was beaten by Bush in the Electoral College by a 271 to 266 margin. The debate was re-ignited when Hillary Clinton (65,853,514 votes) won more popular votes than President Donald Trump (62,984,828 votes) but lost to Trump in the Electoral College by a 304 to 227 margin.

Eventually, though, the debate settles down and the system stays the same. One of the key reasons for the reluctance to change is that abolishing the Electoral College would require a constitutional amendment that is either proposed by two-thirds of each house of Congress or by a constitutional convention that would be called if 34 states requested it. In both cases, the proposed amendment would then have to be ratified by 38 states in order to become part of the Constitution. Both of these avenues are difficult, at best.

Along comes Fair Vote, a group with the goal of electing the president by popular vote without actually abolishing the Electoral College. It establishes an agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote. The agreement would require states that join the pact to cast all of their electoral votes for the presidential candidate who wins a majority of the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The pact would go into effect when states representing at least 270 electoral votes — a majority of the 538-vote Electoral College — join the pact. It is a clever end run around the Constitution by taking advantage of a part of the document that supporters say gives the states exclusive and complete power to determine how to allocate their electoral votes. The pact would likely be challenged in the courts if it ever takes effect.

The National Popular Vote plan has bipartisan support and, according to Fair Vote’s website, the plan has been introduced in all 50 state legislatures. It has been signed into law in the District of Columbia and 12 states pos-

sessing 181 electoral votes — 67 percent of the 270 electoral votes needed to activate the legislation. The states include California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Washington State and Vermont. The Massachusetts House 114-35 and the Senate 28-9 approved the measure in July 2010 and it was signed into law in August by former Gov. Deval Patrick.

Supporters say the Electoral College is an antiquated system that is inherently undemocratic and gives voters in states with a large number of electoral votes more voting power than those in other states. They argue the system was designed by the framers because they did not trust the common citizen to vote correctly. They note that presidential candidates now concentrate on, and campaign in, a handful of swing states while ignoring most of the states that are already solidly Democratic or Republican.

Some opponents say that the Electoral College is a good system that has worked well and should not be changed. They argue it actually gives voters in smaller states power that they would not have if the president was elected strictly by a popular vote system in which candidates would concentrate on states with larger populations. Some have argued that electing the president by popular vote would give wealthy fringe and third-party candidates a chance at success by focusing their efforts in a few major urban centers. Others suggest that changing from the Electoral College to a popular vote system is a very serious issue that needs more study.

(A “Yes” vote is for the law making Massachusetts a member of the popular vote pact. A “No” vote is against the law.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Not yet elected
Rep. Mike Connolly	Not yet elected
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

IF AT FIRST YOU DON’T SUCCEED – Many bills that were defeated or died in committee last year have been refiled for consideration in the 2019-2020 session. Here are some of them:

PROFIT FROM CRIMINAL ACT (S 797) - Restricts the ability of convicted criminals to profit from their notoriety. The measure provides that any profits from the criminals’ books, movie rights and similar profit endeavors be given to the victim as restitution.

HEROIN PRESENCE (S 842) - Repeals a current law that imposes a minimum 1-year prison sentence and/or up to a \$1,000 fine on a person who is “knowingly present at a place where heroin is kept or deposited.”

SHOOTING AT A HOUSE OR SCHOOL (H 3070) Imposes up to a 5-year prison sentence on anyone who hits any dwelling, public park, daycare facility, public school or college with a firearm. The measure is designed to punish the shooter for this violent act even when no one is hurt or killed in the shooting. Currently there are no penalties for this offense.

COMPANION ANIMALS (H 2290) - Refers to pets as “companion animals” and requires people to protect the health and safety of these animals including dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, hamsters and ferrets. It prohibits

companion animals from being left outside during extreme heat, cold, wind, rain or hail or any weather condition which poses a risk to their health and safety.

An offender is subject to a 2.5-year prison sentence for each incident of animal abuse. A first offense includes a \$2,500 fine and loss of the right to obtain another animal. A second offense includes a \$5,000 fine and placement of the offender’s name on A “Do Not Adopt To” list that will be made public and provided to all shelters, rescues, animal controls offices and pet stores. A third offense includes a \$10,000 fine and their name on a “Do Not Adopt To” list.

PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN STATE CONTRACTS (S 1689) - Requires anyone who submits a bid or proposal of more than \$10,000 to do work for state government to say that their company is in full compliance with the state’s anti-discrimination laws.

The person must also state that the company does not currently, and will not during the duration of the contract, refuse to do business with any other person based upon the person’s race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation.

RAPISTS AND PARENTAL RIGHTS (S 832) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would take away the parental rights of convicted rapists. The measure prohibits convicted rapists from getting custody of or obtaining visitation rights to see the child born from the rape. It also allows the courts, despite this termination of rights, to require that the perpetrator of the rape pay child support.

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 18-22, the House met for a total of 12 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 29 minutes.

Mon. March 18	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. March 19	No House session No Senate session
Wed. March 20	No House session Senate 1:01 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.
Thurs. March 21	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Fri. March 22	No House session No Senate session
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Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

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Union rally at Stop & Shop

On Saturday, March 23, a protest rally was held at the Stop & Shop store at 779 McGrath Highway in Somerville. Store workers were joined by several public officials such as State Senator Patricia D. Jehlen of Somerville, State Representative Michael Connolly of Cambridge/Somerville, and Jesse Clingan, Somerville's Ward 4 City Councilor. Stop & Shop workers, who are seeking better pay and benefits, recently voted to approve a strike across Massachusetts, which as of yet has not been called.

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #175

Free to Fight

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

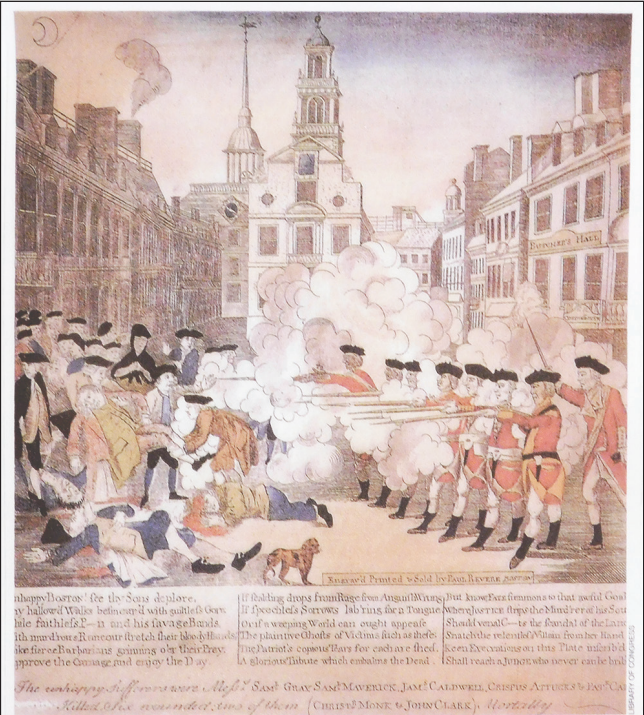
After the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill were fought, the American colonies found themselves at war with the most powerful army and navy in the world. It was a time when slavery was popular, even in the north. At first, Congress disallowed blacks and Indians from enlisting; but as the war continued, this changed. From the beginning, northern maritime states like Massachusetts and Rhode Island welcomed all volunteers.



African Americans had found a freedom and acceptance at sea that was unequalled on land. They had sailed on Massachusetts Maritime ships and from the start, fought as part of the Marblehead Regiment on land and sea. These slave soldiers fought in Minutemen companies and Colonial Army companies throughout the war.

They left their mark:

- Crispus Attucks was a slave and was believed to be the first man to die for American freedom. He was one of five Patriots killed by the British on March 5, 1770 in front of the King Street Custom House. The incident was historically remembered as the "Boston Massacre," and a memorial honoring him and the four other martyrs is located in The Boston Common.



The Boston Massacre

- Prince Estabrook, a slave and member of Captain John Parker's Minutemen, is honored with a memorial on Lexington green. He was wounded during the battle on the common, a part of America's first line of defense.

- Peter Salem was a slave who was given his freedom upon enlistment in the Framingham Minutemen Company. He fought at Concord, Bunker Hill, and Saratoga, New York and is depicted in John Trumbull's *Continued on page 20*

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Community benefits negotiation update

By Greg Karczewski

On Wednesday evening, we at US2 are looking forward to joining the Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) in reporting back to residents, businesses and other stakeholders on the progress of ongoing negotiations around community benefits for the Union Square Neighborhood.

When completed, the USQ project will generate over \$11 million in new tax revenue each and every year. That revenue will be harnessed to pay for things like a new Somerville High School, the Green Line Extension, streetscape improvements and measures to alleviate flooding in Union Square and elsewhere. Those new tax revenues,

along with other benefits generated by the project, will produce over \$500 million in new revenue for the city over the life of the project.

In addition to new tax revenues, the project is also committed to the following:

- Creating diverse job opportunities in Somerville - the Union Square revitalization will create nearly 10,000 new jobs (4,300 construction jobs and over 5,000 new, permanent jobs).
- Jobs for locals - the project will inject \$2.9 million into the city's Jobs Creation and Retention Trust to train residents for jobs that will be created by the project. Somerville residents and veterans will have first priority for available construction jobs.

• Funding the Green Line Extension - while Union Square is only one stop on the Green Line Extension, the USQ project will contribute \$5.8 million toward it.

• Meaningful new affordable housing – the project will build up to 200 units of privately financed, affordable housing.

• Additional affordable housing funds - \$10.9 million in housing linkage payments to Somerville's Affordable Housing Trust will address additional housing needs.

• Sustainable building – the large majority of project buildings (92 percent) will be built to LEED Gold.

• Investing in public infrastructure – over \$4.7 million will contribute to new streetscapes and

upgraded infrastructure while other private investment will enhance pedestrian, transit and bicycle facilities, making Union Square more livable.

• Creating 2.5 acres of new public open space - the development will create landscaped pedestrian plazas, pocket parks, community gardens and an entirely new neighborhood park.

For the past seven months, we have engaged in thoughtful and sustained negotiations with the Union Square Neighborhood Council. Together, we are working to formulate a Community Benefits Agreement that will refine the overall benefits package for the project to more specifically address community priorities and ensure that our project will benefit the entire Union

Square Community.

We have committed to funding over \$3.8 million in community benefits priorities and are working with the council to utilize those funds and other resources to maximize local benefit. We take pride in the fact that we are contributing more to community benefits than any other developer in Somerville's history. We wholeheartedly believe that, by partnering with the community, we can do well and do good. We look forward to further connecting with the community as we address questions and provide further updates with USNC.

Greg Karczewski is president at Union Square Station Associates (US2).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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As a Somerville homeowner, I applaud the Tree Protection amendment to Somerville's zoning ordinance introduced by City Councilors Mark Niedergang and JT Scott ("Legal protections for Somerville's trees", February 13, 2019). Opponents of this amendment argue that

it is a regulatory intrusion and an undue financial burden on homeowners. However, they are mistaken on both counts.

Somerville decided long ago that it is appropriate for zoning to regulate numerous aspects of private property, such as fences, building siding and fenestration,

outbuildings and decks, etc., even though these are cosmetic concerns with no direct impact on neighborhood well-being. In contrast, trees on private properties provide numerous "environmental infrastructure" benefits to the entire community, such as carbon capture, water storage, air purification, sound dampening, and shading and cooling of residents and structures. Under current law, property owners are free to destroy this community infrastructure without any obligation to compensate the community for the loss. The amendment merely closes this illogical coverage gap in our zoning.

The amendment also represents smart financial forethought. An urban community like Somerville has major environmental infrastructure needs, many of which-- in a fortunate coincidence-- match the benefits provided by trees. If the city is ever forced to design and procure new systems to meet these needs – which are increasing as Somerville grows – the cost to Somerville's taxpayers will be astronomical. Fortunately, we already have an elegant system that provides all of these benefits, and best of all, this system costs nothing to design and construct – it literally grows on trees. But for all their abilities,

one thing trees can't do is defend themselves against chainsaws. That's what makes this amendment necessary today.

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TUESDAY April 2
7:30 p.m. Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan

WEDNESDAY April 3
8 p.m. Free Poker, lots of prizes!

THURSDAY April 4
7:30 p.m. BYOBluegrass / grassy Thursdays

FRIDAY April 5
6 p.m. Busted Jug
9 p.m. Merriment abounds! with Party Walsh, Summer Villains, Savoir Faire - \$10 cover

SATURDAY April 6
6 p.m. Stan Martin Band
9 p.m. Alright Already, Nat Freedberg & The Main Explosion, Catch A Dinosaur - \$10 cover

SUNDAY April 7
4:30 p.m. The Natural Wonders
10 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests

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Healey School Fundraiser

The Healey School Annual Porter Square Books School Library Fundraiser takes place Saturday, March 30. Drop by Porter Square Books (Porter Square Shopping Center, 25 White St., Cambridge) anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. for a fun night of friendship, books, and shopping. 20% of all in-store purchases during that time will go directly to fund the Healey School library collection. Be that shopper you always wanted to be and plan ahead for birthdays and holidays. A donation table will be set for anyone interested in purchasing a book and donating it directly to the Healey Library. School librarian Emily Rocha will have a wish list of books to choose from. Not able to attend the event? No problem. You can either place an order online at www.portersquarebooks.com/online-ordering or call in an order between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., and 20% of your purchase will still support this fundraising event. Questions? Contact Debbie Leopold at schmidttopold@yahoo.com

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville!

Join a Board or Commission

The City is accepting applications to fill vacancies on five boards and commissions – the Planning Board, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, and the Somerville Housing Authority. To learn more about each position and how to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/5BoardOpenings>. All applications are due by Wednesday, April 17.

Vision Zero Community Meetings, March 27 and April 24

The City of Somerville has been working to produce a strate-

gic plan to guide its safe streets work, using the global "Vision Zero" movement as a framework to eliminate traffic crashes that result in severe injuries and fatalities. At two upcoming community meetings residents and stakeholders are invited to discuss the City's public policy framework around safe streets:

- Community Meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m., East Somerville Community School auditorium, 50 Cross St.

- Community Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 6 p.m., East Somerville Community School auditorium, 50 Cross St.

Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing, March 27

The Community Preservation Committee will hold their annual Community Preservation Plan public hearing on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the 3rd floor Community Room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell St. The Community Preservation Plan establishes the annual funding priorities and allocations for the three categories that Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds can support: affordable housing, historic resources, and open space/

recreation land. The draft plan is available at the CPA website at www.somervillema.gov/cpa.

Harris Park Landscape Plan Community Meeting, April 3

The former Harris Park, now an empty lot by the Stop & Shop in East Somerville, is about to be transformed into a new park. Come to a community meeting on Wednesday, April 3, to talk about the design for the park renovation as well as tree plantings and removals. The community meeting is being held at the Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, email Streetscape and Public Space Planner Courtney Kirk at ckirk@somervillema.gov.

City Council Public Hearing on Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety, April 3

Residents are invited to attend and speak at a Public Hearing on traffic safety, traffic calming, and the Traffic Calming Petition submitted by the Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Testimony will inform ongoing

Council deliberations and City efforts to improve the safety of Somerville streets for all. Written testimony may be submitted to citycouncil@somervillema.gov by Friday, April 12.

City Council Hearing on Youth Voting Rights for Municipal Elections, April 4

There will be two hearings on Thursday, April 4, to hear testimony on a request from Mayor Joseph Curtatone to file a Home Rule Petition to the State Legislature requesting that 16 and 17-year-old Somerville citizens be allowed to vote in municipal elections. The hearings will be held at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. The proposed Home Rule Petition is one of several recommendations made by the Mayor's Clean and Open Elections Task Force. Written testimony may be submitted to citycouncil@somervillema.gov by Friday, April 12.

Community Meeting to Discuss Parking during High School Building Project, April 8

Work is moving along on the new Somerville High School

and our next quarterly meeting to discuss parking around the whole Central Hill campus is coming up on Monday, April 8. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave. You can also get updates and provide parking feedback online at www.somervillema.gov/shsparking. Along with a general feedback form, there is also a short survey specifically about on-street parking in the neighborhood.

City Alerts

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City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

City Council committee says thumbs down to Talun



By Jack Connolly

Planning Board candidate Tim Talun, a Prospect Hill resident, certified architect, school parent, and long-time neighborhood and community activist, was not approved last Monday night, March 18, by the Somerville City Council's Confirmation of Appointments Committee with a six to four Recommendation 'Not to Approve' Talun as a new member of the Somerville Planning Board.

In a marathon session of the City Council Committee, Talun

was grilled extensively regarding his opinions on affordable housing, a key topic long championed by the democratic socialist organization Our Revolution, who were influential in the elections all of the now-elected candidates (now Councilors) who voted Talun down. The City Council will formally take up the matter to accept the committee vote at their next regular meeting on March 28, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Many Union Square area residents and politically active individuals are outraged, disappointed, and disheartened by the callous hypothetical scenarios asked of Talun about affordable housing in his quest for appointment to the Planning Board.

Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen (who represents a significant section of the Union Square area currently planned for redevelopment around the soon to be constructed Green

Line T stop) was singled out by critics for his remarks about Talun, especially since he had so often sung the praises of Mr. Talun in Union Sq. community affairs over the years. Of particular significance in this rebuff of Talun is that many voting against him have been openly critical of prior mayoral appointments for not being as professionally credentialed as they (Council members would prefer). One look at Talun's resume refutes those concerns entirely. Why 'no' voting Councilors, the change in attitude now?

Certainly the mayor and OS-PCD Director George Proakis (until recently, the Somerville City Planner) and their team were not thrilled about this denial of a respected long-term community activist with especially significant architectural planning and design talent for a position that will decide upon dozens of recommendations as

outlined in Somerville's Master Planning document, SomerVision.

Undoubtedly, Mayor Joe will be working hard to try and turn a couple of those 'no' votes into favorable ones. If unsuccessful, he must encourage Joe Favaloro (who, by the way, was also not re-appointed last year by this same Committee) to remain on the Planning Board as a hold-over member, since his term is not up until 2021.

As a long-time member of the Somerville City Council predecessor Board of Aldermen, it is my humble opinion that the "No to Talun" vote is indicative of political motivations first, and professional qualifications second. Where else are you likely to find an active community member with impeccable credentials and years of architectural experience in planning and design, who has spent years advocating for the neighborhood that he and his

family live in already?

The Ward 3 Councilor and his opposing colleagues are missing a major opportunity to confirm one of the most capable and qualified individuals (who happens to live in the midst of the Union Sq. redevelopment) with the technical knowledge to add to the negotiations for the Community Benefits Agreement, slogging along now at glacial speed.

The City Council likely takes up this recommended Committee matter for final approval tomorrow night, Thursday, March 28.

It is not too late to contact the 'no' voting Council Members, McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne, and Mbah, since a member could change their mind and vote while the matter of Mr. Talun's appointment status is being discussed during the meeting.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Spring has finally sprung here in the Ville.

Our View Of The Times



While we may still be keeping our cold weather apparel handy for a while, considering the unpredictable weather over the past several weeks, it's still nice to know that springtime has officially arrived. We anxiously await the balmy 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 week-

end 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.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Tower of Pizza on Rte. 1, Saugus, **Giggles Comedy Club**. This year, like the last, local comedian and great guy **Leny Clark** will be there, and he's bringing some of his friends. It should be a great night for laughs, all the pizza you can eat and over 20 baskets to bid on at the silent auction. The money raised is for the "insurance fund" for the **Masonic Building** at 125 Highland (rear) Somerville. Open to Masons, their families and friends, cost is only \$25 pp. For more information, contact the President of the Association, **Bobby Potaris**, at potarisconstruction@yahoo.com or the Secretary of the Association, **Mark Aubuchon**, at markaubuchon1@gmail.com, or if you prefer just show up at the door.

Happy birthday to a special and talented young lady who turned 10 years of age this week. We wish **Maria Gabriella LoRusso** the very best of birthdays. We saw a picture of the cake her mom made, absolutely beautiful. Maria Gabriella speaks several languages, plays an instrument, and is one of the smartest at school. Plus she's very popular. Happiest of birthdays Maria, from everyone at **The Somerville Times**.

Others celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **Rachael Hart-Adams**, celebrating with her large family and, of course, her 2-year-old **Finn**. We know Rachael will be smiling as usual the whole week. Happy birthday to **Ed Bean**, one of the nicest gentleman at **City Hall**. We wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Zachery Swannfeldt**, who although not from Somerville, his grandparents were and they are still seen in the city often. Zachery's family owns **Lynco Sprinklers** out of Burlington. We wish Zach a great day. Happy birthday to **Sheila Houghgton-Tracy**. We wish her a great day. Happy birthday to young **Jim Halloran**, we hope he has a great day. A great family man and good guy. Happy birthday to **Diane O'Brien**, who works in Davis Square, does tax filing and provides advice to many here. She's a nice lady and we wish her the very best of birthday's and many more to come. To the many others we didn't post over the last couple of months, we wish them a very happy belated birthday and apologize. To those that are celebrating this week and we didn't post, again, we wish you the best of birthdays.

From **Donald Norton**, here at the pa-

per, after being absent for a couple of months due to my bout with cancer. I can honestly tell you that I appreciated all the cards, calls and inquiries about how I was doing. It really helped me to get through it. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, the worst is over and although I'm still on medication I am back in full swing. First time driving my new car this past week and felt good. The team I have at **MGH** is fantastic, they are the best, and we are so fortunate to live in an area where so many great hospitals like Mass General are. I am being watched carefully. I look good and feel much better than back in December. I underwent extensive radiation in January for the spot on my head, and then chemo cocktails until February 1. They have me on a new pill daily that has a 95 success rate for what I have (spot lung cancer). Again, thank you to everyone for your support, and a special thank you to **Bobbie Toner** for all she's done for both my wife and me. She's the best!

The **Somerville City Club** manager **Donny Johnson** is looking all the time for new members to join the club, if you think you'd be interested give him a call at 617-623-9340. It's a great local club for the residents of Somerville, and

has been around now for over 40 years, their location on Innerbelt Road. Plenty of parking and a very nice hall for rent, some say the best deal in Somerville. Call the hall and ask for details at 617-623-9340.

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

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Taking down the bridge

Demolition of the Broadway/Ball Sq. bridge began Saturday morning. The heavy equipment tore into the steel and concrete structure, taking it apart bit by bit.

Transit police were on hand to help redirect traffic and keep the public safe from harm.



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Photos by Claudia Ferro

Family caregivers to rally at Adult Foster Care Awareness Day

By Jeanne Leyden

Adult Foster Care (AFC) is a life-changing program for thousands of family caregivers across the Commonwealth. If you appreciate the vital work caregivers do, please consider joining us at Beacon Hill for Adult Foster Care Awareness Day 2019.

AFC is a MassHealth-funded program that supports the live-in caregivers who meet the daily needs of older adults and people with disabilities who can no longer live alone. It provides a tax-free stipend and ongoing training for caregivers. And most importantly, it enables people to receive

the care they need at home.

As director of an AFC program for 19 years, I've witnessed the amazing impact this program can have countless times. Since AFC is funded by MassHealth, it's vital that lawmakers are aware of this too, and that is really the central goal of Adult Foster Care Awareness Day.

Organized by the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care, the gathering will feature updates from advocates and family caregiver stories. It's both a celebration of the work family caregivers do and a reminder of the many challenges they face.

Many advocates are also plan-

ning to meet with state legislators, to discuss what AFC provides and what it means to the more than 12,000 Massachusetts residents in the program.

The legislature traditionally has been very supportive of AFC, but the program was hit with unprecedented budget cuts two years ago. Our goal is to ensure AFC remains strong going forward.

We see the program as a wise investment of state resources. AFC routinely saves MassHealth money—costing \$50-85 per day, instead of \$125-250 for nursing home care. The number of nursing facility days covered by MassHealth has dropped by 37% since 2000, due in large part to community-based programs like AFC.

The AFC program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) provides help for more than 250 families across the greater Boston area. We're proud to participate in Adult Foster Care Awareness Day and we hope to see you there. If not, please consider calling your local state representative and state senators to let them know you support AFC.

Adult Foster Care Awareness Day 2019 will take place on Thursday April 4, from 9-2 at Nurse's Hall at the Statehouse.



Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services Director of Adult Family Care Jeanne Leyden.

The event is free, but the Massachusetts Council for Adult Foster Care asks that participants register by calling Terry Cook at 413-733-1240 ext. 119 or online at surveymonkey.com/r/AFCAWARENESSDAYREGISTRATION.

Jeanne Leyden is director of Adult Family Care, a non-profit program at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services that supports in-home caregivers across the Greater Boston, North Shore, and Merrimack Valley areas. For more information, visit adultfamilycare.org or call 617-628-2601.

Ms. Cam's

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Who is the longest living U.S. President?

Smart in the TV series *Get Smart*?

2. What is the only James Bond theme song to have reached #1 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100?

8. When was the first first electric streetcar used in Boston?

3. What team was baseball's first openly all-professional team?

9. What song tells the story of a man named Charlie trapped on Boston's subway system?

4. What band had the debut album *Hybrid Theory*?

10. Who was the first winner of the Academy Award for Best Actress?

5. What Disney film has the song *A Whole New World*?

11. Where would you find the Metropolitan Opera House?

6. Which musical was based on the life of Annie Oakley?

12. What film was the biographical story of country singer Loretta Lynn?

7. Who played Maxwell

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The classes happen inside the Center for the Arts at the Armory on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The spring session will begin on April 1 and continue through May. Participation is easily done on a drop-in basis (\$15/class) or discounted via a monthly or full season membership. Sign up at pkgenboston.com or by contacting blake@parkourgenerations.com.

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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 3, 2019** at **6:00 p.m.** in the **3rd floor community room** of the **Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA**

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

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

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

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

16 Whipple Street (ZBA 2018-173): Applicant and Owner, David Feeney, seeks a Special Permit under \$4.4.1 to construct a dormer within the left side yard setback. RC zone. Ward 6.

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

169 Tremont St. (ZBA 2019-17): Applicant. Santino Ferrante, and Owner, Tremont 2000, LLC), seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to enclose rear porches within the right side yard setback. RB zone. Ward 2.

74 Winslow Avenue: (ZBA 2019-11): Applicants, Jamie Maguire & Michael Hovanec, seek special permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to reconstruct a deck within the rear and right side yard setbacks. RA zone. Ward 6.

54 Meacham Road (ZBA 2019-22): Applicant, Mark Philben, and Owner, Margaret Bruton, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to construct stairs within the rear yard setback. RB zone. Ward 6.

241 Summer Street (ZBA 2019-18): Applicant, Gary J. Lopresti, and Owner, MaryAnn Rapoza, see Special Permits under \$4.4.1 of the SZO to enclose a first floor rear porch within the left and rear yard setbacks. RB zone. Ward 5.

42 Henderson Street (ZBA 2018-189): Applicant and Owner, XYZ3MP, Inc., seeks Special Permits under \$4.4.1 for alterations to a non-conforming property including adding a dormer and deck within the left side yard setback, increasing the non-conforming FAR through renovations. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 5.

2 Earle St: <http://eepurl.com/dNujfl>
14 Cutler St: <http://eepurl.com/gkRPzP>
161 Linwood St: <http://eepurl.com/dLdsDM>
31 Lake St: <http://eepurl.com/gkROTz>
16 Whipple St: <http://eepurl.com/glfHH5>
84 Franklin St: <http://eepurl.com/glfHTv>
169 Tremont St: <http://eepurl.com/glfH4v>
74 Winslow Ave: <http://eepurl.com/glfld5>
54 Meacham Rd: <http://eepurl.com/gflfq9>
241 Summer St: <http://eepurl.com/gflfGv>
42 Henderson St: <http://eepurl.com/gflfRT>

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



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OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 19-69

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

2017 Street Resurfacing Project

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, March 27th, 2019**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, April 10th, at 2:00 P.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The bid package may be obtained by download here <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing>

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.
Mass. Highway Pre-Qualification is required.

Please contact Michael Richards, Assistant Purchasing Director, ext: 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and bid packages.

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208 Cambridge Street
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 19W0262WD

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Livia Calixto Aquilo, Plaintiff
v.
Antonio Marco Lacerda, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

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

You are required to serve upon Livia Calixto Aquilo

-plaintiff - whose address is 5 River Rd, #512, Somerville, MA 02145 your answer on or before April 9, 2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at **Cambridge**.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of said

Court at **Cambridge**, this 26th day of February 2019

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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

PRESENT: Hon. David C. Alexander
In the Matters of **File #:** 10485
Docket #: NN-0153-19
NN-0154-19

Julie Stapleton (DOB: 07/02/2002)
Matthew Stapleton (DOB: 09/17/2005)

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Children under Eighteen Years of Age
Alleged to be Neglected by

Kelly Stapleton,
Respondent.

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

KELLY STAPLETON

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

Dated: February 13, 2019

TO: KELLY STAPLETON

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

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

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

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A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 8, 2019** in the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the Transfer of a 7 Day All Forms Alcohol Restaurant License from The Upton Café, Inc. d/b/a Johnny D's Upton Lounge, 17-27 Holland St. to Premier Restaurant Group d/b/a da Vittorio, and a Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, Patrons and Performers License and an Outdoor Private Seating License for 519 Broadway, Somerville, MA

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Public Hearing on traffic calming and pedestrian Safety

Members of the public are invited to attend and speak at a Public Hearing on traffic safety, traffic calming, and the Traffic Calming Petition submitted by the Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group and signed by approximately 350 people. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Traffic and Parking Committee of the Whole will hear testimony on the general topic of traffic calming, including pedestrian and bicyclist safety, driver safety, and other related issues. Testimony will inform both ongoing Council deliberations and city efforts around improving the safety of Somerville streets for all users including the development of the city's Vision Zero action plan and decisions around the allocation of funding for traffic calming efforts. Written testimony will also be accepted, please see below.

The hearing is in response to a resident petition on traffic safety organized after the recent fatal hit-and-run on Powder House Boulevard that resulted in the tragic death of a Somerville resident and the injury of another. The petition makes many recommendations for traffic calming programs and action by the city, and was signed by residents, as well as by visitors and others who use Somerville streets. It can be viewed at <http://ow.ly/MwUE30o9JOv>.

Committee Chair and Ward 5 City Councilor Mark Niedergang expects that the Council may deliberate on priorities, programs and resources for city traffic calming programs going forward at the end of the hearing if time allows.

Written Testimony: Public testimony at public hearings is generally limited to two minutes per person, but may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. Written testimony for the public record may be submitted to citycouncil@somervillema.gov and cityclerk@somervillema.gov through Friday, April 12, but Councilors will often read emails received after the official close of the public record.



Somerville High School 'kicks butts' CONT. FROM PG 1

months to educate the student body about the dangers of tobacco and other drugs.

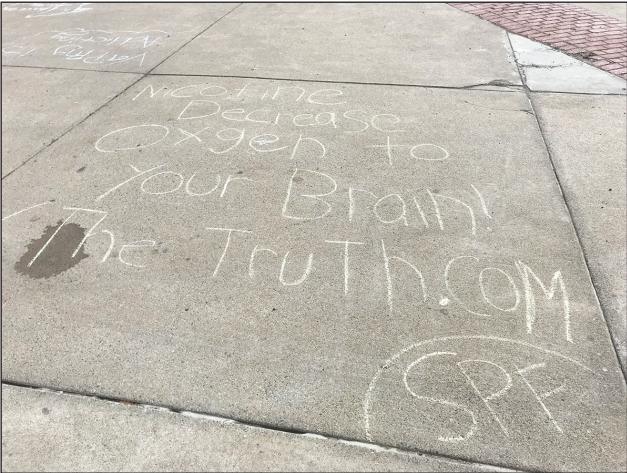
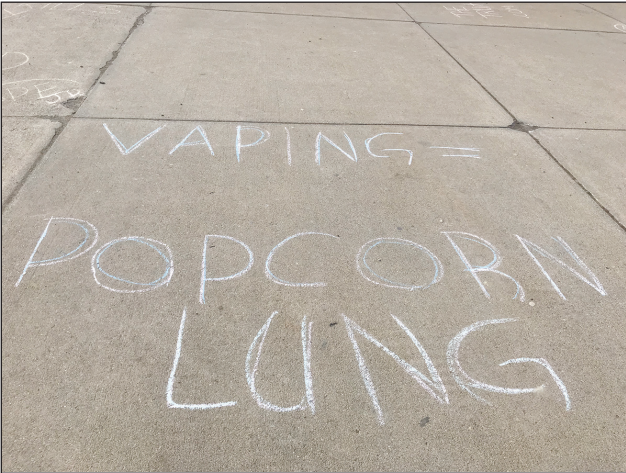
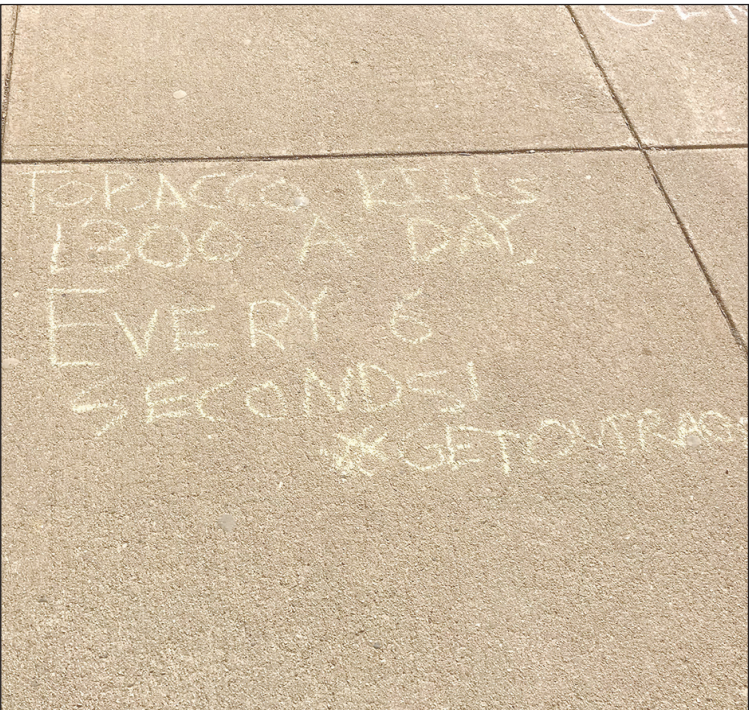
The events were sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-free kids, this year the campaign specifically targeted at e-cigarettes, a form of smoking that has become increasingly popular among teenagers in America.

Juul, a popular form of e-cigarette, has been heavily criticized for marketing their products for young people, by using appealing flavors like mango. While e-cigarette companies like to claim their product is safer than regular cigarettes, according to the Surgeon General, youth use of

nicotine in any form is harmful. According to a press release, Mathew L. Meyers, President of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids says he wants lawmakers to take action to prevent the spread of e-cigarettes, “We cannot allow e-cigarettes, especially Juul, to addict another generation and reverse the enormous progress we’ve made in reducing youth tobacco use,” said Meyers.

Only 6.4 percent of high school students in Massachusetts smoke cigarettes, according to True Initiative, which is lower than the national average which is 8.8 percent. However, 20.1 percent of high school students

reported using e-cigarettes, which is higher than the national average of 13.2 percent. Just a few months ago, Somerville High school released the results of a health survey of the student body, a main topic of interest was e-cigarettes usage by the students. The results were positive as 87 percent of students reported that they did not use e-cigarettes in the last 30 days. On April 3, students from all over Massachusetts will participate in an anti-tobacco rally at the State House, where students will meet with state representatives and senators to discuss the problem of youth smoking.



City Council committee says thumbs down to Tim Talun CONT. FROM PG 10

Let all the Councilors know how you feel about this missed opportunity to confirm the mayor's recommended candidate Tim Talun by sending an email message to: citycouncil@somervillema.gov. All Members

will receive your message. While you're at it, let the mayor's office know by copying his office at: Mayor@somervillema.gov. The future of Union Sq. and surrounding neighborhoods are at stake, so don't let it pass by.

Oh, and don't forget it is an election year for all City Councilors. The Tim Talun vote matters. Born, raised, and lifetime resident of Somerville. St. Clement High School graduate; BA (Cum

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Wednesday|March 27

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

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

Thursday|March 28

Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|March 29

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

Saturday|March 30

Central Library
Stuffed Animal Hospital
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|April 1

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

Tuesday|April 2

Somerville Community Baptist Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave.

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

Wednesday|April 3

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

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

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Wednesday|March 27

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

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

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

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

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

Once Somerville
Baker & The Double Downs
Muck & The Mires
DJ Easy Ed

9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Wednesday Residency: Hannah Bates
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rough Cut Media Screening
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 28

Sally O’Brien’s
BT/ALC Big Band - \$10 cover
7 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
J’You|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Bull McCabe’s
Krush Faktory(Dub Down)
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Thunder Road
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Once Somerville
Comedians in Bars Hosting Trivia|6 p.m.
Bad Luck|8:45 p.m.
Ten Cents Short, We Should Talk
156 Highland Ave

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

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

Arts at the Armory
The Loop
7 p.m.|Café
Gili Yalo and the Anbessa Orchestra
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday|March 29

Sally O’Brien’s
Sneaky Pint|6 p.m.
The Big Sway, Bad Larrys, Imaginary Animals - \$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi
Courage Brothers|7 p.m.
Rip Cord|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville
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Thunder Road
Afterlife Goth Night with DJ Outsider and DJ Static
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
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The Oregon Fail: You Have Died of Comedy|9:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

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Sally O’Brien’s
Tim Gearan Band|6 p.m.
Electrolux, Thee Sonomatics, Black Souls Review, special guests The Plimsouls|9 p.m
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Katie Dobbins Album Release w/ Special Guest, Visiting Wine|7p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
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Thunder Road
Kids Union Dance Party|2:30 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Delta Sleep
Gleemer, Bogues
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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Guitar Stop Spring Recital All Ages!
3 p.m.|Café
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Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Josh Lederman & The CSAs|6 p.m.
African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Business Class '98, Your Friends, Reggie Pearl Three|7:30 p.m.
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Ryan O’Flanagan

Sean Sullivan
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Last Sunday BYOP Residency: The Late Risers|2 p.m.
Silent Film Club Vol. 1: We'll Always Have Paris|7:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
The Spring Hill Quintet
2 p.m.|Café
Protest Choir Class
4:30 p.m.|Café
Julie Vallimont Album Release
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|April 1

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
Jimmy James Trivia|8:30 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Thrown Controllers Live!
Family Jules, Adriana Figueroa
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|April 2

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

The Burren
Andrew Eckel, Lindsey Sampson, Ant Savino
7 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|April 3

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

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

Jim Malcolm |7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Open Mic with Mike Morrissey
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|March 27

Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Mystery Book Group
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 28

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

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

East Branch Library
Family Game Night
6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Saturday|March 30

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

Bagel Bards
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

Sunday|March 31

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

Monday|April 1

Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Chess Night
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|April 2

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

Wednesday|April 3

Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.
Our changing world: Two views of nature, climate and people in the 21st Century7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly Breakfast – Monday, April 1 – 9:00 a.m. at Renee’s Café located at 198 Holland Street. \$7 to be paid at time of reservation. Seating is limited and RSVP is a must. If you want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Glass Art with Linda Cohen – Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Space is limited. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for this class. All supplies will be provided.

Lunch with Judy – Wednesday, April 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kitty’s Restaurant, North Reading. Seating is limited. Lunch will be off the menu and pay as you go. To join the fun call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Tim Van Egmond, Folk Singer/Storyteller – Tuesday, April 9 – 12:15 p.m. at our Holland Street Center.\$2 per person. An intergenerational program of tales, song and riddles highlighting the special connection between seniors and children. “Young Fogies and Old Whipper-snappers” A special lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

SomerVision 2040 Focus Group – Wednesday, April 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Help make Somerville continue to be an exceptional place to live, work, play, raise a family and grow old. Special lunch to follow. Please questions, additional information or to RSVP please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Blood Pressure Screening – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Upcoming dates: April 4, May 2 and June 6. If you require additional information

please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

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

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

Older Americans Luncheon Celebration – Wednesday, May 1 at the Dilboy Post located at 351 Summer Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of music, food and fun. Limited seating and transportation. RSVP a must. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



famous painting, “The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker Hill, 17 June, 1775.” A United States postage stamp also commemorates his life.

♦ William “Billy” Lee was a slave at George and Martha Washington’s Mount Vernon estate. He was considered the General’s manservant but was much more. He was his companion, friend, and devoted ally.

Washington loved horses and was considered by his peers to be the best horseman of his era. Before the war, he and Will, a remarkable horseman, hunted to-

gether stride for stride. He accompanied the General throughout the Revolution, beginning with the one-year siege of Boston that was directed from Prospect Hill. Throughout the eight-year war, Will rode with and protected General Washington’s horses, weapons, supplies, telescopes and vital plans.

He won his freedom at the end of the war but chose to stay at Mount Vernon. He died eleven years after Washington’s death and spent those years at Mount Vernon giving informational tours on Washington’s life.

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Wednesday, March 27

12:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amEsoteric Science

7:30amDW In Good Shape

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amDW Global 3000

9:30amBoth Sides of the Bars

10:00amPoet to Poet, Writer to Writer

10:30amSomerville Storytellers

11:00amLIVE - Fallon's Daily Roast

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)

1:00pmHealth is Wealth

1:30pmArt Seen at SMC

2:00pmScience 360

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmSpeak Up! Somerville

4:30pmThe Literati Scene

5:00pmHello Neighbor

5:30pmWomen2Women Today

6:00pmSpeak Up! Somerville

6:30pmOff the Shelf

7:00pmHaitian Poetry in 3 Languages

8:00pmLIVE - Somerville Pundits

8:30pmSpeak Up! Somerville

9:00pmBoston Come Through

10:00pmLIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pmFlotilla

Thursday, March 28

12:00amSCATV Secret Stash

12:30amSCATV Secret Stash

1:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amPerils for Pedestrians

7:30amDW Focus on Europe

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amDW Tomorrow Today

9:30amHello Neighbor

10:00amLegacies

10:30amSomerville Pundits

11:00amTeen Empowerment

11:30amArt & Ideas

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)

1:00pmThe Somerville Line

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmHello Neighbor!

4:30pmThe Struggle

5:00pmWords on Film with Dan Burke

6:00pmCommunity Lens

6:30pmSomerville Pundits

Friday, March 29

7:00pmLIVE - The Boston Medium

8:00pmStartup TV Boston

9:00pmThe Beantown Beatdown

10:00pmThe Chatman Booth

10:30pmTUTV

11:00pmDIWHY The show

Friday, March 29

12:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

1:00amSCATV Secret Stash

1:30amSCATV Secret Stash

2:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amThe Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amEsoteric Science

9:30amCambridge Calendar

10:00amNASA TV

11:00amSOM ARTS

11:30amDW Tomorrow Today

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)

1:00pmThe Yellow Jacket Lady

1:30pmSpeak Up! Somerville

2:00pmThe Kamla Show

2:30pmSMC Youth Media

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmGay USA

5:00pmThe Chatman Booth

5:30pmWhat's New Massachusetts?

6:00pmLIVE - Fallon's Daily Toast

7:00pmSOM ARTS

7:30pmArt Seen at SMC

8:00pmThe Grandstanders

8:30pmGreater Somerville

9:00pmThe Boston Medium

10:00pmHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

11:00pmTotally Working Out

Saturday, March 30

12:00amDIWHY The Show

1:00amBoston Come Through

2:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

3:00amFree Speech TV

5:00amEffort Pour Christ

6:00amSCATV Community Bulletin Board

7:00amRoad to Recovery

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amSMC Youth Media

9:30amSomerville Storytellers

10:00amDead Air Live

11:00amHaitian Poetry in 3 Languages

12:00pmTeleGalaxie

Sunday, March 31

12:00amFlotilla

1:00amSCATV Secret Stash

1:30amSCATV Secret Stash

2:00amHeavy Leather Topless Dance Party

3:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amCommunity Bulletin Board

7:00amNossa Gentes e Costumes

8:00amEffort Pour Christ

9:00amTele Kreyol

10:00amEvangelista Camillo Fodera

11:00amThe Chef's Table Series

12:00pmGentle Belly Dancing

1:00pmOff the Shelf

1:30pmDW Conflict Zone

2:00pmStartup TV Boston

3:00pmAfrican Television Network

4:00pmDedilhando a Saudade

5:00pmGay USA

6:00pmThe Grandstanders

6:30pmTeen Empowerment

7:00pmCinema Somerville

8:30pmSomerville Neighborhood News

9:00pmTele Magazine

10:00pmThe Boston Medium

11:00pmBox House Productions Presents

11:30pmSCATV Secret Stash

Monday, April 1

12:00amFree Speech TV

5:00amEvangelista Camillo Fodera

6:00amCommunity Bulletin Board

7:00amPerils for Pedestrians

7:30amGoing Postal

Tuesday, April 2

12:00amFree Speech TV

6:00amCommunity Bulletin Board

7:00amDW Euromaxx

7:30amEsoteric Science

8:00amDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

9:00amThe Chef's Table Series

10:00amRoad to Recovery

11:00amGraphic Content

11:30amDW In Good Shape

12:00pmThe Thom Hartman Show

1:00pmWords on Film with Dan Burke

2:00pmSomerville Overcoming Addiction

3:00pmDemocracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

4:00pmSMC Youth Media

4:30pmHenry Parker Presents

5:00pmLIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer

5:30pmWhat's New Massachusetts?

6:00pmCommunity Lens

6:30pmArt & Ideas

7:00pmArt Seen at SMC

7:30pmLIVE - Greater Somerville

8:00pmLIVE - Dead Air Live

9:00pmThe Somerville Line

10:00pmTUTV

10:30pmPublic Access Boyz

11:00pmBox House Productions Presents

11:30pmOjo Rojo

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Wednesday, March 27

8:30amMiddlesex Update w/ Marian Ryan

9:00amLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

11:30amSchool Committee Meeting - 3.18.19

2:00pmPublic Hearing on Open Space - 3.12.19

6:00pmRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

6:30pmCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

7:01pmGreek Independence Day 2019

8:30pmCC-Legislative Matters - COTW 3.21.19

Thursday, March 28

12:30amGreek Independence Day 2019

1:30amCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

2:01amGLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19

8:30amLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

10:00amCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

11:30amGreek Independence Day 2019

12:30pmSchool Committee Meeting - 3.18.19

3:00pmCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

4:00pmUpcoming Meeting Agenda

7:00pmCity Council Meeting - LIVE

Friday, March 29

12:00amGreek Independence Day 2019

1:00amLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

2:30amSomerViva em Português

3:00amTalking Business "Sweet & Nutty"

8:30amFit-4-Life #2

9:00amRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

9:30amUnion Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19

12:00pmTuskegee Airmen

1:00pmGreek Independence Day 2019

2:00pmAdult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation

3:00pmLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

6:30pmCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

7:01pmLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

8:30pmVision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19

10:00pmSomerViva em Português

10:30pmAdult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation

11:15pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

Saturday, March 30

12:00amCC-Land Use Meeting - 3.19.19

3:00amSomerViva en Español

8:30amVision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19

10:00amTalking Business "Bow Market"

Sunday, March 31

12:00amLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

1:30amVision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19

3:00amThe Firstamerican Flag

8:30amThe Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

10:00amRaising Families "Special Needs Education"

11:30amCC-Legislative Matters - COTW 3.21.19

3:30pmGLX Public Meeting - 3.13.19

6:30pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

7:00pmGreek Independence Day 2019

8:00pmCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

8:31pmCity Council Meeting - 3.28.19

Monday, April 1

12:01amTalking Business "Bow Market"

12:30amSchool Committee Meeting - 3.18.19

3:00amRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

Tuesday, April 2

12:16amRaising Families "Immigration Law"

1:00amUnion Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19

8:30amCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

9:01amTuskegee Airmen

11:30amThe Firstamerican Flag

1:00pmVision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19

2:30pmGreek Independence Day 2019

6:00pmCC - Land Use Meeting - LIVE

11:00pmCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

Wednesday, April 3

12:00amLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

1:30amUnion Sq. Development Update - 3.5.19

11:30amLetters of World War II at Council on Aging

1:00pmCity Council Meeting - 3.28.19

6:00pmRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

6:30pmCC-Legislative Matters - COTW 3.21.19

10:16pmGreek Independence Day 2019

11:30pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

8:30amVision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19

10:00amCity Council Spotlight - Ben Ewen Campen

11:30amRaising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"

12:00pmCity Council Meeting - 3.28.19

3:30pmTalking Business "Bow Market"

7:00pmSchool Committee Meeting - LIVE

10:30pmSomerViva em Português

11:00pmThe Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

Educational TV 15 Schedule

Wednesday, March 27

9:00amBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

10:00amGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

11:00amKennedy School Drama Club

12:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

1:00pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

1:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

2:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

4:00pmRaising Families - Vaping

5:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

6:00pmGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

7:00pmKennedy School Drama Club

8:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

9:00pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

9:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

10:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

Thursday, March 30

12:00amRaising Families - Vaping

12:30amSHS Boys Basketball vs Gloucester

2:05amSHS Hockey vs Ham-Wen Reg.

9:00amKennedy School Drama Club

10:30amRaising Families - Vaping

11:00amMIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin

12:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - Brown School

1:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

2:00pmGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

3:00pmSHS Hockey vs St. Joe's

4:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - Argenziano School

5:00pmKennedy School Drama Club

6:30pmRaising Families - Vaping

7:00pmMIAA Playoff: SHS Hockey vs Boston Latin

8:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - Brown School

9:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

10:00pmGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

11:00pmSHS Hockey vs St. Joe's

Friday, March 29

12:15amStudent of the Qtr. - Brown School

12:30amStudent of the Qtr. - Healey School

1:00amSHS Boys' Basketball vs KIPP

4:00amPublic Domain Theater

9:00amSHS Basketball vs N. Andover

10:30amOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

11:00amBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

12:00pmGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

1:00pmKennedy School Drama Club

2:30pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

3:00pmRaising Families - Vaping

5:00pmSHS Basketball vs N. Andover

6:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

7:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

8:00pmGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

9:00pmKennedy School Drama Club

10:30pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

11:00pmRaising Families - Vaping

Saturday, March 30

12:00amBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

1:00amGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

2:00amPublic Domain Theater

8:00amSCAP Student Health Survey Presentation

9:00amStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

9:35amStudent of the Qtr. - Argenziano School

10:00amKennedy School Drama Club

11:30amSHS Girls Basketball vs Salem

1:30pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

2:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

3:00pmGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

4:00pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

4:31pmRaising Families - Vaping

5:00pmSCAP Student Health Survey Presentation

6:00pmStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

6:35pmStudent of the Qtr. - Argenziano School

7:00pmKennedy School Drama Club

8:30pmSHS Girls Basketball vs Salem

10:30pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

11:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

Sunday, March 31

12:00amGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

1:30amSHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

3:30amPublic Domain Theater

9:00amBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

10:00amGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

11:00amKennedy School Drama Club

12:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

1:00pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

1:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

2:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

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8:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

9:00pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

9:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

10:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

Monday, April 1

12:00amKennedy School Drama Club

1:30amEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

2:00amSHS Hockey vs Watertown

9:00amOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

Tuesday, April 2

1:00amSHS Boys Basketball vs Medford

9:00amBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

10:00amGirls' Middle School Soccer Championships

11:00amKennedy School Drama Club

12:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

1:00pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

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4:00pmRaising Families - Vaping

5:00pmBoys' Middle School Soccer Championship

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8:30pmOur Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset

9:01pmEl Sistema- Elamanecer de la Música

9:30pmStudent of the Qtr. - ESCS

10:00pmSHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

12:00amArgenziano School MLK Concert

12:37amHealey School gr. 3-8 Winter Concert

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Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

Our poet this week writes: "My name is Jennifer Grimes and I am a student at Endicott College. I'm currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in English and Creative Writing. I'm a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor's society and some of my work has been published online at *TeenInk.com* and *FaseMagazine.com*."



Drop In the Earth

Fresh grass kisses my cheek
I inhale the earth's scent
And feel the buzzing ground

Seeds root up from the soil
Leaves laugh in the breeze
And I try to exhale the sound

Birds make a call
Out to red bellied mates
I crush the dirt in my hands

I watch you dip
Your toes in the river
And hope stems from every branch

When our bodies converge
I taste the sun
And a mist begins to emerge

We branch apart
You're breath's like pine
And I become a drop in the earth

— Jennifer Grimes

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Often we greet our members of the Bagel Bards group (that meets at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square, Somerville) with the refrain, "You're still alive!" This group of writers, playwrights and poets take nothing for granted. But this reflects on the group's informal nature, and the gallows humor that we have refined into a high art.

It is a bit like being in a play or a Marx Brothers movie. I sit back and enjoy the humor and drama that unfolds every Saturday morning. Yes, we discuss our writing, but is more than that. We have a member who regales us with stories of union corruption, corporate greed, and his clandestine forays into Afghanistan. Two of our millennial members often stop by to fill us in about their jobs, their navigation of the world, and their writing. Some of our member sit back and take it all in, while others compete for center stage to make their pitch, plea, joke, gripe, only to be drowned out by other hungry voices.

In some regards it is a madcap dysfunctional

family. Many of our members are accomplished writers, and they bring a wealth of experience and talent to the group. No one takes themselves too seriously, and if they do, they will be brought down to the earth quite quickly.

Sometimes you need to take a deep breath to try to get a hold of the topics our public intellectuals bring to the plate. We can start out with a discussion of Botticelli and it could easily morph into a heated conversation about Donald Trump, or the meaning of meaning.

Most importantly, we are a Saturday morning band of friends. We have a spot to discuss the writer's life, present our own work on occasion, and revel in our own eccentricities. We linger, we schmooze, we pontificate. And when it comes to the time for our last cup of coffee and we leave for all points, we can expect to be back next week greeted by the Greek Chorus, "You're still alive!"

— Sketch by Bridget S. Galway

Ms. Cam's

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Answers

1. Jimmy Carter

2. A View to a Kill by Duran Duran

3. Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869

4. Linkin Park

5. Aladdin

6. Annie Get Your Gun

7. Don Adams

8. 1889, connecting the Allston Railroad Depot to Coolidge Corner and Park Square

9. Charlie On The MTA

10. Janet Gaynor, 1929

11. Lincoln Center, NYC

12. Coal Miner's Daughter

After Dark • In the Daylight

Miller Street Open Studios is pleased to present its bi-annual three-day event. All are welcome. This year's event will showcase works from 38 members and 4 visiting artists.

MEDIUMS include: drawing, painting, printmaking, artist books, book binding and conservation, photography, animation, kinetic and interactive art, installation, textiles, quilting, ceramics, glass, and mixed media.

They get started with their traditional After Dark Friday night kick-off party. Participating members will open their doors Friday evening, April 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Artists are joined by renowned saxophonist and composer Ken Field & Friends. Open studios continues throughout the weekend.

After Dark: Friday, April 5, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
In the Daylight: Saturday, April 6, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 7, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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