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Wintertime mobility on public sidewalks under city scrutiny



By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen is looking at issues related to mobility on public sidewalk during winter snow conditions.

Specifically, at the last regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, March 22, an order was initiated by Alderman At-Large Stephanie Hirsch, and co-sponsored by the entire Board, asking the Commissioner of Public Works and the Superintendent of Inspectional Services to convene a public community meeting to debrief with residents on the condition of sidewalks this winter with regard to mobility concerns.

Speaking on the matter, Hirsch said, "This is something that a number of us all have probably heard from people who have trouble walking on the sidewalks. And we know that the Bike Committee met with Public Continued on page 4

Pull up a seat at the table with your Somerville female elected officials

By Emily Blackwood

For many people, getting involved in one's community can often feel like a mission without a map. What do you do? How do you help? Where do you even start?

The Somerville Commission for Women aimed to clear up those questions by opening a direct line of communication to the people who have actually done it: the city's elected officials. And rather than sending a faceless email or leaving what is probably one of dozens of messages on their answering machines, those officials were sitting at a table, ready to help.

In honor of Women's History Month, the commission hosted their annual Shaping the Future: Our Community Dialogue event Mar. 26 at the Culinary Arts Bistro located in Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave.

In attendance were officials Continued on page 20



Elaine Koury, Public Health Nurse Manager Sara Harris, Director of Human Services Nancy Bacci, Alderman-at-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, Joyce Shortt and Alderman-at-Large Bill White gathered together at a table for an evening of discussion.

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

Make sure that the Board of Aldermen and the Curtatone administration hears from you at the public hearing on the 1% tax on selling your home here in Somerville on Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall. We hear that this new Board of Aldermen just might find out that they will have awakened some who might disagree with them going for another tax grab. It seems like all the city can do since Joe Curtatone has been elected is not only raise your taxes but find even new ways to tax us, now including if you want to sell your home. The new Board leans very heavily to the left and they want as much money as they can grab from the residents. Show up for the public hearing and let your voices be heard, either way. But we have a suggestion if what the Board wants to do is to help middle income families stay: they can ask the state for more Section 8 housing grants. We think it's too late to save the middle incomers here in Somerville. Soon it will be two different classes of residents, the very poor and the very rich. Again, the middle income population will run from the city because of all the taxes that keep pounding the residents. The City of Cambridge City Council was proposing the same 1% tax on home sales that could also have been 2%, but the Cambridge property owners showed up at public hearings and made their voices heard and the Council voted the proposal down. Maybe the same thing will happen here in Somerville. Again, we think that no longer can voices go silent. Show the administration and the left leaning Board who it is they work for. It's called a transfer tax. Remember, once they vote on a tax affirmatively they will never do away with it. And aren't you upset that the sales tax was increased so that now the city of Somerville gets a part of the sales tax directly? Ask yourself Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. **Curtatone**

Genie Geronimo says:

\$3,984,719: economic damage to residents of Somerville resulting from calling needless parking bans throughout the winter.

Neighbor says:

Perhaps if you invited your neighbors to park in your driveway the number would be less...

Old Taxpayer says:

In theory that would work but in the real world the driveways on our street on our street mostly hold only 2 cars and most of the houses have 4 cars. So that equation does not work. Also in order to accommodate more parking we had to give up our yard and have it hot topped. And since some houses were sold here within the last year we now have more cars, not less. People buy the houses have no idea on what they are in store for. Street cleaning is overkill here. There is one person left here with a yard here and they are considering also paving their lawn. That's the reality of it. We also have new construction going on near us where they will most certainly have less parking than they will need like most projects here. And if you have visitors they can't visit on snow emergencies. And let's not forget that people like my wife who go and care for the elderly helping them to bathe and dress and feed them can't get there as there is no parking and because some of these people really need the help has had her car towed so for the low \$10 an hour paid to help them it costs her to go there. Even just the ticket. The since many of these streets are only plowed in the middle anyway which is not a problem on my street is just lack of common sense.

Matt C says:

The current policy of unlimited parking permits needs to go. Limit it 1 car per 12 of frontage

CAP says:

But Old Taxpayer, didn't you hear? Nobody drives cars anymore. Just go to any Planning Board hearing where they're rubberstamping another condo building with no parking. They'll tell you nobody drives cars anymore. They're all riding bicycles or have sold their gas-guzzling monsters in anticipation of taking the Green Line everywhere in a few short years. So you must be mistaken about your neighbors having cars or needing parking.

Old Taxpayer says:

Thank you CAP. I just haven't been able to find a bike I can use my cane and crutches on. The other problem with them canceling the way they do is that being that early they force many businesses to lose money. Restaurants lose a lot of money in this city when they call and emergency so early and many of us non able bodied don't dare to leave as we know we won't have a place to comeback to. If I go to a school I will have to get a taxi to bring me home and then back again. A responsible way would be when it starts snowing. After all they are basing things on predictions. We need a little common sense here.

Matt C says:

So CAP, if you build a building without parking, then it should be stipulated that the residents can NOT receive a permit. I'm not sure how that is managed today, but it would be foolish to do

this said the goal of the snow emergency is to make sure that roads can be cleared to ensure emergency vehicles can get down the street. The last thing you want to see is someone dying or multiple homes lost in a fire because an fire truck couldn't navigate the roads. I'm not sorry if this inconveniences someone. If you are unable to cook at home there are plenty of delivery services that can bring you food from your favorite restaurant and you can eat it in the convenience of your home.

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A sketch of community need:

Addressing our affordability crisis for residents struggling in different ways



By Stephanie Hirsch Alderman at Large

Last year, I had the unique opportunity to knock on about 13,000 doors and to ask people about their hopes for Somerville. People told me funny stories, showed me pictures of their kids, and talked about national politics. Common across households, though, was one point. A majority of people - of all ages, stages, and situations said they struggle with housing affordability.

The weight of those stories rests on my mind in sleepless nights and tough calls on Board of Aldermen (BOA) votes. Sitting around the BOA horseshoe, I know my colleagues have in mind their own compilation of stories they've heard as we wrestle with doing what's right. We don't want to leave anyone

behind, or have any need go unmet. We know we must act, but there is no silver bullet to address the affordability problem. Every option is a hard one.

Here are some of the stories I've heard plus data that tells the same story in a different way. I hope this will help frame the hard discussions. (Note that the datasets aren't perfect and require making some assumptions.) Stay tuned for part two of this column in coming weeks, in which I'll share what I think we should do to address the needs.

Different Types of Landlords: There are different kinds of landlords in Somerville, and here are two I met when door

- Joseph: One evening, I walked down a small street near the Capuano School. Two men in their early 80s sat on a terrace, enjoying the dusk and a conversation. The first man, Joseph, said, "I've lived here for 50 years, and this is Antonio. He has been my tenant for 35 years."
- + Investor Landlord: On another day, on another block across town, I approached a triple-decker. I could tell from the voter file that long-time residents

lived here, most likely an extended family. A young man stood on the porch, and I asked if he was part of the family. He said, "No, I just purchased this building as an investment property. I live in Lexington." As I moved down the street, I watched as he met young, prospective tenants.

These are two different types of landlords. Joseph rents to one of his oldest friends. Joseph likely does not raise the rent much each year, and would probably be heartbroken to displace his tenant. His property is a home, and not a business. The second, the investor-landlord from Lexington, probably hopes to make as much money as possible from the property, and has no ties to his new tenants. The property is his business, not a home.

As we think about the tools to address housing affordability, how do we help people like Joseph and his tenant? And at the same time, how do we get more from people like the Lexington investor?

Different Types of Affordability Struggles: Just as there are different landlords, there are different types of affordability struggles. Here are some patterns:

- <u>Senior homeowners</u>: Seniors are more likely to own a home than other age groups (About 52% of people ages 60+ own vs. about 1% of people under 30). They more likely to have lower earning potential (27% of people 65+ have bachelor's degrees vs. 77% of people ages 25-34). Even seniors who own may face hardship with rising city taxes, utilities, and fees.
- Young renters: In contrast, very few younger residents own. Most have higher earning potential, but few will be able to afford to buy here.
- Middle class and middle age: There are adults in between in age and income. Adults who bought after average home prices topped \$500K may struggle to pay their mortgage while also paying for childcare, student loans, and college tuitions.
- + The sweet spot: Some households make \$300K or more per year, and some bought while properties were affordable but also have higher income. They are the lucky ones.
- On the edge: In contrast, many households neither own

nor make enough to live. About 11,000 people live below the poverty level. Many are seniors or families with children. These households are the most vulnerable of all.

How do we help residents who have different challenges and resources? Should any one group subsidize another?

Community Values: Across groups and ages, Somerville has said it values community and diversity. Many residents love it that people of different backgrounds share our blocks. We live shoulder-to-shoulder, close enough to hear our neighbors' dinnertime conversations. We are a city of people-watchers and stoop-sitters. As I was knocking on doors, residents often worried out loud about declining neighborhood ties. Seniors, in particular, said they missed days when they knew their neighbors and kids played next-door.

Can our policies put our community values into action?

What Policy Should Do: The tools we elected officials at the state and local levels have are, at best, imperfect. However, as best we can, our approach should achieve these goals:

+ Support owner-occupied landlords: Many landlords like Joseph have been providing a stable home to residents for decades. As Ward 4 Alderman Jesse Clingan said in a recent meeting, "I am only able to live in Somerville because my landlady makes it possible by keeping the rent at an affordable rate for my family." About 23% of adults rent in a home where the landlord also lives. Many of The investor/developers who these landlords fix the faucets, purchase or manage properties hold the line on rent increases, - especially

and stop by to visit. We need to support these housing heroes.

- + Help extended families continue to live together: About 26% of the adults living with an owner-occupant are family members of the owner. We should support those families. Perhaps they want to transfer ownership between generations or undertake a renovation to make living together better or easier.
- Help owners tap into value: While today's young people may be more accustomed to carrying debt, many older owners worry about tapping into the value of their homes, especially when they may not have a great retirement plan. We should help owners lessen their household costs, while ensuring that their home asset is protected.
- + Protect and enlarge the middle: To qualify for a housing subsidy, a family can make no more than approximately \$110,000 per year, and very few subsidies exist for households in that range. However, to purchase the average home, a household must make at least \$170-\$210,000 per year. That means, there are many people in the middle who will not find a place to buy in Somerville. That middle matters - they are more likely to send kids to public schools and can be the glue that connect all groups. In particular, our municipal employees, including teachers, custodians, and police officers, are a group of people in the middle who are invested in the city and who can add so much to our community.
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EWEEKIN CIR By Jim Clark

Homeless no more following mother's death

Somerville Police and Somerville Housing Authority officers were dispatched to a Highland Ave. residence on reports of a man who was committing a breaking and entering.

Upon their arrival, the officers located a man fitting the description of Joanir Deoliveira, whose mother reportedly lived in the building.

According to police, Deoliveira used a piece of paper to defeat the motion detector on the courtyard door by feeding it between the doors, triggering one of the doors to unlock.

The officers found Deoliveira outside of the building on the sidewalk and advised him that he was not to enter the building or he would be arrested.

Police later checked the surveillance camera video to determine whether Deoliveira did enter the rear door, possibly incurring charges of breaking and entering.

According to reports, Deoliveira told police that his mother had passed away in Brazil. In addition to viewing the surveillance video, police conducted a check condition on the apartment, since it should have been vacant and no one has permission to be there.

In checking the video, police said that they spotted Deoliveira entering the rear courtyard. He reportedly slid a piece of paper between the doors and then pulled the handle to enter the building.

Police went to Deoliveira's mother's apartment and knocked on the door, announcing their presence. They heard no sound inside, so they made entry into the apartment. They reportedly found Deoliveira sleeping in his mother's bed. No one else was inside the apartment, according to police.

Deoliveira was cooperative and reportedly admitted that he was not supposed to be here. The apartment appeared to be unkempt and his clothes and computer equipment was spread throughout the apartment.

It appeared to police that Deoliveira had been in the apartment for a few months. Police asked him how he entered the apartment and he stated that he had a key made up. Deoliveira showed the officers the key and

they confiscated it for evidentiary purposes.

Deoliveira reportedly told police that he is homeless, but used this apartment's address for mail purposes.

Deoliveira said that his mother had passed away and never gave him permission to be in the apartment. He did not provide a length of time that she had been gone. And he did not have any death certificate information.

Deoliveira was placed under arrest and charged with trespassing and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Arrests:

Oscar Lopez, of 51 Marshall St., Fl 3, March 20, 6:12 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on charges of distribution of a class D drug,

possession to sell electric stun gun, and drug possession to distribute.

William Pires, of 64 Derby St., March 20, 6:12 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on charges of distribution of a class D drug, possession to sell electric stun gun, and drug possession to

Robert Komnenus, of 49 School St., March 20, 10:26 p.m., arrested at Union Sq. on a warrant charge of distribution of a class B drug.

Joanir Deoliveira, of 114 Highland Ave., Apt. 605, March 21, 7:11 p.m., arrested at home on charges of trespassing and felony day-

time breaking and entering. Alvarado-Arias, of 30 Canal Ln., March 25, 3:13 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Wintertime mobility on public sidewalks under city scrutiny

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Works to find out how the cleaning of the streets could help, and we were hoping to do the same for people who use the sidewalks."

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang said that he was happy to co-sponsor the order, while adding, "I just want to say that in my opinion, the sidewalks are enormously better than they used to be. I remember when my daughter was little - 23, 24 years ago - trying to get around with a stroller was just impossible, even in Davis Square."

Niedergang said he remembers breaking a wheel off of that stroller in Davis Square. "So it's a lot better," according to Niedergang, "Particularly the corners.

I think residents deserve tremendous credit for the snow shoveling efforts that they're making. I just think it's so much better than it used to be. But there's still a long way to go. We've got to figure out the corners, for example. A lot of times you'll go along a beautiful sidewalk and when you get to the corner, really, there's just a wall of snow there."

Niedergang said that it is important to acknowledge progress when it is being made, but he would like to see more of it.

The order was unanimously approved by the Board and a community meeting on the matter will be convened sometime in the near future.



Members of the Somerville Board of Aldermen are interested in finding ways to make city sidewalks safer to negotiate during the winter season.

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Executive Director search open for Somerville Homeless Coalition

Mark Alston-Follansbee, Executive Director for the last 18 years, will be retiring from Somerville Homeless Coalition on June 30 of this year. To download the full letter announcing his retirement, go to: https://www.somervillehomelesscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/MAF.pdf.



Alston-Follansbee, the board, and staff are all working together to prepare for a healthy hand-off to the next director, while still delivering all of their important programs to shelter, house and feed homeless, near-homeless and hungry people in our community.

The public is encouraged to send in names of persons they think would be good candidates for their executive director position and to share this announcement widely with others in your network that might know of strong candidates.

You may forward your suggestions to Suzanne Maas at smaas@leadertransitions.com or speak with her directly at 508-208-8796.

You may also contact Alston-Follansbee at maf@shcinc.org if you have any questions.

Tufts PILOT meeting

By Dorothy DiMarzo

Members of Our Revolution Somerville, Our Revolution Medford, The West Somerville Neighborhood Association, community residents, Alderman for Ward 7 Katjana Ballantyne and Alderman-at-Large Mary Jo Rossetti joined together this past Saturday, March 24, to talk about how Tufts University could do better by paying its fair share to help offset costs for city services they benefit from and to make contributions to the city since they are tax exempt as a nonprofit.

Currently, Tufts University pays the cities of Somerville and Medford \$275,000 per year. The agreement is up for renegotiation this coming June.



Concerned residents, members of local advocacy groups, and public officials gathered on Saturday to discuss the Tufts PILOT arrangement.

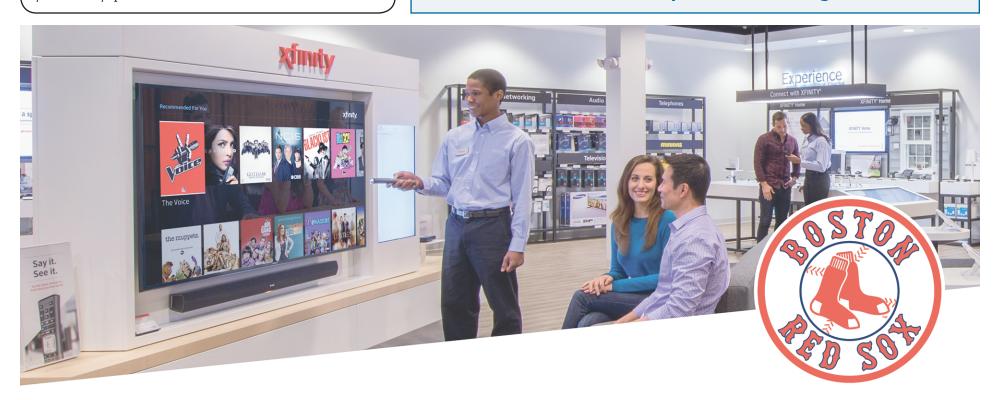
— Photo by Penelope Jennewein

The next PILOT (Payments In Lieu Of Taxes) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 5:00 p.m., at the Somerville Public Library, 79

Highland Avenue.

For background on the agreement, go to: http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/43248.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of March 19-23.

REGULATION AND TAXING OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS (H 4314)

House 118-30, approved and sent to the Senate a bill regulating and taxing short-term rentals of less than 28 days that are offered by Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO. Taxes would range from 4 percent to 8 percent based on how many units a host offers. No excise would be imposed if the total amount of rent is less than \$15 per day or if the renter is in the United States military traveling on official military business.

Residential hosts renting two or fewer units would be taxed at 4 percent, investor hosts with three to five units would have a 5.7 percent tax, and professionally managed hosts renting six or more units would face an 8 percent tax per rental. All professionally managed hosts would be required to hire a property manager for each residential unit and maintain \$1 million or more in liability insurance. Cities and towns would also have the option to impose local excise taxes of up to 5 percent for residential hosts, 6 percent for investors and 10 percent for professionally managed hosts.

Cities and towns that impose the local excise tax are required to conduct a safety inspection on the residential unit within 60 days of the unit being listed on a newly-created short-term rental registry. Municipalities are required to distribute 50 per cent of the excise tax collected by professionally managed hosts to programs addressing either local infrastructure needs or low- to moderate-income housing programs.

Supporters said the bill strikes a balance and levels the playing field of taxes and regulation of these untaxed and unregulated short-term rentals and hotels and motels that are currently regulated and taxed.

"The House took a thoughtful and holistic approach to regulating short term rentals," said House Speaker Bob DeLeo. "For the first time in Massachusetts, we go beyond taxation and implement a necessary regulatory framework to ensure public safety and accountability

Opponents said the last thing Massachusetts needs is another tax. "This proposal is onerous and overly burdensome for our host community, and the kind of legislation the hotel industry has promoted across the country to prevent middle class families from earning additional income," said Airbnb spokeswoman Crystal Davis. "The commonwealth and its residents can only truly benefit from fair and reasonable short-term rental rules."

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

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

FINANCIAL LITERACY (S 2343)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill requiring the state to develop and allow cities and towns to institute a program to teach financial literacy to students in kindergarten to grade 12. The topics covered would include understanding banking and financial services, loans, interest, credit cards, online commerce, renting or buying a home, balancing a checkbook, state and federal taxes and charitable giving.

Supporters said it is important to start educating children about finances at an early age and to continue through their high school years.

"Today's youth are bombarded with a multitude of financial options and responsibilities at an increasingly young age, yet many are ill-equipped to make informed decisions about financial matters," said Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton.) "By teaching children the financial education basics in school, we will help them make educated financial decisions in the future, preventing future bankruptcies, foreclosures, and unmanageable debt. The investment we make in teaching our children financial literacy now will pay substantial future dividends."

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

CIVICS EDUCATION (S 2355)

Senate 32-4, approved and sent to the House a bill that updates the requirement that all public schools provide instruction in American history and civics.

Provisions include requiring all public-school students to participate in two student-led civics projects; making it mandatory beginning in 2021 for all students to complete one student-led civics project after 8th grade in order to graduate; permitting the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish an annual convention to assess the current state of civic education; and establishing a special commission to study the development of civic education for youth.

"Anyone who spends time in or follows the news from Beacon Hill or Washington knows that now more than ever before we need more people engaged in public life," said Sen. Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell). "The consolidated bill that passed the Senate will empower students with the knowledge they need today so they can more effectively improve our society tomorrow."

"This bill is an important step toward fulfilling our responsibility to pass the torch of democracy to the next generation of voters and problem-solvers," said Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston).

"Unfunded mandates are big issues with local governments especially those involving schools," said Sen. Dean Tran (R-Fitchburg). "It is very unfortunate that the Senate has imposed another unfunded mandate on struggling schools across the commonwealth when we should be lessening the burden and increasing funding."

"I understand the importance of educating students on the importance of being civically active and engaged in our democratic process," said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster). "That being said, time and time again I hear from my constituents and school committee members about the undue financial burden of unfunded mandates on our communities."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

TOLERATE DIFFERING OPINIONS (S 2355)

Senate 7-29, rejected an amendment that would add "respectful tolerance of differing opinions" to the list of subjects that would be included in the history and social science curriculum framework that would be taught. The framework already includes American and local history;

the function and composition of the branches of local, state and federal government; the roles and responsibilities of a citizen in a democracy; community diversity and the role it plays in the democratic process; and opportunities to identify and debate issues relative to power, economic status and the common good in democracy.

Amendment supporters said that especially in today's political climate and a divided nation, it is important to teach students to respect each other's opinions.

Amendment opponents said respect of each other's opinions is already covered under other existing requirements including community diversity and the role it plays in the democratic process and the roles and responsibilities of a citizen in a democracy.

(A "Yes" vote is for including respectful tolerance of differing opinions. A "No" vote is against including it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

UNFUNDED MANDATE (S 2355)

Senate 7-29, rejected an amendment requiring the state to conduct a study to determine whether the new civics education law is an unfunded mandate being imposed on cities and towns.

Amendment supporters said it will cost money for the schools to implement this new law.

Amendment opponents said there are no anticipated costs to cities and towns in implementing the new law.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Didn't Vote

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

UNSOLICITED LOANS (S 2357) – The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that makes it illegal to send consumers an unsolicited check that when cashed activates a high-interest loan.

Supporters said this unfair practice has fooled consumers and many ending up paying up to a 60 percent interest rate and go bankrupt.

"It's important that the Senate passed this legislation because it will make predatory, unsolicited live checks with unfavorable terms being sent to people illegal," said Sen. Kathleen O'Connor Ives. "It's a common-sense consumer protection measure and I hope the House takes it up quickly."

TOWING (S 2354) - The Senate approved and sent to the House legislation that would require towing companies that perform "voluntary towing," at the request of the car owner, to hold a certificate from the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Current law only requires companies who do involuntary towing to have a certificate. Involuntary towing is when a car is hauled away by low enforcement or other authorities.

Supporters said that as it stands today, anyone can buy a tow truck and say they are a towing company. They said the new regulation is needed to ensure that companies have insurance and proper safeguards.

"This bill is about public safety and consumer protection,"

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



protection," said Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury). "By requiring the safeguard included in this legislation, we will ensure that when drivers are vulnerable and stranded on the side of the road, they can feel confident that their safety is the primary concern of 3,253 — Sec. of State Bill Galvin the towing industry."

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special Twitter Edition

Here are the state's six constitutional officers in order of the number of followers each one has on their Twitter account as of noon on March 23, 2018. Some of these officials have more than one Twitter account. The number of followers for each person represents the total number of followers in all the person's those accounts.

309,854 — Gov. Charlie Baker

111,609 — Attorney General Maura Healey

55,781 — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito

13,318 — Treasurer Deb Goldberg

5,384 — Auditor Suzanne Bump

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 19-23, the House met for a total of three hours and 44 minutes while the Senate met for a total of six hours and 15 minutes.

House 11:11 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Mon. March 19

Senate 11:16 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.

Tues. March 20 No House session No Senate session

Wed. March 21 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

No Senate session

No Senate session.

Thurs. March 22 House 2:07 p.m. to 5:22 p.m.

Senate 11:07 a.m. to 4:54 p.m.

Fri. March 23 No House session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Proposed Zoning Overhaul public hearing rescheduled

Members of the public are invited to attend a public hearing by the Somerville Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen's Land Use Committee on Tuesday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m., to provide feedback.



The hearing will be held in the Aldermanic Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Feedback can also be submitted online at www.somervillezoning.com, where detailed information on the overhaul, timeline, and upcoming meetings and events are also available.

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month: **Address Description DOM List Price** Sale Price 82 Line 6 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary 40 \$1,449,000 \$1,375,000 66 Chandler Street 8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian 8 \$1,525,000 \$1,500,000 28 Hawthorne St 7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Other 18 \$1,549,000 \$1,575,000 23 Elston St 9 room, 5 bed, 4f 1h bath Colonial 14 \$1,795,000 \$1,915,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price			
15 Wilson U:1	5 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$849,900	\$825,000			
211 Tremont Street U:9	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$875,000	\$940,000			
1 Summer St U:6	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Loft	84	\$995,000	\$1,000,000			
33 Glenwood U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	24	\$998,900	\$998,000			
30 Teele Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	95	\$1,044,900	\$1,010,000			
33 Glenwood U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	46	\$1,178,900	\$1,164,500			
79-1 Irving U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	145	\$1,199,900	\$1,200,000			
290 Highland Ave U:3B	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Low-Rise	125	\$1,275,000	\$1,225,000			

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:								
Address	Description	ription DOM Lis						
4-16 Joseph St	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,265,000	\$1,150,000				
35 Merriam St	3 unit, 20 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,269,000	\$1,240,000				
0 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	26	\$1,290,000	\$1,205,400				
52 Porter St	2 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	55	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000				
1 Belknap Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,579,000	\$1,400,000				
34 Heath Street	6 unit, 24 total room, 6 total bedroom 5-9 Family	23	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000				
55 Highland Ave	6 unit, 23 total room, 8 total bedroom 5+ Family	7	\$2,500,000	\$2,560,000				
1 Austin Street	6 unit, 34 total room, 16 total bedroom 5+ Family	125	\$2,750,000	\$2,500,000				
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Somerville students take part in 'March For Our Lives'

Many Somerville students, particularly members and supporters of the Students Against Gun Violence group, organized primarily by Somerville High School students, took part in the March For Our Lives event in Boston last Saturday, March 24. The photos shown here are from the event.

Students from all around the state travelled to Boston to demonstrate their commitment to ending gun violence, especially in our schools. Similar demonstrations took place across the nation in major cities and small towns alike.

According to Students Against Gun Violence, students will walkout once again this week on Wednesday, and go to the state house for their third visit to ensure that legislators are not making empty promises. Students are calling for the Extreme Risk Protective Orders (H.3610) to be passed, and they say they will stop at nothing to see that happen. The students believe they have made it clear that this is a movement and not a moment by showing unyielding dedication to their cause. — Photos by Baxter Ellard









Dorothy's Corner by dorothy dimarzo



Steak Quesadilla

This recipe does require a little more time to make, but it's worth it in the end, especially since a majority of these items can be prepared in advance. Bursting with flavor from a bit of heat, a touch of sweetness and a tad of sourness or referred to as agrodolce in Italian, will surely have your taste buds craving more.

Flank Steak 1-1 1/4 lbs

Chimichurri Sauce Fresh Cilantro (1 Cup Chopped) Fresh Parsley (Flat Leaf 1 Cup Chopped) Red Wine Vinegar (2-3 Tablespoons) Extra Virgin Olive Oil (1/2 Cup) Garlic (1 Clove, Finely Minced) Serano Chili (Thinly Sliced) Green Onion (Thinly Sliced) 1 Lime (Zested & Juiced) Salt & Pepper to taste

Guacamole Recipe * see link below.

8 Corn Tortillas (Taco Size) Sweet Potato, Roasted (Peeled, Cubed into 1" piec-

Orange (Peeled & Sectioned) https://www.thespruce.com/how-to-section-citrus-fruits-2216975

Sour Cream 1/2 Cup Sriracha (1 Teaspoon)

Starting with the chimichurri sauce, place the chopped herbs, garlic, chili, green onion, and lime zest in a small bowl and blend well. Add the vinegar, lime juice and 1/2 of the olive oil and blend. Taste, if it's too acidic, add a little more olive oil until it meets your satisfaction. It may not take the whole



amount of olive oil. Add a pinch of salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour or two, or make a day ahead.

Prepare the guacamole. Please see link to previously posted recipe. http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/75451

Prepare the orange. See above link on how to section/supreme an orange.

Set oven at 375°. Coat the sweet potato with a teaspoon of olive oil and a pinch of salt & pepper. Place on a lined baking sheet and bake until fork tender, about 10-12 minutes. This can also be done a day in advance.

Blend the sour cream and Sriracha in a small bowl and put aside.

Once you're ready to cook the steak, season with salt & pepper. Using a grill pan or your regular grill, make sure you oil the surface and grill for

8-10 minutes per side (rare to medium rare). Once done, let it rest on a cutting board for about 15 minutes. In the meantime, char the corn tortillas on either the grill or grill pan. Just enough to get a little color onto both sides. Once done, thinly slice the steak against the grain on the bias. This will be a very tender piece of meat. You're now ready to assemble the quesadillas. On a plate, place the tortilla in the middle, add about 4 slices of meat on top of the tortilla, add 2 teaspoons of the chimichurri sauce over the meat, add some sweet potato pieces, place the second tortilla over the top, add a scoop of guacamole on top and garnish with 2 pieces of orange and spoon some of the sour cream Sriracha sauce over the top. Garnish with sweet potato pieces and cilantro.

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Response to real estate transfer fee



By Peter Blaikie

If you are a homeowner in Somerville and concerned about the transfer fee the city is looking to back room deal on you, you should make a point to be heard on April 4th at Somerville city hall. Here is a reply to one of the supporters of this plan. I had to copy and paste it as it will be deleted like other arguments I responded to about this issue. It seems that when someone makes a valid point and it doesn't match their mission statement they would rather delete their post

then host a counter argument that might make people think about the implications of what is being proposed. Here is my response to Katie Gradowski's supporting the transfer fee:

Katie, this transfer is nothing more than a socialist extortion and should not pass in any form. If the "People's Republic of Cambridge" stopped it so will we.

The CPA tax and the Proposition 2 1/2 override were more than enough pilfering from the Home owners and this needs to stop. If this city really meant what they say they would have made FRIT and other developers cede the 20% affordable housing rates but chose another back room bag job and settled for 6% and a cash payment for units that will take years to develop the inventory the 20% would have gotten us on that deal. This fee is just a greedy cash grab to be taken away from home owners fed up with the increased taxes and having to make choice to sell and move to more affordable locations.

> "The city cannot be trusted to do the right thing..."

The city cannot be trusted to do the right thing and actually use it as intended. The exemptions will of course not be honored and just temporarily permitted to see how much money is lost and at that time you will then try to modify it to remove the exemptions one by one while also trying to increase the percentage collected on this tax.

Taxes are rarely reduced and most likely rise as current and

future administrations get used to the deeper trough they feed from. I will be at the meeting and look forward to informing the people of this socialistic crap for what it is "Robbing the Hood" instead of Robin Hood. I have no connection to SPOA or any other landlord organizations but I would ally with them in opposition to this. Sometimes cities and towns become more expensive due to location and people have to make choices and move to a city or town that provides housing at a price within their budget. I would love to live in Dover, Wayland, Weston, Duxbury or Marblehead but they are beyond my budget so I am here.

If the city continues to increase taxes, we landlords will just pass it on to our tenants as higher and higher rents which will accelerate the gentrification process led by these same steps you are supporting to

fight gentrification.

What will be your next suggestion? Rent Control? Change is inevitable and when Somerville developed as much as it did why would any rational person not expect rent and home prices rise in relation to the surrounding development? Why should the homeowner be made to pay for something they had no direct input in?

I am not going to be made to feel guilty for this outright stealing from me to give to others. We have charity for that and you and the other socialists can give all the money you want but keep your hands out of my pocket when doing it. I will fight hard to keep what I earned and saved for my family to stay right where it is.

I will see you on Wednesday when I have my say.

Peter Blaikie Twenty-four-year homeowner

Real estate transfer fee meeting

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 6:00 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mark Niedergang, Chairman of the Com-



mittee, for public input on #204954, a proposed real estate transfer fee.

Go to www.somervillema.gov/transferfee for more information on the proposal.



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Wednesday April 4

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Thursday April 5

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Friday April 6

Busted Jug 6 p.m. Pigpen night! \$10 cover 9:30 p.m.

Saturday April 7

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Tad Overbaugh & Late Arrivals, Murphy & The Mess, The Ramp Ups \$10 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday April 8

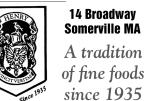
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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

Conway Park and Playground Meeting, March 29

As previously noted, soil testing conducted in preparation for the proposed renovation of Conway field revealed contamination in the soil, including lead and PCBs above regulatory limits, requiring its closure. Initial samples of the soil in the adjacent playground did not reveal contaminants exceeding regulatory limits. However, as a precautionary measure, the playground is closed for additional testing as well.

The consultants in charge of soil testing and City staff will be on hand at the meeting to discuss the testing results and next steps as well as to answer questions. If you are unable to attend, please note that the meeting will be videotaped and placed online on the www.somervillema.gov/ conwayfield web page for later viewing. If you have specific questions that you would like to ask but can't attend, please send them to Denise Taylor in advance at dtaylor@somervillema.gov and they will be asked on your behalf at the meeting.

Please send your questions by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 3/29, and put CONWAY QUESTIONS in the subject line. For more information, please visit www.somervillema.gov/conwayfield.

When/Where: Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., in the Public Safety Building Meeting Room, 220 Washington St.

GLX Project Public Meeting, March 28

The Green Line Extension (GLX) project public meeting will provide an outlook on construction activities planned in the coming months. For more information on the GLX project, please visit www.greenline-extension.org. Questions or comments? Email info@glxinfo.com.

When/Where: Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m., in the Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Ave.

Tree Removal Hearing: Somerville Ave. Utility & Streetscape Improvements Project, March 28

The City of Somerville Tree Warden invites all interested residents and community members to a public hearing on Wednesday, March 28, to discuss upcoming tree removals as part of the construction process for the Somerville Ave. Utility & Streetscape Improvements Project. For more information on the project, visit www.somervillema. gov/somervilleave.

When/Where: Wednesday, March 28, 6 p.m., at the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Overhaul, April 3

After multiple years of commu-

nity process, the Administration has officially submitted the proposed Zoning Overhaul to the Board of Aldermen. Members of the public are invited to attend a public hearing by the Somerville Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen's Land Use Committee to provide feedback. Feedback can also be submitted online at www.somervillezoning.com, where detailed information on the overhaul, timeline, and upcoming meetings and events are also available.

When/Where: Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Public Hearing on Proposed Transfer Fee, April 4

After nearly a year of research and deliberation by Mayor Curtatone's Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group, the group issued a series of recommendations, including that the City adopt a requirement of a fee of approximately 1 percent upon certain real estate transactions (known as a "transfer fee") to support affordable housing with specific exemptions be established for transactions such as ownership transfers between family members. Now, members of the public are invited to attend a public hearing hosted by the Board of Aldermen to discuss the proposed transfer fee home rule petition. The Board of Aldermen will also accept official written comment for the record through Friday, April 6, 2018, at 5 p.m. Please send your comments to boardofaldermen@somervillema.gov and cityclerk@somervillema.gov. Visit www.somervillema.gov/

transferfee for more informa-

When/Where: Wednesday, April 4, 6 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.

Blessing of the Bay Park Waterfront Meeting, April 5

The Mystic River Watershed Association, in partnership with the City of Somerville, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and Groundwork Somerville, is leading a comprehensive, community-driven plan and design for Blessing of the Bay Park. With the input of local residents and stakeholders, the revitalization plan will identify the physical features, natural areas, programming and amenities needed to transform this park into one that supports recreation, active transportation, social cohesion and ecological health. The public process will kick off with a workshop to share existing conditions and hear ideas from the community. Also consider taking the time complete a survey, which will only be available through the end of March, to share your ideas and vision for the waterfront. The survey and more information can be found at www.mysticriver.org/blessingofthebay.

When/Where: Thursday, April 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Mystic Housing Activities Center, 530 Mystic Ave.

Take a Survey to Help Improve Broadway in Winter Hill

This section of Broadway in Winter Hill is a known headache to drivers, pedestrians, commuters, and residents. A streetscape improvement effort is in the pipeline, but we also want to make some interim fixes while this planning moves forward. The survey will help the City identify problems and areas of concern. Find the survey at www.somervillema.gov/central-broadwaysurvey.

Help the City Prioritize Health Care Needs by Completing the Wellbeing Survey

As a follow up to the 2017 Wellbeing Report, the City and Cambridge Health Alliance are working together to better understand the healthcare service needs of the Somerville community. We invite you to take a few minutes to complete the survey to help us to identify and prioritize health care needs for you, your family, and the Somerville Community. The survey is available in multiple languages and will be available until Friday, April 6. Take the survey and read the report at www.somervillema.gov/wellbeing.

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City Calendar

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Re: The Nor'easter of March 22, 2018.

At last, it has become obvious to the hovering and insistent TV crews and newspapers each and every day before a snowstorm, that they have become havoc on our screens and in our reading.

These alarmists are doing much serious harm, not only financially, but to our education systems, now a joke,

when every few days, schools are closed, only because of the idiots stepping into the snow all day, insisting that we stay home, letting us know we shouldn't drive in this March 22 storm – which happens to be a "No Storm."

It's obvious they enjoy their game during these snowstorms; at any time of the day we are forced to watch these buffoons, standing at the seashore, wallowing in the white stuff, and the pounding waves, and who also interrupt every television show that they can, only to show is more snow!

But this time and there have been many more times in the past, and most will recall that there was just a bit of snow, not at all a Nor'Easter!! When will they stop treating the public like stupid children?

And why this tremendous waste of time and money? America has become dumb-

er and dumber.

Let's, please, turn it around. Call these stations, letting them know that we do still think, and we are familiar with New England weather patterns in the wintertime. Further, we don't need any more of this slush.

Sincerely,
Paul Bradford
Carol Rae Bradford

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Our View Of The Times



The uproar continues as the date for the public hearing on the proposed real estate transfer fee draws nearer.

Advocates and naysayers alike have been actively pressing their cases in the public domain, and there seems to be little change of opinions on either side. Like so many other issues these days, whether local or national, this one seems to be a classic example of everybody knows best. In the meantime, many are wondering

In the meantime, many are wondering whether the public input is or will be having any effect. The cynical among us tend to believe that in the end whatever the city wants the city will get. That public hearings and the like are just for show, and that the proposal is a done deal, in spite of public demands either way.

One thing we have learned in the past week, the current draft of the proposed legislation does not include an exemption for owner occupied 1-2-3 families, as was advocated by some on the Board of Aldermen. Instead, a motion was put forward to exempt home owners who have received the city's residential exemption for a minimum of 20 years.

Apparently, the whole thing is still a work in progress, suggesting that there may be some hope that citizen input can make a difference. We'd like to think so, anyway.

For those who want to hear and be heard, be sure to attend the public hearing on April 4, 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

A little more uproar can do no harm.

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how much more in taxes you want to pay.

We hear that when several - if not all of the police cadets that were approved by the city's Personnel Department were going through the last round with the Board of Alderman subcommittee on appointments, the chairman of the committee, as well as other committee members, asked some very unusual political questions on their views and various stances while being interviewed. Could this be illegal? Questions that are political in nature, instead of being about qualifications needed for the job. Is that how it's supposed to be? Do they just put members on a committee without giving them some sort of guidance and advice? Especially new Board of Aldermen members. If this is true there could be major problems with the Board violating federal laws. Possible complaints against the aldermen are being considered by a few individuals. This has to be a mistake. How is it possible that grown adults who represent the city can ask political questions of individuals who want to work for the city government? This is not a good road to go down. Hopefully there is another explanation.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition

has announced the retirement of Mark Alston-Follansbee, the Executive Director, who has headed the agency here for the past 18 years. Mark has led the agency well, helping thousands of individuals who were in need. He, along with his staff, has made the agency one of Somerville's best known sources for the homeless. Mark and his staff worked hard over the past 18 years to ensure that those in need were taken care of with the dignity and quality of service that that everyone deserves. He will be missed as a fixture in the community as a whole, but we're sure he will still be seen around the city. The agency is in the process of finding a replacement. These are pretty big shoes to fill, but we're sure they can do it. We wish the agency the best of luck. Mark is said to be retiring officially in June. We wish him the very best of luck in the future. He's a good man, with a good heart and does a great job for the agency. Many in Somerville will miss him.

Sadly, another year goes by and the murder of **Deanna Jean Cremins** continues to go unsolved here in Somerville. Deanna was only 17-years-old and still in high school. On March 30, 1995, her body was found behind the Jaques Street

elderly complex. An active investigation continues to try and find out who did this awful thing. We hope that sometime in the near future the murderer is found out and is prosecuted. A reward is being offered for information leading to the finding of her killer. Call the Somerville Police Department.

******** A lot residents are very upset over the socalled cancelling of school a day ahead of time, and the snow emergency many someone tell DPW Commissioner Stan Koty and the Superintendent of **Schools** that we live in New England. We're supposed to get snow. Years ago, before the weather forecasters had all the latest radar and stuff, they would not call a school day off. Maybe this administration doesn't see from the angle of private sector parents who can't afford to stay home because the city has decided to cancel school the day before, while their employers didn't cancel. What's wrong with these people? Get a grip. Represent the people that elected you. Stop and consider the consequences of your actions when you cancel school for a storm that never happens. At least don't call a snow emergency before people get home from work and they have to hunt down a parking space in a city that has over 60,000 cars, while parking on only one side. Does anyone remember the horn that would go off, with everyone in the city hearing it, meaning no school? They did this the morning of the storm, so there wouldn't be any miscalls. The administration likes to pull out their facts and figures on how much things cost. Do they stop and realize how much the cost is to the parents of these kids when they can't go to work? Good thing it's spring time, but we also know it's New England and we've had a few storms in April before. Get ready!

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to John Kendzierski of Gilman Square, a nice guy. We hope he gets over the flu so he and his lovely wife can go out and celebrate. Happy birthday to local guy, Jimmy Halloran. We hope he has a great celebration. Happy birthday to Diane O'Brien, who is one of the best tax preparation and accounting specialists here in Somerville. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Mario Borges, a nice guy. We hope he has a great birthday.

Last week it was Continued on page 23

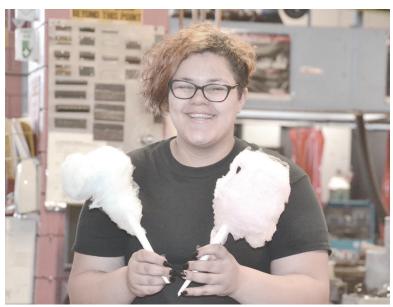
SHS Career & Technical Education/ **Vocational Fair**

The Somerville community was invited to learn more about Somerville High School's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at the 2018 CTE/Vocational Fair on Saturday, March 24.

Attendees enjoyed a tour of the school's CTE programs and an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities in the shops.

CTE Ambassadors were available to provide guided tours and answer questions. Current CTE students and faculty were also be available to demonstrate and answer questions.













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SHS 'Alumni Tour'

On Saturday, March 25, the Somerville Teachers Association hosted an "alumni tour" of the old high school.

This was a chance to see and walk through the old corridors once again before the school is torn down to make room for the new one. Participants found it a great opportunity to reminisce about the old days at the high school.



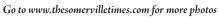














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SPORTS

Somerville resident running his third **Boston Marathon for cancer research**

On April 16, Peter Lorinser will be running his third Boston Marathon for a very special cause: finding cures for cancer. On Patriots Day, which is better known to many us as Marathon Monday, Peter is running the 2018 Boston Marathon as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC) team.

To raise awareness and to raise money to aide the fight against cancer, 29-year-old Somerville resident, Peter, is running as a member of the DFMC team. Your support of his run will help fund essential cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. His goal is to raise \$10,000 in 2018, helping him reach over \$30,000 raised since 2014.

100% of the funds raised goes

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to the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Cancer Research at Dana-Farber. A donation helps foster scientific breakthroughs by advancing the work of gifted researchers in a variety of basic research disciplines helping them to discover better treatments to enhance patients' quality of life and hopefully a cure from someone's cancer.

Peter was first inspired to run for Dana Farber in 2014 when he was working as a Teacher in Dorchester, MA. One student had a life changing impact on Peter. This student successfully put cancer (Leukemia) into remission and now, 4 years later, he is a thriving Sophomore in college. Back in 2014, when Peter told his students that he was thinking of running the Bos-



Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. Where is the largest Easter egg collection?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. Who wrote the song Here Comes Peter Cottontail?
- 3. What flower is associated with Easter?
- 4. What was the name of the character Michael Douglas played in the movie Wall Street?
- 5. What presidential candidate had the slogan "Are you better off than you were four years ago"?
- 6. In the comic strip Peanuts, what is Snoopy's mother's name?

7. What is the tallest living terrestrial animal?

8. What whisky brand is advertised with two terrier dogs?

9. Which English rock band made the rock operas Tommy and Quadrophenia?

10. What is buccula?

11. What is the name of the rocket that carried the ashes of actor James Doohan (Scotty on the TV series Star Trek) into space?

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

Answers on page 17

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ton Marathon but was having second doubts about doing so because of the level of commitment, this student left Peter this note on his desk after class:

Who is your hero?

• "Mr. Lorinser"

What character traits make him heroic?

"Ability to overcome chal-

lenges"

What actions (obstacles, challenges, etc..) make him a hero?

+ "He is going to run a marathon for charity"

Do you think other people will view him as a hero, too?

+ "Yes"

This note inspired Peter to go forward with the Marathon, and he has not looked back since. Rather, he has stayed dedicated to the cause because of the ubiquity of cancer. Because he knows so many friends and family affected by cancer. And, through his running experience, he has also surrounded himself with a community of people that have been cared for by Dana Farber.

Treasure Hunting with Bob



Not the best seller

I was contacted recently by a guy who needed money fast and wanted to sell stuff. He had some German World War 2 ceremonial daggers to sell. Tough items to sell. They usually have a few swastikas on them and as the war went on, the quality fell off because the Allies were raining tons of bombs onto the factories.

There are also tons of fakes out there. Also, I don't want to deal with people who collect the German war memorabilia. I've had them before and just dumped them on a dealer I knew through the auctions. I was happy to see them go. In talking with the seller of these knives, he'd told me he'd listed them on eBay and was immediately kicked off (he probably used the wrong words, i.e., Nazi instead of German WW2). This seller had contacted me through my website, Somerville.com, and told me all sorts of goodies awaited me at his storage bin and house.

So, I took a ride. Except for a few pieces, everything was chipped, broken, cracked or trashed in the worst way, strewn about his storage bin, vehicle and house. Waste of time. The only thing I ended up buying was his high school class ring from 1978, and

even that had a broken stone in it. It's getting melted and refined anyway so the broken stone doesn't matter much.

I left, drove the hour home and almost called it a day. Later that night, I got another email from him accusing me of taking something. He couldn't tell me exactly what it was or where it was, it was just missing and I was to blame. Hours went by until he again emailed me to tell me he'd found it kicked under a box under a pile of trash.

I can picture him pulling apart the trashed storage bin, stacking torn cardboard boxes in the isles of the storage company until he found the missing unnamed item. Not the best seller - confused, unorganized, messy, rambling. I think I'll stick with just hunting the junk stores for a bit.

Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at 27winter@gmail.com. Visit his website at www.Somerville.com.

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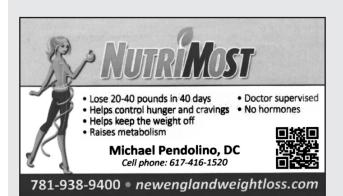
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130 Broadway (PB 2018-05): Applicant and Owner, 130 Broadway LLC c/o Jon Pucker, seeks a special permit under SZO §6.5.D.5.a to make façade alterations to the existing structure other than a one-for-one replacement of signage to place signage decals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

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

1 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 1: http://eepurl.com/doHy5f

2 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 2: http://eepurl.com/doHATb

130 Broadway: http://eepurl.com/doJIZP

292 Beacon St.: http://eepurl.com/doJIAr

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS March 28, 2018 **City of Somerville**

93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-666-6600

On or about April 6, 2018 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake projects under the parks and open space program which seek to create suitable living environments by providing accessibility to much needed public recreational and green space in the cities densely populated low and moderate income neighborhoods. The amount of CDBG funds for the projects is 400,000 dollars.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not included under this program notice when addresses become known. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this program is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

Monday thru Wednesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Thursday: 8:30AM to 7:30PM, and Friday: 8:30AM to 12:30PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by April 5, 2018 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the 667-2 Replacement of Interior Unit Entry Doors + Asbestos Remediation, #274124 in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Reverse Architecture.

The Project consists of: Removal and replacement of interior unit entry door frames and doors. The new assembly will be fire-rated with steel frames and wood doors with new electric strikes and hardware. The existing doors and the joint compound in the walls contain asbestos. There is a non-traditional work abatement plan for removal of this material. The units are occupied.

The work is estimated to cost \$137,000.

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

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

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

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Thursday, 12 April 2018 and publicly opened online, forthwith.

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

SUBTRADES

NONE

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

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

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

There is a plan deposit of \$50.00 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc.

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

Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00

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

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

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Tuesday, 3 April 2018 at 10:00 AM

Address: 132 Jaques St. Meet at lobby / front entrance., Somerville

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT:

For an appointment call Anthony DiGiovanni at (617) 625-1152.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at:

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Legislative Matters on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 6:00 PM, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Mark Niedergang, Chairman of the Committee, for public input on #204954, a proposed real estate transfer fee. Go to www.somervillema.gov/transferfee for more information on the proposal.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Earle Street – Boynton Yards Building 1: http://eepurl.com/doHy5f

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

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI18D0593DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Luz Marina Escobar vs. Edgar Alejandro Martinez

To Defendant

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the $\,$ current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Luz M Escobar 28 Gordon Street Somerville, MA 02144

your answer, if any on or before 04/26/2018. 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, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 15, 2018

Tara E. De Christofaro Register of Probate

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Docket No. MI18D0593DR

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Luz Marina Escobar **Edgar Alejandro Martinez**

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant, to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared

It is **Ordered** that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint therein on or before

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication

It is further Ordered that the accompanying summons be published once in The Somerville Times a newspaper published in: Somerville, 699 Broadway, MA, 02144, 617-666-4010

the publication to be 20 days at least before said return day. It is further **Ordered** that a copy of the summons be mailed to the defendant at his/her last known address by registered or certified mail.

Date 3/15/18

Edward F Donnelly, Jr JUSTICE OF PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, in the Community Room on the 3rd Floor to hold public hearings on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 - 7-28.

DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS

HPC 2018.015 – 9-11 Campbell Park

Applicant: Eugene Mirman & Kathryn Westfall-Tharp Alter front entry; add dormers, alter rear windows and doors.

DETERMINATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS

HPC 2018.017 - 10 Oak Street Applicant: 10 Oak Street, LLC

HPC 2018.022 - 161 Broadway

Applicant: Somerville Realty Ventures, LLC

HPC 2018.024 - 14 Pearl Street Applicant: Adragna Dedic, LLC

DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE **DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**

HPC 2018.011 - 24 Dane Avenue Applicant: 24 Dane Ave, LLC

HPC 2018.012 – 217 Somerville Avenue

Applicant: George Moussallem

HPC 2018.013 - 108 Gilman Street Applicant: Bonnie McCarthy

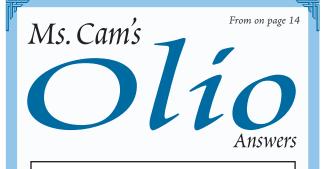
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11. SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket – launched from Cape Canaveral

5. Ronald Reagan

12. Annie Get Your

7. The giraffe

6. Missy

Gun

Air Force Station

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | March 28

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

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

Thursday | March 29

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Teen Empowerment Event: Sexual Health for Teens

2:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

Lego Club!

3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday | March 30

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Team Social Media 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Monday April 2

Central Library

Sing Along w/ Matt

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

West Branch Library Kids' Book Club

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Tuesday April 3

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Youth Count Youth Ambassador

2:15 p.m.- 5:15 p.m.|79 Highland

Wednesday | April 4

Central Library

Wilson reading tutoring 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

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

East Branch Library

Preschool Storytime! 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC ARTS

Wednesday | March 28

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

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

Night Tree: with Jenna Moyni-

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

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez The Nephrok Allstars

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

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Sammus, None Like Joshua

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Gallerist 8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

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

Thursday | March 29

Sally O'Brien's

The Big Sway |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Oshima Brothers, Late Night Thoughts |7 p.m. Scattershots 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Krush Faktory(Dub Down)

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

Thunder Road

Gangstagrass (honky-tonk hip-hop) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Oueer Faith: A Live Story Telling Event 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Seba Molnar Quartet 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Rob Bell: The Holy Shift Tour 8 p.m.|Performance Hall The Loop

8 p.m.|Café |191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Lula Pena

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | March 30

Sally O'Brien's

David Johnston Band |6 p.m. Hawthorn, Prateek, SnugHouse \$5 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi The Kennedys with Special Guest Tory Silver 7 p.m.

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

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Versus Madonna "We Love You"-Hosted By Sham Payne, featuring DJ **Brian Derrick**

9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Pull Up

Latrell James, Kaovanny, Deco Fam, Lord Felix, Lily Rayne, Boogie Da God, Philly G & Baylen, Mike Wyche & Inspektah, Where's Nasty 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Boycott|6:30 p.m.

School of Honk|8:30 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

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3 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday | March 31

Sally O'Brien's

Bucky Bear 70th Birthday Extravaganza with Titanium Hipsters, Stan Martin, more 6 p.m.

Box Of Records, Sunshine Riot \$10

335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589 The Burren

The Band That Time Forgot | 7 p.m. Jimmys Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road Playing Dead

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Electric Heaters

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Boston Central Haitian Creole Congregation: A Memorial of Jesus' Death 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Krish Mohan & Andrew Frank's Nationwide Anti-Imperialism Comedy

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Takeover!

The Rockwell Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.

255 Elm St Sunday April 1

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country &

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

Sunday Night Live Music

Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Fundraiser

Thunder Road Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma

7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Julianna Buck's Boston Marathon

12 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Monday | April 2

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy

Marley Monday with The Duppy

Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

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 The Rockwell

Smoke And Shadows 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday | April 3 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Drawbar|8 p.m.335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

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

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

8200 **Thunder Road**

Blair Crimmins & The Hookers 7 p.m|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Heavy Metal Tuesday 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday April 4

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The Burren

Smut Slam

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Casey Neill & The Norway Rats Golden Oak

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

land Ave

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 High-

Wednesday | March 28

Central Library PILOT strategy meeting 5 p.m.-6:45 p.m **Progress Together for Somerville**

West Branch Library

East Branch Library

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).

Saturday | March 31

mory|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work

Holland St

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

4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Meeting with Somerville Garden Club 2 p.m.- 3 p.m. Breathe, Meditate and Be Happy

Wednesday April 4

Central Library

CLASSES AND GROUPS

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Thursday | March 29

Mystery Book Club

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

6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.

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

Learn English at the Library

Drop In Knitting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-

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

Sunday | April 1

7 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Creative Drama Workshop

Monday | April 2

Central Library

Chess Night

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

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Learn English at the Library

Somerville Entrepreneur Meetup

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

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn)

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

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

TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Magpie Puppets – Thursday, April 5 at our Holland Street Center starting at 11:15 a.m. Shadow Songs and Stories bring favorite songs and stories to life with

please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

and Stories bring favorite songs and stories to life with cleverly crafted shadow puppets. Lunch and Bingo following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

Older American's Month Celebration – Tuesday, May 1 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street. \$10 – limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

Mother's Day Special Lunch & Bingo – Monday, May 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. \$5 fee includes lunch, coffee and dessert. Limited seating and transportation. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

Book Club – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. t o 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional info call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

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

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

 $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{De-cluttering support group}}}$ - If you have concerns

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

Pull up a seat at the table with your Somerville female elected officials CONT. FROM PG 1

Senator Pat Jehlen, Representative Denise Provost, Representative Christine Barber, Alderman-at-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, Alderman-at- Large Stephanie Hirsch, Alderman Ward 7 Board President Katjana Ballantyne, School Committee Ward 3 Lee Erica Palmer, School Committee Ward 1 Emily Ackman, School Committee Ward 5 Laura Pitone, School Committee Ward 6 Paula O'Sullivan and School Committee Ward 7 Carrie Normand.

During the event, officials moved around different tables and sat with local citizens to talk about Somerville and the different ways to get more involved in the community.

"We wanted to create the chance to celebrate women and let them connect with one another," said the commission's co-chair Kristin Strezo. "Especially with local female elected officials. It demystifies the concept that 'Oh she's an elected official' when people are able to make eye contact with each other."

The commission is currently made up of nine elected commissioners who aim to work with as many Somerville women as possible.

"By sharing experiences of advocacy," said Alderman-at-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, "I hope to inspire others that they too can do what I'm doing."

This is one of the many events the Somerville Commission for Women puts on, including bystander training sessions to teach people how to help stop harassment on the streets, salary negotiation trainings and a domestic violence vigil held in partnership with Respond Inc., in October.

For more information about the commission and to learn how you can get involved, visit www.somervillema.gov

A sketch of community need

CONT. FROM PG 3

those who do not live in the city – should be treated differently than owner occupants. About half of adults - 53% - live in housing where the landlord lives elsewhere or is a corporation. More of our housing should be owned by people in Somerville.

Support the most vulnerable, including children and seniors: While we want to help everyone who struggles, some people are extremely vulnerable. Seniors with low income and no assets are one group, and children are another. Children are almost twice as likely to be living in poverty, and families face extra challenges with finding housing. Moving across a municipal boundary means changing a child's whole world. School is where they spend their day, chart their future, and meet their entire social network.

Though we have only blunt tools to implement goals like these, we can use a combination of tools to do our best to tackle this impossible problem. In the second installment of this column, I will share how I think our policies and laws could help support these goals. In the meantime, what do you think? Do you agree with the goals?

About the Data Sources and About Stephanie: Stephanie Hirsch is one of our new Aldermen at Large. To learn more about the data shared in this column and assumptions made and about Stephanie, visit http://www.somerville- together.com/data, or contact Stephanie via: https://www.facebook.com/stephanie.hirsch.12, stephanie@stephaniehirsch.org, or 617-512-4847.

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Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner



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3rd Annual Cinema Somerville Outdoor Film Festival



The Somerville Arts Council and Somerville Media Center present an ArtsUnion and Cinema Somerville Short Film Fest on Saturday, May 19th from 8:00-9:30pm held in Union Square plaza or indoors at SMC (in case of inclement weather). Any further questions, please contact Erica Jones at ejones@scatvsomerville.org. This year's festival theme is Local Voices.

These are films driven by powerful stories, captivating subjects and important themes. These are films that portray a distinct viewpoint on our world, by filmmakers with a confident voice. Some examples of LOCAL VOICE are "voices of creativity, voices of change, voices of protest, voices of hopes and dreams, giving voice to the voiceless, etc." The selection committee plans to screen several short films for the audience to enjoy and are keeping the topic broad for creative submissions. The committee is still seeking submissions for this festival.

Guidelines for Submissions:

Deadline to submit is Friday, April 6

Must celebrate "voice" in some capacity by spotlighting unique voices, stories and experiences

Must be "Family Friendly"

Short films must not exceed 5 minutes in length

Categories to consider (Narrative, Fiction, Documentary, Animation,

Music Videos, Virtual Reality, Episodic Content)

Preference given to filmmakers who can physically attend the festival Go to somervillemedia.org to submit your film

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	Beyond Boston	11:00am	Beyond the Badge	
7:00am	Wide Angle	11:00pm	DIWHY the show	6:30pm	Hello Neighbor	11:30am	DW conflict Zone	
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	Friday, Mar	rch 30	7:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
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Wednesday, March 28

2:00pm

6:00pm

Friday, March 30 Senior Circuit Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte

The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

BOA Legislative Matters Committee

1:00am 1:30am 2:33am 8:30am 9:00am 11:30am 12:00pm 1:00pm 1:30pm 2:00pm 3:07pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 8:30pm

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SHS Football 2017

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Sumaya Salat is part of Teen Voices Emerging (a writing and female empowerment program for Boston teen girls) because it has helped her open up to others and share her creative writing. Salat feels that she has developed a deeper confidence in herself and made authentic friendships while at the program. She is excited for her first publication.



The Pain You Gave Me

"Don't worry,

Don't worry

Don't you not end this here," Mama said.

Tears flowed down my eyes like a waterfall.

My heart torn to pieces.

Daddy, I don't remember our last memory.

Everything so empty. No words for me to write down.

I can no longer hold on.

My heart is now small as a tiny insect.

Every corner is black.

The smell very nature-like.

I look everywhere, I see nothing but fear,

What would I do without you. What would my future look like?

Daddy, I can't live no more, not without you.

No one to pick me up, when I am left on the floor.

I am nothing without you here.

All I will ever encounter are pains and regrets.

Mama holds her anger.

She does not want us to see.

Oh, how I wish she would stop pretending.

All this madness and sadness never-ending.

How could she not pretend?

When she sees my heart being ripped from me.

I look at the stoned grave.

I have come to an end road

The grass below me stares at my face

Here the memories flashback, piece by piece like a puzzle hard to solve. Happily I may remember, and happily I may forget.

I look at those around me, and Daddy you were loved by many.

I cannot stare at the darkness, The clouds are gray, the cars are black. All I see are black garments. April 13, 2013: How I hate the date. How I wish it never came back. It brings suffering and pain.

— Sumaya Salat

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Boston National Poetry Month Festival, 2018

It would be *nothing* without Somerville!

By Kirk Etherton

OK, I'm exaggerating: this festival would still be

But this is a Somerville paper, and I'm a Somerville resident (and on the board of the Festival). So, let's take a minute to consider some of the Somerville talent in this year's

B.N.P.M.F. (It takes place April 4 and 6–9.)

Rep. Denise Provost does a stellar job representing us on Beacon Hill. Did you know she's also a very fine poet? Come hear for yourself. Lloyd Schwartz, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his music criticism, is also a critically acclaimed poet. My neighbors Bert Stern and Tamlin Neville are a great couple - as well as a couple of great writers.

This city has at least two fine poets who are also highly regarded publishers. One is Doug Holder: another is Somerville's current Poet Laureate. Gloria Mindock. When I host the Festival's "Panel on Craft and Publishing," they (and others) will have all kinds of insights to share.

This year's program has more music than ever. The youngest musician will probably be Somerville resident Madelyn Holley, making her second Festival appearance. Last year, she and I performed a song we wrote together (it was about bears).

Lucy Holstedt - a Berklee professor, Somervillian, and Festival board member - won't be performing this year, because she'll be in Japan. Still, you can enjoy the comprehensive website she made: bostonnationalpoetry.org

While you're there, be sure to check out the "Directory" of businesses that help make this a FREE



Somerville's Lucy Holstedt, who made the Festival website: bostonnational poetry.org.

festival. In Somerville, they include the UPS Store & Business Center on Somerville Avenue (I love this place), Master Printing & Signs (I've worked with them for years), and the Union Square branch of East Boston Savings Bank (Doug, Lucy and I all have accounts there).

Thanks also to Market Basket, Union Square, for helping to promote the Festival again this year. A special thanks to Joseph and Nabil Sater, the amazing brothers responsible for Arts at the Armory, Somerville (as well as the world-famous Middle East Restaurants & Nightclubs, in Cambridge).

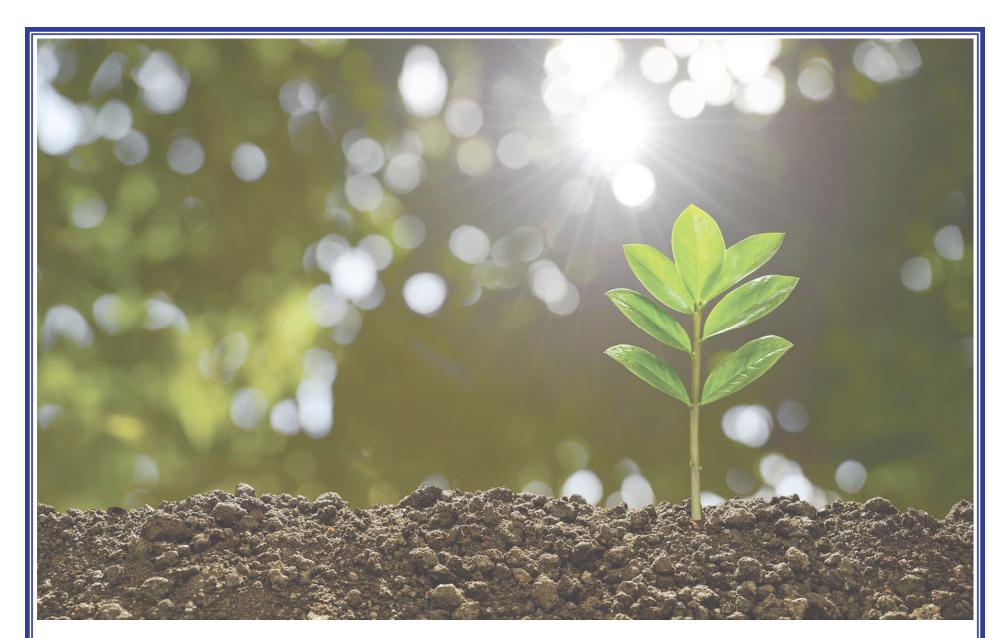
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pointed out that we missed a few birthdays, so here goes in wishing the following a very happy belated birthday: to Mariagabriella LoRusso, who first of all is a very smart young lady who speaks a few languages fluently and gets high marks in school. We want to make sure she is recognized. We bet her mom made a very special cake for her and she deserves it. Also, happy belated birthday to a former East Somerville guy who turned 70 last weekend, Richard Lambert. A nice guy, and his wife Bonnie is the best. Both childhood sweethearts here in Somerville in school. We wish Richard the very best of birthdays. Happy belated birthday to both Linda and Diana, formerly Cassaro, who are twins and grew up in the City Hall area. Two very nice ladies. We wish them the very best as well. Finally, we can't believe it, but Nick Clark turned 14 last week. He's the son of Cliff Clark and the grandson of Paula Clark here in Somerville. We wish Nick the very best of belated birthdays and we hope he got everything he wanted. Knowing his grandmother and father, he probably did.

For as long as we can remember, even before cable days, when a city employee in any department or well-known person in the various wards passed on, the Board of Aldermen would show due respect and hold a moment of silence in their memory. Not anymore. We guess the aldermen either don't know about these individuals that dedicated themselves to our community or they have decided that it's not worthwhile to recognize them. It's sad that several police officers have passed on recently with no mention of their names. A former lifelong resident in his 90's passed on, as well as a World War II veteran, with no recognition at all. Maybe some of the new aldermen are too busy with their socialist agenda, trying to find ways to raise taxes on us. Very sad days in Somerville. Like we said, this has been a tradition for many years. Lack of respect by the city for those who have contributed so much over the years is a sad thing.

Names are already popping up as potential candidates in various races next year here in the city. We heard that the mayor just might have a formidable candidate running against him, since he spent so much money on his re-election and his opponent still received over 30% of the vote. Any candidates for local elections on the state level this year? Give us a call!





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