# CENTURY 21 NORTON GROUP RE

699 Broadway, Somerville • 617-623-6600



Somerville's original independent newspaper

# The Somerville Times

VOL. 8 NO. 10

SOMERVILLE, MASS. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

# **Inside:**



A question of gravy or sauce

page 3



'proggers'

page 5



Somerville rocks the vote

page 13

# PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Preliminary results on page 8 – Visit our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com for complete results

# Early voting offers voters convenience in the presidential primaries



Voters cast their ballots for the presidential primaries in Somerville's City Council Chambers on February 28. Photo by Rachel Sharples

#### By Rachel Sharples

Somerville residents of all ages flowed in and out of City Hall last week to vote early in the presidential primaries. Although early voting was available in the 2016 presidential election, this year was the first that people could vote ahead of time for a primary election.

Nicholas Salerno, the chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners for Somerville, spoke to the logistics of the early voting process.

"Early voting, the very first time we did it, was very successful," Salerno said. He mentioned the turnout in 2016 was about 32 percent of all voters in Somerville.

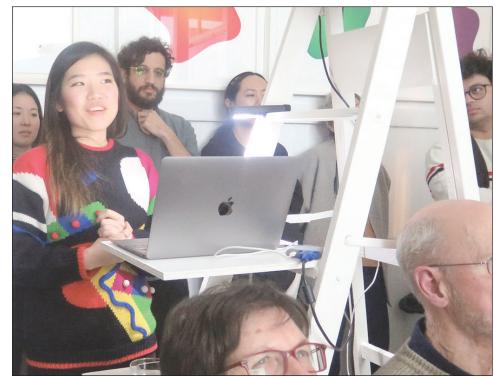
Although stating that early voting doesn't Continued on page 4 make a huge difference in

# **Occupant Fonts inhabits Katherine Small Gallery**

# By Shira Laucharoen

What does it mean to be an occupant? This is the question that Cyrus Highsmith, type designer of Occupant Fonts, poses. Occupant is an open-ended word, he says. To be an occupant, one must be present and open-minded. It implies a temporary stay, but the place of occupancy can be "as much of a home as a permanent one," he states. "Typefaces occupy, engage, and express within spaces often structured by others."

The designers behind Occupant Fonts traveled from Providence, Rhode Island to speak at the Katherine Small Art Gallery in Somerville on February 28. Guest speakers Highsmith, June Shin, Cem Eskinazi, and Marie Otsuka presented a talk, "Occupied," outlining their work in typography. The event was the twelfth Standing-Room Only Lecture to be held at the intimate space. The artists described new innovations in their field, unique Continued on page 9



Type designer June Shin of Occupant Fonts spoke at the Katherine Small Gallery on February 28. - Photo by Shira Laucharoen

REASON #7 WHY ADVERTISING IN PRINT IS BETTER:

## **Interactive Engagement**

Print naturally creates engagement because you physically have to hold a newspaper, turn the pages, clip coupons, etc. It also encourages conversation. Think about times you've discussed an article with a family member or friend. Was that interaction more memorable and meaningful than if you would

> Contact us and let us show you the many ways we can help you achieve your marketing goals

The Somerville Times

email - adv@thesomervilletimes.com BETTER THAN EVER 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144

# Green & Yellow Cab Serving Somerville & Surrounding Areas!

617-628-0600

617-625-5000

Logan reservations our specialty - Call 3 days in advance to book your trip.

**OPEN 24-HOURS** A DAY!

24 hour GPS automated dispatching system

Please don't drink and drive.

Over 50 Years Experience

Plumbing • Heating • Gas Fitting • Industrial Work • Water Heater Replacement • Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

625-9877

Proud to be a Somerville resident Master Plmb. Lic. #6106



The views and opinions expressed in Newstalk do not necessarily reflect those of The Somerville Times, its publisher or staff. The column has many contributors.

What was all the hubbub about at East Somerville Community School last Friday morning? We're hearing reports that police and fire units were there conducting some kind of business. If anyone knows what was happening, then please let us know. Area residents were especially concerned, so we'd like to be able to shed some light on this.

The annual Somerville Maple Syrup Project has returned for its 17th season. It began with a local maple tree tapping on the Tufts University's Somerville/Medford campus. The project will culminate in the Maple Syrup Boil Down at the Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal Ave., just outside Union Square, this weekend on **Saturday, March** 7, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Rain date March 14, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) If you are interested in learning more or volunteering for the

\*\*\*\*\*\*

project, email volunteer@thegrowingcenter.org.

Don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour this weekend. When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned forward one hour to 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later on Mar 8 than the day before. There will be more sunlight in the evening.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Happy birthday this week to the following: A big happy birthday to own good guy and great Editor, Jim Clark. We wish him a great day, and we hope he enjoys his birthday and does something fun. Happy birthday to another one of our own, local real estate agent and lifelong resident John Pratti, from C21 North East - The Norton Group. We hope John has a great birthday. Happy birthday to another nice guy, Eddie Nuzzo. We hope he has a great one. Happy birthday to Nick Kondilis, a long time real estate agent with Bremis Realty. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to one of Somerville's good guys, from a great family, Marc Piro. We hope he has a great day. And to one of our good friends, Continued on page 11

# The Somerville Times

699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144 news@thesomervilletimes.com www.thesomervilletimes.com 617-666-4010 + Fax: 617-628-0422



闰 @somervilletimes



www.facebook.com/ thesomervilletimes

Publisher – Somerset Valley Publishing Inc. Editor – Jim Clark Assignment Editor – Bobbie Toner

Advertising Director – Bobbie Toner Arts Editor – Doug Holder

Writers: Jim Clark, Denise Keniston, Jackson Ellison, Michael LoPilato, Marshall Collins

Contributors: Jimmy Del Ponte, Dorothy Dimarzo, Blake Maddux, Bob Doherty, Ross Blouin Photographer: Claudia Ferro

## The Somerville Times is published every Wednesday

A proud member of the following newspaper organizations:







© 2020 The Somerville Times except where noted. All rights reserved.

# Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of March 4 – March 10 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday March 4	Partly Cloudy	50°/35°	0%	45%	W 22 mph
Thursday March 5	Sunny	51°/34°	0%	39%	WNW 12 mph
Friday March 6	Rain	47°/26°	60%	61%	ENE 14 mph
Saturday March 7	Partly Cloudy	41°/26°	0%	34%	NNW 15 mph
Sunday March 8	Partly Cloudy	54°/38°	0%	36%	WSW 11 mph
Monday March 9	Partly Cloudy	57°/43°	0%	52%	SW 8 mph
Tuesday March 10	Rain	55°/41°	29%	66%	SSW 13 mph
	Wednesday March 4  Thursday March 5  Friday March 6  Saturday March 7  Sunday March 8  Monday March 9  Tuesday	Wednesday March 4Partly CloudyThursday March 5SunnyFriday March 6RainSaturday March 7Partly CloudySunday March 8Partly CloudyMonday March 9Partly CloudyTuesdayRain	Wednesday March 4Partly Cloudy50°/35°Thursday March 5Sunny51°/34°Friday March 6Rain47°/26°Saturday 	Wednesday March 4Partly Cloudy50°/35°0%Thursday March 5Sunny51°/34°0%Friday March 6Rain47°/26°60%Saturday March 7Partly Cloudy41°/26°0%Sunday March 8Partly Cloudy54°/38°0%Monday March 9Partly Cloudy57°/43°0%TuesdayRain55°/41°29%	Wednesday March 4         Partly Cloudy         50°/35°         0%         45%           Thursday March 5         Sunny         51°/34°         0%         39%           Friday March 6         Rain         47°/26°         60%         61%           Saturday March 7         Partly Cloudy         41°/26°         0%         34%           Sunday March 8         Partly Cloudy         54°/38°         0%         36%           Monday March 9         Partly Cloudy         57°/43°         0%         52%           Tuesday         Rain         55°/41°         29%         66%

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

# Response to: Somerville officials, local leaders respond to border patrol agents

TheoNa says:

The federal government is only enforcing the laws of our land due to the neglect of local officials to honor their oath of office. I'm certain that if surrounding communities declared themselves Second Amendment sanctuary cities and the federal government came in to support gun laws, our local hypocrites would be lauding the support and aiding the federal government.

This is not about anti-immigrant sentiment. It's about supporting the law. Legal immigrants should have nothing to fear and if they truly believe in our laws they should be welcoming

The folks running this town are moving further and further away from U.S. law, their oath to uphold the constitution and the law, and common sense. In an effort to divide us, they display their arrogance with hollow rhetoric that those who oppose illegal immigration are racists. To support their hollow rhetoric they remove the distinction between illegals and those who followed the process and immigrated here legally.

Our elected local officials should not be allowed to selectively decide which federal laws they will support and which laws they'll wo rk to selectively prevent the police from supporting. They took an unconditional oath to uphold the law. If the law is broken, they should work to fix it, not break it. If they feel strongly about matters that need to be addressed at the federal level they would better serve the public by resigning their local offices and moving to Washington to work on their passion at the appropriate federal level.

## Matt C says:

TheoNa, they are complying with the law, but they are not going beyond the law. Section 1373 says federal, state or local government entities or officials may not prohibit or restrict the exchange of information with federal immigration officers regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any individual. We do that. What we do not do is honor an ICE detainer request which carries no legal force and does not authorize state and local officials to hold anyone in custody — it is not an arrest warrant and does not provide probable cause for arrest. Please get informed on how the law works rather than just citing an opinion.

# Response to: Legislative Matters Committee tackles stormwater, noise and surveillance technology

joe says:

Can the city council please exercise some common sense? Gas-powered leaf blower noise is not an issue. It's very infrequent (once per season at any location?) and as the article remarks there would be a significant productivity decline resulting in cost to taxpayers if city works were required to switch to an alternative.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

# Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Gravy or sauce?



This article was originally published in the October 5, 2013 edition.

I know this may seem really stupid to some of you but with all the bad

news out there, I figured I'd do something completely mindless. I'm very good at that sort of stuff. When I asked the question on Facebook I never dreamed it would get the response it did.

Here goes: GRAVY OR SAUCE? What do you call that red stuff you make with spaghetti and meatballs? Well, in less than 24 hours almost 200 people passionately posted their opinions. The fun-



ny thing is that everyone is totally convinced that theirs is the correct answer!

Someone who said they were FBI (Full Blooded Italian) said gravy. Then others that were also pure pisanos swore that it was called sauce. And so the great sauce/ gravy controversy goes on.

They were even rationalizing. "My grandmother came right over from Italy and called it sauce." "It differs by (Italian) region but technically it's sauce if it's a marinara (no meat) and gravy if it has meat in it (sausage, pork, beef)." I don't know about that.

They were getting so hot under the collar about the subject that it reminded me of a Sopranos episode. Then I asked this question: What do you call that brown liquid you pour over turkey and roast beef? In my house we always called it gravy. I never heard of turkey sauce!

What do the labels on those little brown jars in the grocery store say on them? Gravy! The red jars and cans say...sauce. Yet the people kept slamming in with their opinion and they all feel that theirs is correct.

This lady said, "If there's meat in it, it's gravy because you get the fat from the meat that makes the gravy. No meat, then its sauce." One goomba says, "My grandfather was straight from Italy and he called it sauce." But then another pure bred Italiano says, "I'm making wine right now with the two most Italian people I know and they

say it's gravy. Gravy!! What is sauce?" I'm not arguing with him, but I never heard of a sauce boat. Gravy boat, yes.

Okay, here are some random quotes and testimonials about the delicious debate: "Gravy goes on potatoes." "Sauce is what my family calls it, and they're from Italy." "My Mother was born in Italy and always calls it gravy." "It's SAUCE. If you're calling it gravy, then you don't really know what you're talking about, even if you're a true Italian. SAUCE, SAUCE, SAUCE!" "My mom and dad called it gravy, and taught me to call it gravy." It's always been sauce because my gravy is on my ROAST BEEF!!!" "My sauce is on simmer as we speak, with some delicious tender pork! Next weekend I'll be roasting pork with gravy." "Gravy to us goes on chicken or beef dishes!" "True Italians call it gravy." "Gravy you put on meat, and sauce you put on pasta." "Sauce...it's called sauce." "Gravy goes on potatoes."

And so it goes ... on and on. Who would think that a subject so simple as what something is called could "stir up" such heated passion?

Finally, this quote is right from Anthony himself: "My family is from Sicily, and as I got older I found that the Sicilians called it sauce and the mainland Italians called it gravy. Then one night in Dapper Dan's (a restaurant formerly in Assembly Square), we met these girls from Med-



ford and they were all from Sicilian backgrounds, and they called it gravy. So that theory went out the door. My wife was born in Calabria and came here when she was 7. Her family calls it sauce, so there is no rhyme or reason, but the great Internal Italian debate goes on."

Personally, I will always call it sauce, but I don't care what you call it as long as I can dip my bread in it.

# O'Donovan Law Office 741 Broadway Sean T. O'Donovan, Esq.

# Specializing in:

- Zoning/Permitting
- Real Estate
- Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Estate Planning/Wills & Trusts

**CALL FOR INITIAL** FREE CONSULTATION 617 629-8888 FAX 617 623-7990

# **MOUNT VERNON**

RESTAURANT

14 Broadway, Somerville MA

617-666-3830

A tradition of fine foods since 1935

**Serving Lunch and** Dinner 7 days a week

11:30am -10:00pm

# **Best Sunday Brunch in the city**



Served 9:30am – 2:30pm

\*not valid on holidays valid until 3/31/20

expires 3/31/20

Coupon valid with a minimum purchase of \$25.00. \*not valid on holidays

not valid with any other offers discounts or coupons

# By Jim Clark

# Late night street fight gets police's attention

A Somerville Police officer on patrol in the early morning hours of last Saturday observed a fight taking place in the middle of Elm St., in front of the Burren club. The officer immediately called in to police dispatch to request backup for the situation.

The officer recognized one of the individuals involved in the fracas as Jose Mercado as he battled two other men in the street.

The officer was able to separate Mercado from the other individuals and escorted him onto the sidewalk.

One of the other men involved in the fighting approached Mercado and made insulting remarks about his mother, at which time he reportedly ran around the officer, who was trying to move everyone from the street, and sprinted towards the man, punching him with a closed fist in the mouth area and knocking him to the ground.

The officer grabbed Mercado, as another man came over attempting to defend his friend from Mercado. The two men latched their arms around each

other and would not let go.

The officer separated both men once again, gained control of Mercado's arm in the escort position and gave him verbal commands to get on the ground and not to move.

Mercado reportedly did not comply with the officer's verbal commands, so he used a control technique, escorting him to the ground, and placed him in under arrest for assault and battery.

According to reports, during the entirety of the incident and due to the fact the bar was

closed, a crowd of 20-30 people had gathered on the street to watch the spectacle.

The officer reportedly told one of the other men involved in the incident numerous times to stay away from Mercado, who was in handcuffs, seated on the sidewalk. The man reportedly ignored the officer's commands and said to him, "Take off your badge." At this time, the officer detained man and sat him on the sidewalk in front of The Foundry.

Prior to being taken to jail, Mercado was searched and a

plastic baggie with individually tied glassine baggies inside, each containing a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine, was found on his person.

Police made the determination that the baggies found on Mercado were consistent with possession with the intent to distribute activities.

Mercado was subsequently transported to Police headquarters, where he was booked on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery, and drug possession to distribute.

Do your part - Leave a message on our tip hotline answering machine - All calls are confidential - Your Privacy is Assured. If you choose, you can leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned (not required). Also, if you prefer you may e-mail directly with your crime tip. We will follow up on all information provided to the best of our ability. Thank you for your assistance.

# Help Keep Somerville Safe!

## **Arrests:**

Carmen Polito, February 26, 6:54 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a

and battery.

Vladimir Lora, of 449 Canal St., February 28, 3:42 a.m., arrested at Tower St. on warrant

dangerous weapon and assault charges of marked lanes violation, failure to notify RMV of name or address change, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle

under the influence of liquor second offense, speeding, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jose Mercado, of 65 Martha

Rd., Boston, February 29, 2:04 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery, and drug possession to distribute.

# Text-A-Tip

Text a Tip to the SPD from anywhere!

 100% completely anonymous
 Easy and secure Text messages can be sent from anywhere at any time

Simply text the phone number "TIP411" (847411) and put "617spd" at the beginning of your text message. If your message requires an emergency response PLEASE DO NOT TEXT and instead call 9-1-1.



# Early voting offers voters convenience in the presidential primaries

**CONT. FROM PG 1** 

tained the stream of voters throughout last week was consistent, and it's primarily an aid for the community.

"We're satisfied with the turnout. Naturally we'd hope there would be many more people, but it's been pretty steady," Salerno said. "It's strictly a tool of convenience."

On Friday morning, multiple voters interviewed reaffirmed that coming out to vote early was mostly about convenience, especially in avoiding the lines for Super Tuesday.

"The big thing to me is reducing lines on Election Day, so it's a less burdensome process for folks," Michael Mastrobuoni, a SomerStat employee at City nient because I'm right here.

Ben Migdol, a Somerville resident, also emphasized avoiding long waits as an incentive to vote early, as well as fitting into schedules better.

"I thought I'd try to beat the crowd, and I wanted to make sure that I actually got it done," Migdol said. "I think it adds a convenience to people's lives where, since there's not voting on the weekends, people can carve out some time during the workday to get there. They should be able to have options."

Leslie Quinn echoed this point, stating, "My work hours are difficult, so this was a better time to come than Tuesday."

Betzaida Burgos, a Somer-

voter turnout, Salerno main- Hall said. "And it's really conve- ville resident, also affirmed the convenience of early voting in scheduling, as "it's very helpful because from here I can go and do anything I need to do outside, like grocery shopping or something."

Ramón Bueno, who came to the early voting because he had to drop off his wife's absentee ballot anyway, expressed that early voting is helpful but can sometimes be problematic in terms of timing in the election season.

"I always vote on Election Day, but when it's a few days before and I have a chance to do it, in case I get sick or something like that or something comes up, I know that I won't have to feel the pressure. But I don't like vot-



ing if it was many weeks earlier, I wouldn't want it, because I like to be up on the issues on Election Day," Bueno said. "But this is close enough."

Another voter, Don Meglio, repeated this worry of flexibility with current events in early voting, but stressed the importance of accommodating voters' needs.

"I think that if it encourages people to get to the polls and vote, I think that's the way to go," Meglio said.

More early voting photos are on

# Post Animal: Don't just call them 'prog rock'

# By Blake Maddux

One would be forgiven for presuming that a progressive rock group from the 1970s was responsible for albums with titles like Post Animal Perform the Most Curious Water Activities, When I Think of You in a Castle, and Forward Motion Godyssey.

While it is true that such bands inspired the Chicago quintet Post Animal, the salad days of prog rock transpired two decades ahead of the one in which its members - Dalton Allison, Jake Hirshland, Javi Reyes, Wesley Toledo, and Matt Williams were born. (Original member Joe Keery, better known to viewers of Stranger Things as Steve Harrington, graduated from Newburyport High School in 2010.)

Moreover, to hem in Post Animal's sound with the term "progressive rock" would be a disservice. The descriptors "psych rock" and "psych pop" likewise populate delineations of the band's output and comparisons to artists as temporally and stylistically disparate as Black Sabbath and Tame Impala are frequent. (Mentions of R&B and power pop are not unheard of, either.)

This multitude of influences makes up in adventurousness

what it occasionally lacks in cohesion. With Forward Motion Godyssey, which was released this past Valentine's Day, Post Animal moves laterally at some points and advances at others, all the while serving up a cornucopia of musical offerings and demonstrating a bold willingness to experiment.

The band's imminent headlining tour commences in Toronto on March 10 and arrives at ONCE Ballroom two days later. The Q&A below was conducted via email with contribution from all members.

The Somerville Times: Post Animal has played several venues (Brighton Music Hall, The Lilypad, Royale, Great Scott) of various sizes as an opener and headliner in Boston over the past three years. How does this compare or contrast with other cities that you regularly play?

Post Animal: We have had a lot of similar experiences in other cities with the variety of clubs we've played, but some of our best shows early on were at Brighton Music Hall and Great Scott. It was so nice to feel well-received. It's always fun for us to play as a support band in a bigger venue, but the Boston area has always been especially supportive so we



Post Animal is set to perform at ONCE Ballroom on Thursday, March 12.

are looking forward to playing more headlining shows!

TST: What are the main differences - in terms of writing, recording, producing, etc. between Forward Motion Godyssey and When I Imagine You in a Castle? How, if at all, do those differences make FMG a better record?

**PA:** On FMG we had a lot less hesitation to take things as far as we could in every direction. The material is a bit more ambitious,

which is comforting to us. We all enjoy bringing a really wide variety of influences to the table, so this record feels a little more true to who we are and shows off a deeper side of us as individuals within the group. Both records have their moments, but I think we all agree that FMG is more in the direction we are collectively heading.

TST: Why did the band decamp to Montana to write FMG? PA: We went to Big Sky, Montana because we had access to a beautiful house up on a ski lodge out there via a family friend of the band. It seemed like the perfect place to match our ambitions, and we've always enjoyed having total control to experiment with the recording process. So it just felt right to bring all our stuff out to a mountain range and see what happened.

TST: The press release says that you "hol[ed] up in the house for eight days." Continued on page 13

# **Public Announcement Concerning the** Jeanne Jugan Residence, 186 Highland **Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts**

To all interested parties: Notice is hereby given that the Jeanne Jugan Residence located at 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, is proposed to be sold and transfered by the Little Sisters of the Poor of Greater Boston, Inc., of 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, to the Visiting Nurse Foundation, Inc., of 259 Lowell



Street, Somerville, MA 02144, or its solely controlled subsidiary nonprofit corporation, Visiting Nurse at Highland, Inc., 259 Lowell St., Somerville, MA 02144, ("Applicant") for consideration of \$4,300,000.00, on or before June 1, 2020. No material changes in the operation of the nursing facility are expected or planned. The bed capacity is expected to remain the same as the current capacity at 84 licensed beds, comprised of 26 skilled nursing beds and 58 Level IV beds.

A public hearing may be requested upon petition by any group of ten adults. Such petition shall include the name, address and signature of each adult and designate one member as the representative of the group. Written comments concerning the applicant's ability to provide quality long-term care services and petitions for a public hearing may be addressed to the offices of the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification.

A request for hearing may be made for a period of 14 days following publication hereof in the newspaper.

The mailing address of the Department for the submission of comments is:

Licensure Coordinator DPH, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification

**67 Forest Street** 

Marlborough, MA 01752

The email address of the Department for the submission of comments is: HFLlicenseaction@state.ma.us



# We're vibrant and diverse just like Somerville - Work, Play & Live

- It takes a diverse community to run a vibrant hotel and we hope you'll join our team.
- Hiring Somerville Residents.
- Full/Part Time Jobs, Flexible Schedules.
- Comprehensive Benefits.
- Hotel Room Discount Program Worldwide.

# STOP IN MONDAY - FRIDAY, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

to complete an application or visit us online: www.hospitalityonline.com/holiday-boston-somerville

> Part of the Somerville Community since 1974. Locally, Owned and Operated



30 WASHINGTON STREET SOMERVILLE, MA 02143 **f** | 617.628.1000

DISTINCTIVE HOSPITALITY GROUP®

# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



Volume 45 – Report No. 9 • February 24-28, 2020 • Copyright © 2020 Beacon Hill Roll Call. All Rights Reserved. By Bob Katzen

Beacon Hill Roll Call can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records votes of local senators and representatives from the week of February 24-28.

# \$122 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4502)

House 154-0, 37-0, approved a \$122 million fiscal 2020 supplemental budget. Key provisions provide \$15 million for heating energy assistance to help low-income seniors, working families and other households pay winter heating bills. Another item ensures that the Healthy Incentives Program that provides fruit and vegetables to recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamp) is available all year-round.

Other provisions include \$2 million for smoking prevention and cessation programs; \$300,000 for the Cannabis Control Commission; and \$2.8 million for the Early Intervention Program for families of children up to three years of age who have developmental difficulties because of health or environmental conditions.

Supporters said the budget is necessary to cover expenses and to fund various state programs and agencies that are running out of money. They argued the funding reflects immediate deficiencies to crucial programs that our constituents rely on every day.

Only final approval is needed in both branches prior to the measure going to Gov. Charlie Baker.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS (H 4507)

On Wednesday February 26, the House 120-31, approved a motion that set Friday, February 28, 2020 as the deadline for representatives to file amendments to H 4506, the \$600 million tax hike bill to pay for improvements in the state's transportation system. Provisions include increasing the gas tax by 5 cents for most drivers and 9 cents for diesel fuel; increasing the excise tax on jet fuel from 5 percent to 7.5 percent; raising fees on Uber and Lyft rides by up to \$145 million; requiring corporations to pay as much as \$150 million in higher minimum taxes; and eliminating an exemption for rental car companies that has allowed them to avoid paying the sales tax on new vehicles purchased in Massachusetts for their rental fleets.

Supporters of the February 28 (2-day) deadline said the deadline gives legislators ample time to file amendments to this important bill.

Opponents of the February 28 deadline said representatives received a copy of the legislation only hours ago and argued that providing two days to draft and file amendments is unfair. They said Monday, March 2 is a more reasonable deadline that will give members four days to do so.

"We ended the last fiscal year with a multi-million dollar surplus, our Rainy Day Fund is at an all-time high of \$3.47 billion, the state is moving forward with plans to put a \$2 billion millionaires tax on the 2022 ballot, and now we're being asked to take up a proposal that

will raise taxes by another \$600 million," said Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading.) "This bill will have a significant, long-term financial impact on the state's taxpayers and the business community. In fairness to the members, there should be additional time given to review the proposal and to file amendments."

(A "Yes" vote is for the February 28 deadline. A "No" vote is against it. Please note that this vote is only on the deadline for filing amendments and is not a vote on the tax hikes themselves.)

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

# IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM (H 4503)

House 149-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill to improve the delivery of public health services through enhanced collaboration between local boards of health and regional health districts. A key provision creates a State Action for Public Health Excellence Program to encourage boards of health and regional health districts to adopt practices that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of local public health services. The program would also provide grants to improve these health systems and requires not less than 33 percent of the grants go to cities and towns with a median household income below the state average.

Other provisions include the state providing at least four annual free public health educational and training opportunities to boards of health and regional health district officials; and setting minimum standards for local public health services.

Each of the state's 351 cities and towns has its own board of health which is designed to ensure many health-related items including food safety in restaurants, response to public health emergencies, housing code violations and water quality at beaches and pools. Cities and towns have vastly different staffing levels and most small towns lack a full-time staff.

"Public health departments of the 351 communities of the commonwealth deal with issues seen and unseen across a wide range, from water quality and effective sanitation to substance use disorders and suicide prevention," said the bill's co-sponsor Rep. Denise Garlick (D-Needham). "These are the issues and concerns of the quality of life in Massachusetts. This bill is vitally important and timely given our current concerns over emergency preparedness with infectious diseases such as... [the Corona virus]."

"This legislation will work toward ensuring each resident of the commonwealth has access to the public health services they need to live a healthy life, regardless of their zip code or the size of their community," said co-sponsor Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). "[The bill] will significantly strengthen our local and regional health systems by tackling many of the financial and operational burdens municipalities face."

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

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

ID CARDS FOR HOMELESS (S 2555)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House legislation that directs the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to implement a specific, burden-free, no-cost process for persons experiencing homelessness to obtain state identification cards. The process would accept alternative forms of documentation to prove Massachusetts residency since homeless people often do not have the usual documents necessary.

"State IDs are essential for everyday life," said the bill's sponsor Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). "Without one you can't get a job, open a bank account or access stable housing. Obtaining a state ID usually means gathering a few documents, waiting in line and paying a small fee. But for people experiencing homelessness, especially unaccompanied homeless youth, a few documents and a fee are insurmountable barriers. The state must implement a specific, burden-free process for the homeless population to obtain identification cards. This [bill] is a matter of helping people get back on their feet and breaking a cycle of poverty."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (S 2554)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that updates terminology in current state law and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities. The bill replaces "disabled person" with "person with a disability" and renames the Disabled Persons Protection Commission which would now be named the Commission for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities. This independent state agency is tasked with protecting adults with disabilities from abuse through investigation, oversight, public awareness and prevention. The commission investigates instances of abuse committed against persons with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 59 through an act or omission of their caregivers.

The bill's sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy) said that the legislation makes a number of administrative changes that will enable the commission to streamline and enhance operations and increase protections for persons with disabilities, including improving interagency collaboration for extreme risk cases and codifying an expanded definition of what constitutes abuse.

"People are not defined by the disabilities they may have – they are so much more," said the bill's sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy). "This legislation recognizes that important truth. It places the proper emphasis on people instead of their disabilities."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# VIDEO CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSSES (S 2553)

Senate 13-24, rejected an amendment that would allow cities and towns to install and operate video camera monitoring systems, with audio recording capabilities, on school buses to catch drivers who violate traffic laws and don't stop when a school bus has its red flashing lights on.

All recorded video images obtained through the use of the monitoring system that do not identify any violations would be destroyed within 30 days. Images that identify a violation would be destroyed within one year. School

# Beacon Hill Roll Call

continued from page 6

buses installed with the monitoring system would post signage indicating the use of the system.

"While school buses are statistically the safest way to transport school children, according to National Association for Pupil Transportation, between 2008 and 2017, there were 1,241 people killed in school-transportation-related crashes—an average of 128 fatalities per year" said the amendment's sponsor Sen. Diane DiZoglio (D-Methuen). "Twenty-two other states explicitly allow local governments or school districts to use cameras to capture images and issue tickets for drivers illegally passing stopped school buses, with violators subject to fines, revocation of driver's licenses and even criminal charges. It is time Massachusetts steps it up on this issue and passes this important public safety legislation, which will go a long way in supporting efforts to save lives and prevent injuries."

Amendment opponents said the underlying bill already allows cities and towns to install and operate video camera monitoring systems, on school buses. They noted the amendment unnecessarily raises fines from \$25 to \$250. "[This amendment] mainly operated to increase fines available through camera enforcement," said Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont). I voted against it because I feel we should not be imposing heavy financial burdens on people. I believe the certainty of a modest fine is enough to reduce unsafe driving behavior.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TON - The State House News Forum is sponsoring a forum with government and business leaders on Wednesday, March 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the opportunities and obstacles for a carbon-free Greater Boston, the policy challenges ahead and panel discussions on Expanding Access to Direct Renewable Energy Sources and New Municipal and Institutional Practices and Policies. The event will be held at MCLE New England, 10 Winter Place in Boston. The organizers say the urgency of climate change poses pressing challenges for government and business. They note that Boston has targeted 2050 as the year to become carbon neutral, a goal that would require shifting to new energy sources and procurement practices and setting new efficiency standards. In order to reach the carbon-free goal in 30 years, policies need to be implemented in the short-term, particularly expanding the generation and procurement of renewable energy. Tickets are only \$10. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to buy tickets, go to

FORUM ON CARBON-FREE GREATER BOS-

#### FAILURE TO RENEW DRIVERS' LICENSE (H

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/agenda-for-a-carbon-

free-greater-boston-tickets-93818342187

3082) - The House gave initial approval to a bill changing a current law that a person who was issued a valid drivers' license and fails to renew his or her license can be arrested for operating without a license. This bill would change that to make it a civil infraction, punishable by only a fine, if a person's license has simply expired. "People should not get arrested for simply not renewing their license," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Chris Markey (D-Dartmouth). "So long as the person's license is not suspended and they merely forget to renew we should not punish them and have them have a criminal record. It is merely an administrative task, that

people may genuinely forget to do. Forgetting to complete a form should not be a crime."

#### 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 February 24-28, the House met for a total of five hours and 26 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 46 minutes.

Mon. February 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:49 a.m.
Tues. February 25	No House session No Senate session
Wed. February 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 4:06 p.m No Senate session
Thurs. February 27	House 10:59 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 6:27 p.m.
Fri. February 28	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

## **Sellers**

Interested in a FREE Market Analysis? Call or email us Today!

# CENTURY 21 NORTON GROUP RE

# **Home Buyers**

For your home buying process contact us today! Inquire about how to receive a FREE Home Warranty Call or email is Today!

Courtesy of The Norton Group Real Estate | 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA | www.nortongroupre.com | Phone: 617-623-6600 | Email: nortongrouprealestate@gmail.com

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:									
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
72600031	17 Norwood Avenue U:2	8 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	21	\$899,900	\$872,500				
72594528	12 Glen St U:12	7 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	34	\$899,900	\$877,000				
72580729	7 Tennyson U:B	7 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath	52	\$899,998	\$900,000				
72402527	260 Beacon Street U:106	5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	165	\$929,000	\$900,000				
72578129	75 Rush St U:2	7 room, 3 bed, 4f 1h bath	54	\$975,995	\$926,100				
72577338	56 Bartlett St U:2	7 room, 4 bed, 3f bath	57	\$979,000	\$955,000				
72420027	260 Beacon Street U:208	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	411	\$989,000	\$975,000				
72513805	27 Murdock Street U:1	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath	154	\$995,000	\$990,000				
72592071	10 Wheatland St U:10	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath	40	\$999,900	\$999,900				
72591842	233 Willow Avenue U:1	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath	9	\$1,095,000	\$1,129,000				
72584541	55 Prescott St	0 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath	45	\$1,134,900	\$1,135,000				
72468925	88-1 Irving St U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath	279	\$1,147,900	\$1,098,950				

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:										
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price					
72552398	6-8 Endicott St	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	115	\$930,000	\$825,000					
72586548	11-11A Eliot St	2 unit, 8 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	34	\$935,000	\$885,000					
72590071	190-192 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	21	\$1,000,000	\$900,000					
72597647	122 Central St	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	7	\$1,049,000	\$1,075,000					
72594588	121 Lowell St	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	16	\$1,059,000	\$1,111,000					
72545646	23 Wisconsin Ave	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 9 total bedrooms	168	\$1,245,000	\$1,050,000					
72605471	18-20 Oxford	3 unit, 16 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	1	\$1,375,000	\$1,375,000					
72594642	103 Bartlett	4 unit, 16 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	32	\$1,471,000	\$1,277,250					
72550339	21 Cutter Ave	3 unit, 12 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	81	\$1,585,000	\$1,590,000					
72560072	64 Derby St	6 unit, 24 total rooms, 12 total bedrooms	65	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000					
72574496	23 Cottage Ave	3 unit, 19 total rooms, 13 total bedrooms	49	\$2,650,000	\$2,600,000					

#### 8

# Massachusetts unofficial results of the Presidential Primary, March 3, 2020

These are the unofficial results in Massachusetts as of March 3, 11:00 p.m. How Somerville voted is below.

After a close Democratic race, Joe Biden wins Massachusetts.

Democratic candidates

Joe Biden 33.90%

Bernie Sanders 27.28% Elizabeth Warren 20.36% Mike Bloomberg 11.62%

Tulsi Gabbard 0.77%

Republican Candidates **Donald Trump 87.87%**William Weld 9.31%

How Somerville voted:

Democratic candidates

Warren, Elizabeth 40,60%

Sanders, Bernie 36.15% Biden, Joe 15.88% Bloomberg, Michael 3.97%

Republican Candidates

Trump, Donald 81.80%

Weld, Bill 13.26%

Walsh, Joe 1.80%

De La Fuente, Roque 1.14%

# Deputy Fire Chief James Lucia retires



Deputy Chief James Lucia worked his last shift with the Somerville Fire Department on February 25, capping a forty-year career with the Department. Appointed in 1980, Lucia served the past twenty-seven years as a Deputy Chief. He was commended for his actions several times during his career, which included the rescue of a child during a serious house fire and a water rescue in the Mystic River. Pictured here, Lucia is presented with his retirement badge by Chief Charles Breen, surrounded by fellow Somerville firefighters during his final shift on February 25.

— Photo courtesy of Somerville FD

# **Somerville Public Schools Job Fair**

Have you ever thought about working for Somerville Public Schools? Join in for the annual SPS Job Fair on April 4 from 10:00 a.m. t0 1:00 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street, Somerville. This will be an opportunity to meet representatives from district departments and schools and to learn more about our district. Attendees are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resume. Please visit the Human Resources page to learn more about this and other job fairs: https://somerville.k12.ma.us/SPSJobFairs

# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #199

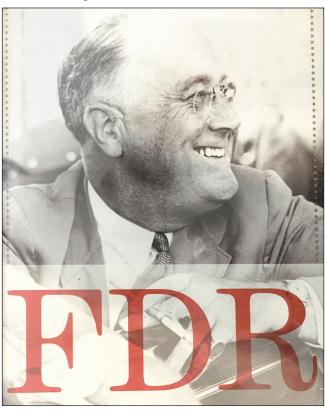
# The First of March

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

On March 1, 1945, in the twilight of World War II in Europe, four-term elected President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made his last speech before Congress. The President, a polio victim, spoke officially for the first time while seated, setting aside his heavy leg braces. He would succumb to the disease within the following month.



On that day, he reported on the secret Yalta Conference held in the Crimea section of the Soviet Union. He attended the meeting with the British leader Winston Churchill and the Russian leader Joseph Stalin, who were referred to at that time as the world's "Big Three." The meeting was to create Europe's post-war structuring and to orchestrate the future birth of the United Nations. In his eyes, it was the only way to ward off future world wars; and for this, he was honored throughout the world.



Locally, he is remembered by Massachusetts on Route 93's Roosevelt Circle in Medford. The Cambridge Housing Authority's Roosevelt Towers, abutting the Somerville line, also honors him. The most common remembrance of this great man is with us every day as part of our currency. Every time we reach into our pockets and see his image on our small thin dimes, we should remember the enormous gratitude our collective freedom is owed to him.

For twenty-one of his toughest years as Governor of New York and President of the United States, he had a woman from Somerville at his side. Somerville High School graduate Marguerite "Missy" LeHand was his personal secretary during peace and war.

Halfway around the world on the Island of Iwo Jima on March 1, 1945, another Somerville

Continued on page 20

# NORTH EAST

# CENTURY 21 NORTON GROUP RE



# **Buyer and Seller Agents:**



Len **Ferrari** 15 years in business Call 781.608.5008



Clifton Veridieu 12 years in business cliftonhomes@gmail.com



John **Pratti** 8 years in business johngpratti@yahoo.com



**Denise** Cosby 14 years in business denise\_cosby@yahoo.com



Ida **Fasano** 32 years in business idafasano11@gmail.com

To find out what the value of your home is call today for a free market analysis: 617-623-6600 · 699 Broadway, Somerville

# D.A. Marian Ryan hosts training to address and prevent teen dating violence

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, in partnership with Reach Beyond Domestic Violence and Respond, INC., hosted a Teen Dating Violence Training last week to help after school providers, school personnel and school resource officers identify the warning signs of teen dating violence. The training, organized during the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, is part of the District Attorney's initiative to increase education about healthy relationships and to raise awareness about available resources.

According to a report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner and more than half of women (69.5%) and men (53.6%) who have been physically or sexually abused, or stalked by a dating partner, first experienced abuse between the ages of 11 and 24.

Some tips for adults to help prevent and address teen dating violence are:

- Have the conversation about healthy relationships early and often.
- Educate yourself about the warning signs of teen dating violence, including isolation, changes in behavior and appearance and jealousy and possessiveness.
- Have conversations which model consent and communicate boundaries in everyday scenarios (for example, modeling a healthy boundary of putting away phones during family dinners).
- + If you become concerned about your child's relationship, use language that communicates concern instead of judgment. Focusing on the behaviors and changes you've noticed that have made you concerned, rather than criticizing your child's partner, is most effective.

Teen Dating Violence can have a significant impact on the mental, emotional and physical health of youth, creating depression and anxiety and causing them to engage in unhealthy behaviors. If you have questions or concerns about a loved one, Respond's hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 617-623-5900.

Last year to help facilitate conversations around healthy relationships, the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, in partnership with Greater Lowell Technical High School, launched the Healthy Heart Matters App to help young people identify unhealthy or potentially abusive relationships throughout different scenarios. The app provides real-life situations and helps give guidance on what is healthy or unhealthy in a relationship. The app is available for iPhones and can be downloaded in the app store.

Recognizing that teenagers are likely to talk to a friend or peer about their relationship, the Middlesex District Attorney's office also partners with schools to encourage students to make healthy decisions and to think critically about behaviors that may become normalized among their peers. For more information about these programs, visit www.middlesexda.com.

Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs from Arlington, Stoneham, Wakefield and the Metrowest; Police Departments from Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Concord, Groton, Holliston, Maynard, Marlborough, North Reading, Tewksbury, Stoneham, Wakefield, Westford; Watertown and the Somerville YMCA; The Public Schools from Everett, Wakefield and Arlington; Winchester Coalition; Eliot Family Resource Center; and the Recreation and Parks from Natick participated in the conversation with the specialists Jessica Teperow, Director of Prevention Programs for Reach Beyond Domestic Violence, and Zoe Sachs, Community Intervention and Engagement Coordinator at Respond Inc.



# Occupant Fonts inhabits Katherine Small Gallery

**CONT. FROM PG 1** 

features of their website, and what they do when they have reclaimed time for work or pleasure.

During the talk, Otsuka demonstrated how a tool, "Edit Mode," enables users to "occupy" the website as well. By activating Edit Mode, a user becomes a tenant of any page, given the ability to test out font combinations, reset the typeface, and modify content. Toying with the site's letterforms, anyone is free to explore a point of view, by simply toggling a switch. Eskinazi spoke to the process of kerning, the adjusting of spacing between characters, which he had previously labored over manually.

The current development of the informally dubbed Machine Learning Kerning (MILK)

program, which will allow for kerning assisted by a computer algorithm, will liberate font designers, giving the team at Occupant Fonts more time to pursue other activities. Shin explained how they often visit graveyards or libraries to draw inspiration from the letterings found there. In addition, they frequently go bowling or ice-skating, she said.

While every type designer has a different process for creating fonts, the style and appearance of the font can tell a story, suggest a personality, or convey a message, said Highsmith. For example, The Boston Globe's headline uses the Miller serif typeface, which has an "old fashioned, wing tipped, business like feel," recalling the "flavor of Boston," said Highsmith. The style of a font carries meaning, which it can bring to the larger project that it is a part of, he said.

"A font is one detail in a pretty complicated presentation," said Highsmith. "If you think about a book, for example, there's the typeface that it's set in, there's the paper, there's the margins, there's the cover, there's a lot of stuff that goes into making the impression of that document. The typeface can represent the voice of the publisher, the author, or character. It can be evocative of the time and place that the book might be set in. It's one detail that can support a bigger presentation."

Curator of the Katherine Small Gallery, Michael Russem, conceived of the gallery in 2018, bringing to light artifacts of graphic design and typography, as well as printed ephemera. He said that the typefaces he is drawn to might gesture at a meaning simply, without indicating it overtly.

"They should reveal something about the task at hand," said Russem. "The best designs, for me, are subtle. The typefaces stay out of the way but might hint at something. Ideally someone should just be reading the book or reading anything, not paying attention to the typeface."

Shin said that the role a font plays in the creation of a project is part of artistic expression. The choice of lettering brings highlights to what we see, she said.

"What tone is to speech is what typeface is to writing," said Shin. "It colors what you say, like intonation."

# **MOUNT VERNON**



**14 Broadway Somerville MA** A tradition of fine foods since 1935

# Mt. Vernon Catering Catering for all your Special From 30 - 1000 guests

Weddings, Clambakes, Backyard BBQ's, Christenings, Graduations, Bereavements, Anniversaries, Bridal & Baby Showers, Pig Roasts, Retirement Parties. Birthday Parties, Holiday Parties and more!

One call and we can help plan it all! Mention this ad and get 10% off your next event!

> Also offering full party rental needs from tables, tents, chairs, linens and more!

We can create a menu to satisfy every taste and budget!

Call 617-800-3089

Email: mtvernonrestaurants@yahoo.com

Visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

# COMMENTARY

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries and letters to the Editor of The Somerville Times do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Somerville Times, its publishers or staff.

# Novel Coronavirus preparedness and information

Normally there is an editorial from Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone in this space, but this week the city is instead sharing important information about Novel Coronavirus.

Novel coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) is a virus that emerged in December 2019 in China. Like the flu, it is a respiratory disease, meaning it primarily affects the lungs. While some cases can be mild, some people may develop more serious complications, and in some cases the virus can be fatal. Currently, worldwide, approximately 2% of cases have resulted in death.

While federal health officials have publicly announced that they expect COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus to spread in the United States, they still consider the current threat in the country and Massachusetts to be low. As of midday March 3, Massachusetts has had one confirmed case

of COVID-19 and one likely case that still needs to be confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Although risk in Massachusetts is considered low, there are still a number of things that community members can do to protect their health and prepare in the event that the virus spreads.

- 1. Reduce the spread of germs. Be sure that you are fully informed of standard flu protocols -- and commit to truly following them. Precautions such as staying home if you feel sick, washing hands frequently and thoroughly, and covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow are designed to prevent the spread of germs.
- **2.** Prepare an emergency kit. An emergency kit is a collection of items you may need in an emergency including non-per-

ishable food, water, medications, pet food, and important documents. At all times, not simply as it relates to COVID-19, every household should have an emergency kit ready to be prepared for any unexpected emergencies. Kits generally include essentials to cover a 3-day period. With the COVID-19, it is recommended to consider a 2-week supply. You can find more information on building an emergency kit at www.mass.gov/mema.

**4. Do not hoard.** While it is advisable to plan and prepare for your general emergency needs and possible quarantine, it is detrimental to overall public health if people hoard more resources than they need. For example, if one person hoards more hand sanitizer than they can use alone, there may other people who will not have access and then may be more likely to spread germs to everyone, in-

cluding the hoarder.

- 5. Check travel alerts before traveling. We encourage anyone planning to travel to review the latest travel guidance on the CDC's website, www.cdc.gov, which is updated frequently. As of March 3, there are warnings and alerts of various levels for China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran, and information posted regarding Hong Kong. Pack photocopies of your travel documents, I.D.'s/passport, and proof of health insurance.
- 6. Stay informed. Check respected news sources frequently. Bookmark the City's coronavirus webpage for local updates: www.somervillema.gov/coronavirus. Sign up for City alerts or check your subscription to be sure you are signed up to receive alerts via every method you can receive: phone, email, texts. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts or call 311 for

assistance subscribing.

- 6. Share facts, not rumors. Check the www.cdc.gov, or the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at www.mass. gov/covid19, or other official government sites for official updates and the facts.
- 7. Stay compassionate. Consider offering to help any elderly neighbors or others who may need assistance in preparing. There have also been news reports of persons of Asian backgrounds experiencing incidents of discrimination due to COVID-19 news. No one should face discrimination or mistreatment based on a public health situation. Viruses do not discriminate.

The City and Somerville Public Schools will continue to post updates at www.somervillema. gov/coronavirus as more information becomes available.

# Somerville welcomes new Director of Veterans Services

The City of Somerville is proud to welcome its newest Director of Veterans Services, Ted D. Louis-Jacques.

Louis-Jacques is a United States Army Veteran and a Corporal of the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Following his service as a Recruiting and Retention Specialist for the U.S. Army/National Guard in the Greater Boston area, Corporal Louis-Jacques was deployed with the 1060th Transportation Company in support for Operation Enduring Freedom. He returned to the U.S. in September 2016.

Louis-Jacques and the staff in the Veterans Services Office will host two meet and greets as follows:

Thursday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St. and Friday, March 13, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., at the City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave.

Please join in to meet our newest Veterans Services Director and learn about the resources available for our veterans.

"I am honored to welcome Corporal Louis-Jacques to our team here in Somerville. Ted has incredible experience working with and for his community, particularly with residents most in need of support, resources, and services. This along with his service to our nation and to his colleagues in the armed forces are two of the many reasons he will be an asset to the Somerville community and to our veterans," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

Prior to enlisting in the Army, Louis-Jacques was a member of Mayor Gary J. Christenson's cabinet in Malden, MA where he was the lead liaison between the youth of the city and the Haitian American community. He helped established the Mayor's Internship Program and Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, served on the Board of Directors of the Malden Teen Enrichment Center, and founded Malden Rising Leaders, Inc. (MRL), a nonprofit organization focused on youth leadership and development. In his spare time in his hometown of Malden, Ted volunteers with many local organizations, and he enjoys playing and coaching basketball.

"I am humbled to advocate for veterans and their families in our community. This pivotal role presents a rewarding opportunity to strengthen relationships with fellow veterans and foster connections to resources and benefits that will impact their lives in a positive way," said Louis-Jacques. "I am thrilled to embark on this new journey and look forward to making a difference while serving our country's heroes.

Louis-Jacques can be reach by calling 617-625-6600 x 4710 or email tlouisjacques@Somervillema.gov.

# Somerville Historic Preservation Commission seeking volunteers for 2020 Docent Program

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission is seeking volunteers for its 2020 Docent Program. Somerville's Docent Program operates on a scheduled basis during the months of May through October. Public openings are offered twice a month, on specific weekend days and on Thursday evenings, at three historic sites: The Milk Row Cemetery on Somerville Avenue, Prospect Hill Tower above Union Square, and the Old Powder House in Nathan Tufts Park. The Docent Program was started at the Cemetery in 2012 and expanded to include the two additional historic sites in 2017. All sites are ADA accessible.

Program Details

- Each event is two hours in duration
- Docents are required to dress in period-specific clothing (if needed, clothing is provided by SHPC)
- No prior experience is required; simply bring a commitment to be trained, reliable, and enthusiastic

There are additional options to participate in City celebrations, such as the First Flag raising on January 1, Patriots' Day in mid-April, and Veterans Memorial parade in November.

To apply, please send a letter of interest, citing any experience, to Brandon Wilson, Executive Director for the City's Historic Preservation Commission via bwilson@somervillema.gov or to Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Additional questions can be directed to Ms. Wilson at 617-625-6600, ext. 2532.

# **COMMENTARY**

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

**Illustrated by Jim Clark** 



# **Our View Of The Times**



Who thought this thing up anyway? Spring forward, fall back. Or is that fall forward, spring back? The only way we can ever be sure is if we're early or late for church Sunday morning, or whatever it is you do on Sunday morning.

To be fair, there's usually someone around smart enough to know the difference, if it isn't you yourself.

But back to the main question at hand,

who did think this up?

Popular belief has it that it's all about farming and the agrarian lifestyle that dominated western societies for the past few hundred years. Digging a little deeper, it turns out that the whole thing was invented by a gentleman from New Zealand named George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist (bug lover) who highly valued his daylight time and detested those

who slept away those precious sun filled hours of summer. Long story short, he got the ball rolling, and some hundred or so years later we're still locked into that bug-loving cycle of spring forward (or backward) and back again. Year after year.

There is a lot to be said for getting that extra hour of sunshine going when spring finally ... springs.

But how much fun is it when the re-

verse is the case and we suddenly end up plunged into darkness by late afternoon? Some people become seriously depressed during the shorter days of winter. Others aren't bothered by it at all, the ones who shun the sunshine.

It's all above the average person's pay grade to know just what to make of it, and why we keep at it year after year.

After all, it's just what we do, isn't it?

# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Donald Coutoumas, of the Somerville Coutoumas family, going back a long time here in the city. We hope Donald has a great birthday. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish you a happy birthday.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

If you haven't done so already, stop by the Ball Sq. Café to enjoy some great food and to check out their beautiful new addition. The place looks great and now they can serve so many more people, so go by and see what a great job they did

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Liam Mannion and Bob McWatters invite the public to join them at Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave. to hoist a pint of Guinness and enjoy some Irish music.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Students and families: do you love to dance? Do you want to learn some awesome Latin dances? Please come to the Somerville High School Latin Dance night, which will be held in the high school cafeteria on Thursday, March 5, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. There will be dancing, dance lessons, and food. All proceeds will support the SHS service-learning trip to Puerto Rico. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 per student. All ages are welcome. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time by scanning the QR code. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, please contact Steve Ensdorf (sensdorf@k12. somerville.ma.us) or Alicia Kersten (akersten@k12.somerville.ma.us).

\*\*\*\*\*

The Somerville Council on Aging presents Golden Girls Murder Mystery in Lancaster, PA, Sight & Sound Theater to see Queen Esther. Saturday, April 28 - May 2. 4 Nights and 5 Days. The package Includes round trip motor coach transportation, 4 nights deluxe accommodations in Lancaster, 4 breakfasts/4 dinner feasts, a visit to the lovely Kitchen Kettle, a tour of Lancaster, PA, browsing and shopping at Mrs. Lapps, a visit to Kreiders Farm and Hershey Chocolate World, and a visit to the casino. Includes round trip baggage taxes and meal gratuities. Double \$649pp, Single \$804pp. For more information, call Connie at 617-625-6600 X 2300

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The 2020 Citywide Swim Meet takes place on Sunday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the **Kennedy Pool**, 5 Cherry St. Students in grades 1 – 8 will be competing in age-appropriate categories (1-5 and 6-8) in the backstroke, freestyle/ crawl stroke, breaststroke, or butterfly events. Stop in for this free family event and cheer on your favorite swimmer(s).

\*\*\*\*\*

The 2020 Summer Camp and Activities Fair takes place on Tuesday, March **10**, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the **East Somer**ville Community School, 50 Cross St. Somerville families are invited to stop by to learn about summer camps, recreational activities, and other summer learning opportunities in Somerville and the surrounding community. Program representatives will be on hand to share information and answer questions about their respective programs. This is a free family activity.

The Annual Meeting of the Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation will be held at the East Somerville Community School in Room 165, at the Glen Street side of the building at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9. Discussions will be held regarding the new four year renewable Eugene C. Brune Scholarship, the upcoming \$10,000 elimination raffle celebration on May 15 at the

Somerville Lions Club, and the Scholarship Awards Night at Somerville High School in May. The meeting is for current officers, directors, and members. New members are welcome. For information, contact Susan Tkaczuk, Correspondence/Recording Secretary (781) 568-9609; Suetkaczuk@gmail. com. Find them on Facebook by searching Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation. Your interest and participation is most appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The Somerville Garden Club March meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 11 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The program will include short demonstrations on the growing and care of some "easy to care for" and some "not so easy to care for" houseplants. There will be a demonstration and discussion on the care of orchids by Bill Bennett, and the manager of the greenhouse at Pembertons will talk about a variety of other common houseplants. There will be lots of time for questions. In addition, the raffle will include plenty of houseplants of many types and varieties to choose from using a free raffle ticket. If it is cold the night of the meeting, please bring a

Continued on page 13

paper bag to protect

# Early voting offers voters convenience in the presidential primaries















# The Somerville Times

# Somerville votes: The presidential primary 2020

Several local residents got out early to vote in the presidential primary on March 3. This was the scene at East Somerville Community School where Ward 1 Precinct 3 voters turned up to do their civic duty. We salute and thank them, one and all! — Photos by Claudia Ferro





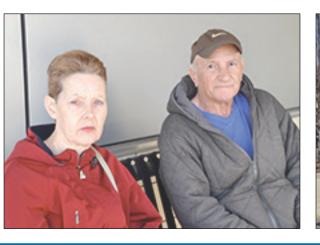














# Post Animal: Don't just call them 'prog rock'

spend working on the album?

PA: It actually took us over TST: Which musical influenca year to write and arrange es are more prominent on FMG the record. We have demo ses- than on previous releases? sions that date back to 2018 for some of the tracks that er range of influences on FMG, made the album. The actu- mainly in the contemporary pop al tracking of the album was and prog/metal genres. Before, done in eight days due to us we were known for a lot of clasback, but it seemed like all the interested in all different kinds! you've ever played for?

How much total time did you prepared all the material over FMG represent the extremes of sively became the largest we right after he graduated from the previous year.

PA: We incorporated a wid-

the album's stylistic spectrum?

shows off a more pop and colorful side of our influences and

TST: Were the crowds on your

had ever played. Alexandra Pal-

TST: Joe Keery isn't in the it's opposite might be In a Para- band anymore, but how did an dise or Post Animal, which come aspiring actor from Newburypfrom a darker prog rock side of ort, MA end up joining a band lucky time where all the stars from Chicago?

PA: We all met in Chicaavoiding a few snow storms on sic rock influence, but over the UK tour opening for Cage the go when Matt and Joe were Post Animal with TWEN at our way out to Montana and years we've become a lot more Elephant in February the largest coworkers after we all ended ONCE Ballroom. Thursday, up there for school. Javi end- March 12. Doors at 8:00 p.m.. time we needed having the TST: Which two songs on PA: Yes. Every show progres- ed up there at the same time \$15 in advance/\$18 day of show.

college. We instantly kind of PA: I think that Schedule ace [London] was an absolute hit it off as friends and musicians, then moved in to an apartment together where we would practice and record in the basement. It was really a aligned for us.

# Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Administration Building (TAB), 167 chair accessible. Parking is available, from the Davis Square MBTA stop. www.somervillegardenclub.org. \*\*\*\*\*\*

your new houseplant from the cold. seeking participants to help shine a raise \$2 million to support anti-hun-There will also be the usual plant spotlight on hunger and raise funds neighborhood, and the 3-mile loop, all

ger solutions and advocacy work to AARP is taking appointments to help roundtable. All Somerville Garden to help neighbors. Set for Sunday, increase food access for people of all Club meetings are free and open to the May 3, the one-day community event ages statewide. Likeminded organiza- Holland Street Senior Center at 167 public. Meetings are held at the Tufts offers three routes: the 20-mile route tions that participate as teams in The Holland Street. Please call Josephine to with eight shuttle bus checkpoints, Commonwealth program can walk schedule an appointment at 617-625-Holland Street, second floor, wheel- the 5K run through Boston's Back Bay and run to raise money to support 6600 ext. 2300 their own work, while also furthering and the building is a ten-minute walk of which are kid and stroller friendly. Project Bread's mission. The suggest- Don't forget, if you would like to sub-All routes start and end on the Boston ed fundraising minimum is \$250. To scribe to receive a digital edition of our For additional information, please visit Common. In its 52nd year, thousands register for Project Bread's Walk for paper, go directly online to our website of caring community members will Hunger or to make a donation, visit over to the right side and fill out your participate in the oldest pledge walk projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger or email address to receive a free, full PDF Project Bread's Walk for Hunger is in the country, which is expected to call (617) 723-5000.

\*\*\*\*\*\*

with income tax preparations at the

\*\*\*\*\*\*

copy of the paper.

# **FUN & GAMES**

# Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Who is the official supplier for Major League Baseball uniforms?
- 7. What plant provides us with linseed oil?
- 2. What is the oldest MLB Stadium in America?
- 8. What is another name for the Lent Lilly?
- 3. What is the second oldest MLB stadium
- 9. In the human body what is the hallux?
- in America?
- 10. What did Massachusetts outlaw in 1659?
- 4. What duo had their Grammy award revoked?
- 11. Who wrote The Ugly Duckling fairy
- 5. Whose band was The Tijuana Brass?
- tale?
- 6. Who starts first in chess, the white or
- 12. What is the Official State Fossil of Massachusetts?

Answers on page 20

\$1,749

# SUDOKU

cv plus \$299 taxes & fees. Sinale

**GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR** 

black side?

12 days, departs May - Sep, 2020



1-844-870-9263 Promo code N7017

					supplement and nditions may appl			
		5		7			9	
		1	3		5	6		
	6							2
				5	7		6	
		4	6		9	7		
	9		1	2				
6							4	
		9	5		3	8		
	5			1		3		

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

# The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

- 1. On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- 2. On average people fear spiders more than they do death.

# STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: MARCH MADNESS

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
- 5. Passports and driver's licenses
- 8. Bit of smoke
- 12. Narcotics agent, for short
- 13. Type of coffee maker
- 14. Sashay
- 15. Austin Powers' antagonist
- 16. Creole cuisine staple
- 17. Designer Calvin
- 18. Last year's winning coach
- 20. Red-encased cheese
- 21. Prepared
- 22. Drunkard's sound?
- 23. Source of white meat
- 26. They are often grand
- 30. "Ever" to a poet
- 31. Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"
- 34. Cough syrup balsam
- 35. Russians, e.g.
- 37. A shot could prevent it
- 38. Up and about
- 39. Lake \_\_\_\_caca, South America
- 40. Plant disease
- 42. Member of University of Utah

- 43. Autumnal zodiac sign
- 45. Rooster, e.g. 47. Rare find
- 48. Campus VIPs
- 50. Razor-\_
- 52. Lowest seed
- 54. In good health
- 55. 2017 Oscar-winning animated film
- \_ for thought"
- 59. Essential oil derived from iris
- 60. Nasal input
- 61. Pre-swan state?
- 62. NCAA basketball team with most titles
- 63. 7 seed opponent in round 1
- 64. Prospector's mother

# **DOWN**

- 1. Top seed
- 2. Abbreviation on a bathroom door

	2	3	4			5	ь	<b> </b> ′			8	9	10	111
12					13					14				
15					16					17				
		18		19						20				
			21						22					
23	24	25						26				27	28	29
30				31		32	33				34			
35			36			37				38				
39					40				41			42		
43				44					45		46			
			47				48	49						
	50	51				52						53		
54						55					56		57	58
59						60					61			
62						63					64			
CDAND								Ŝt-		DOM				

# **GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR**

12 days, departs May - Sep, 2020

VIT

1-844-870-9263

Prices are per person based on double occupancy plus 1299 taxes & fees. Single supplement and seasonal surcharges may apply, Addivivaliable. Offers apply to new bookings only, made by 3/31/20. Other terms and conditions may apply. Ask your Travel Consultant for details

© StatePoint Media

- 3. Precedes drab
- 4. Part of an eyeball
- 5. Vexed
- 6. Eastwood's \_\_\_\_ Harry
- 7. Quarrel
- 8. Lowest seeded team to win champi-
- onship 9. Part of ideal
- 10. Fit for a skinny one
- 11. Mightier than sword? 13. Give to St. Vinny's
- 14. Yarn store unit
- 19. Does like Matryoshka
- 22. An airball doesn't do it to either rim or net
- $23.\,Outdoes$
- 24. Thing of the past
- 25. One of the Muses
- 26. Final

27. India's sacred flower

48. D in LED 49. Former prisoner 50. Rigid necklace 51. Catapult 52. One from Glasgow 53. Canceled

28. Like last eight

36. Cavaliers' state

38. Make amends

40. Slow-witted

41. Demosthenes, e.g.

46. Being of service

44. Waits for approval, e.g.

32. Like Bob Ross' hair

29. More sure

33. Layer

57. Goes with borrowed and blue 58. Indigo extract

54. Olden-day French coin

Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

## Soulution to last week's sudoku puzzle:

6	4	7	1	9	8	3	5	2
8	9	3	5	2	4	7	1	6
5	2	1	7	3	6	တ	4	8
2	6	8	3	5	7	4	9	1
3	7	9	4	8	1	2	6	5
1	5	4	9	6	2	8	7	3
9	8	2	6	7	5	1	3	4
4	3	5	2	1	9	6	8	7
7	1	6	8	4	3	5	2	9

## Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:



Answers in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

# The Somerville Times

To advertise in our Business Directory, call or fax.

> Phone: 617-666-4010 Fax: 617-628-0422

Let your customers find you in Somerville's most widely read newspaper!

# **BUSINESS** DIRECTORY

# **CENTURY 21 North East** Len Ferrari Sales Associate Cell: 781.608.5008 Office: 617.623.6600 lenferrari@c21ne.com The Official Real Estate Company of the Bo

Telephone: (617) 625-2244 (617) 625-4344

(617) 625-4350

EDWIN J. SMITH ATTORNEY-AT-LAW **RUMERY & SMITH** 

403 HIGHLAND AVENUE SOMERVILLE, MA 02144

edsmithlaw@gmail.com

**Civil Litigation Criminal Defense Family Law Personal Injury** 

> TELEPHONE: (617) 666-8200 FAX: (617) 776-5435

EMAIL: digirolamolegal@verizon.net

Richard G. Di Girolamo

**Real Estate Law** 

Anne M. Vigorito

**Michael LaRosa** 

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Zoning

424 BROADWAY, SOMERVILLE, MA 02145

# Sell your house today!

"We'll sell your house fast!"



~ Notary Public ~ Justice of the Peace ~

MARIE HOWE REAL ESTATE

617-666-4040



Water Leaks? Sewer Breaks? Need Sewer Camera Service? We are the water and sewer utility specialist!!

1-866-ZANELLI (926-3554)



Josue Velney

Director of Acquisitions

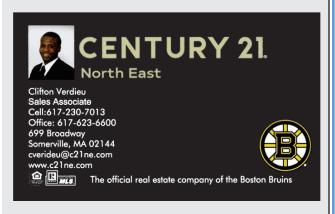
# WE BUY HOUSES

ANY CONDITION CASH & FAST

617-684-5363

Josue@WinterHillHomes.com www.WinterHillHomes.com







Closed Wednesday

**Alibrandi's Barber Shop** Men & Boys Haircuts

"Best Somerville Barber"

194 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144

617-628-4282

# T. J. SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience Proud to be a Somerville Business Resident



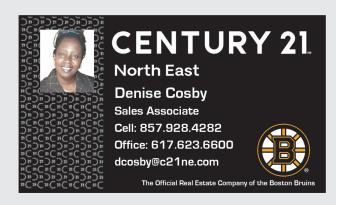
- Plumbing
   Heating
- Gas Fitting
   Industrial Work
- Water Heater Replacement
  - Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

625-9877

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

To advertise in The Somerville Times call **Bobbie Toner: 617-666-4 010** 



## **DAMIEN D. GILLIETTI**

19 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02108 Phone: (617) 576-9884 Cell: (617) 529-7871 Fax: (617) 523-5226 E-mail: ddglaw@hotmail.com



Attorneys at Law

424 Broadway Somerville MA 02145

Bankruptcy

**Family Law Immigration** 

**Personal Injury** 

**Business Law** 

**Estate Planning and Probate** 

**Real Estate** 

**Elder Law** 

**Civil Litigation** 

mdropkin@dropkinmatza.com

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com



#### **ADVERTISEMENT**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the SHA Job No. 1917, Multi Year Service Contract for Shower Surround Installations at Weston Manor for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Complete installation of new one-piece heavy duty acrylic shower wall systems with free standing shower bases. plumbing and all associated work upon unit turnovers or upon a Reasonable Accommodation Request.

The service contract is estimated to cost: \$75,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount and made payable to the SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

There will be a pre-bid walkthrough on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at precisely 10:00 a.m. at Weston Manor 15 Weston Ave., Somerville MA

Project documents can be obtained by emailing or calling Manny St. Louis. Any questions or concerns shall be emailed five days before the quote deadline to mannys@sha-web.org or call at 617-625-1152

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

City of Somerville

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** 

City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

The Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing

on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00pm in the City Council Cham-

bers, City Hall 2nd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA to

consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville

Hardship Variances.

453 Somerville Ave - Applicant and Owner, Jack Saade, seeks a

decision/order.

ment, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

2/26/20 3/4/20 The Somerville Times

Development review application submittal materials and other doc-

umentation may be viewed online at https://www.somervillema.gov/

departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions or

in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Develop-

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at

the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning &

Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville,

Ward 2.

420 Broadway 2019 Trust proposes to re-

classify the principal building as a multi-plex,

unit for a total of 4 dwelling units, and provide

minimum of 4 which requires a Special Permit.

modify the building to add one (1) dwelling

a total of 3 parking spaces rather than the

Hawkins St Union Square LLC proposes to

construct a 6-story general building with a

nonconforming upper story step back within

Applicants and Owners, 10 Oak Street, LLC,

under §5.3.8 of the SZO, seek revisions to a

previously-granted special permit. RC zone.

special permit under SZO §7.11.1.c and parking

relief under Article 9 to construct a four story

mixed use building with five residential units

under SZO §5.5 and §8.6.12 for relief from the

required rear yard setback. BA and RB Zone.

Ward 2. Advertising conditional upon court

and ground floor retail space. A Variance

the Mid-Rise 5 district which requires three (3)

2/26/20, 3/4/20 The Somerville Times

Zoning Ordinance:

3 Hawkins Street -

10 Oak -

420 Broadway -



#### **ADVERTISEMENT**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the SHA Job No. 1915, Multi Year Service Contract for Shower Surround Installations at Various Developments for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Complete installation of new one-piece heavy duty acrylic shower wall systems with free standing shower bases, plumbing and all associated work upon unit turnovers or upon a Reasonable Accommodation Request.

The service contract is estimated to cost: \$99,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department. 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount and made payable to the SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

There will be a pre-bid walkthrough on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at precisely 10:45 a.m. at Ciampa Manor 27 College Ave, proceeding to Highland Garden 114 Highland Ave, Brady Towers 252 Medford St., and Properzi Manor 75 Myrtle St., Somerville MA

Project documents can be obtained by emailing or calling Manny St. Louis. Any questions or concerns shall be emailed five days before the quote deadline to mannys@sha-web.org or call at 617-625-1152 ext. 330.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

2/26/20, 3/4/20 The Somerville Times



## **ADVERTISEMENT**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the SHA Job No. 1916, Multi Year Service Contract for Shower Surround Installations at Bryant Manor for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by The Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department.

The Project consists of: Complete installation of new one-piece heavy duty acrylic shower wall systems with free standing shower bases, plumbing and all associated work upon unit turnovers or upon a Reasonable Accommodation Request.

The service contract is estimated to cost: \$95,000.00

Bids are subject to M.G.L c.149, § 44A-J & minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149, § 26 to 27H inclusive, and the Davis/Bacon Wage Rate, whichever hourly rate pays more. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and the Somerville Housing Authority is an equal Opportunity Employer.

General Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 at the Somerville Housing Authority's Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and publicly opened forthwith.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the bid amount and made payable to the SOMER-VILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

There will be a pre-bid walkthrough on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at precisely 1:15 p.m. at Bryant Manor 75 Myrtle St., Somerville MA

Project documents can be obtained by emailing or calling Manny St. Louis. Any questions or concerns shall be emailed five days before the quote deadline to mannys@sha-web.org or call at 617-625-1152 ext. 330.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

2/26/20, 3/4/20 The Somerville Times

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the Application for Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices License, for Rosedalie Elysse and Yves Elysse d/b/a Sisters Caribbean Restaurant for 83 Broadway Somerville, MA

> Christopher Allen Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek** 

**Administrative Assistant** 



#### Section 00.11.00 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Upgrades of Two Hydraulic Passenger Elevators in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Syska Hennessy Group, Inc..

The Project consists of: Elevator Upgrades of Two (2) Hydraulic Passenger Elevators located at Bryant Manor (667-4), 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville, MA, DHCD Project #274129, in accordance with the Project Documents and Specifications prepared by Syska Hennessy Group, Inc. Vertical Transportation, 10 Post Office Square, Boston, MA. Electrical and HVAC Specifications and Drawings prepared by Garcia. Galuska. DeSousa, Consulting Engineers, Inc.

The work is estimated to cost \$509,000.

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, Elevators, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update

General Bids will be received until 12:00 PM on Friday, 27 March 2020 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.

#### ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

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

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), non- refundable, 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 benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (<u>David.McClave@mass.gov</u>) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 OR 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more - NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:

Date and Time: Friday, 6 March 2020 at 10:00 AM Address: Bryant Manor, 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville

Instructions: Elevator bidders shall meet at the entrance to Bryant Manor. Do not commence with site review until authorized. Do not block entrance.

SITE VISIT BY APPOINTMENT: NONE

Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the Application for an All Forms 7 Day Alcohol License for the Enhancement Area and an Entertainment by Devices License, for Kathmandu Kitchen LLC d/b/a Himalayan Kitchen for 40 Bow St. Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Christopher Allen Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek **Administrative Assistant** 

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

Legal Notices can be downloaded from our website:

www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

TO PLACE LEGAL ADVERTISMENTS IN THE SOMERVILLE TIMES, CONTACT US **BY 12 PM MONDAY** 

PH: 617.666.4010 • FAX: 617.628.0422

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### Legal Notices can also be viewed on our website at www.thesomervilletimes.com



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

**GEORGE J. PROAKIS, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

#### **LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)**

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 6:40 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, in the 3rd Floor Community Room to hold public meetings/hearings on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 - 7-28.

**DETERMINATIONS OF APPROPRIATENESS** (PUBLIC HEARING)

HPC.ALT 2020.03 - 204 Morrison Avenue

Applicant: Ronald Dynneson Owner: same as owner Install 35" x 35" sign on front of structure

HPC.ALT 2020-05 - 56 Vinal Avenue

Applicant: Andrew Brandt Owners: Jocelyn & Jodie Siegel Replace 3 stories of open front porches

**DETERMINATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)** 

HPC.DMO 2020.06 - 63 Franklin Street

Applicant: North America Development, LLC c/o Jason Santana Owner: 63 Franklin St., LLC Demolish principal and accessory structures.

HPC.DMO 2020.07 - 26 Hawthorne Street

Applicant: Thomas W. Matthews

Owner: same as applicant Demolish principal structure.

DETERMINATIONS OF PREFERABLY PRESERVED (STEP 2 IN THE **<u>DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS</u>**) (PUBLIC HEARING)

**HPC.DMO 2020-01 – 19 Woodbine Street** 

Applicant: Edwin J. Smith (personal representative of the estate of Agnes M. Cameron)

HPC.DMO 2020-02 - 118-120 Prospect Street

Applicant: Eaglebrook Capital Owner: Stuart Financial Corporation

All applications summarized above are available to the public on the third floor of City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue (Monday - Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.). A cases may be continued to a later date, please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or call (617) 625-6600 x2500 to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing, via e-mail to historic@somervillema.gov, or by mail addressed to the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Division, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. All comments must be received by NOON, one week prior to the date of the

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

#### Public Announcement Concerning the Jeanne Jugan Residence. 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts

To all interested parties: Notice is hereby given that the Jeanne Jugan Residence located at 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, is proposed to be sold and transfered by the Little Sisters of the Poor of Greater Boston, Inc., of 186 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, to the Visiting Nurse Foundation, Inc., of 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144, or its solely controlled subsidiary nonprofit corporation, Visiting Nurse at Highland, Inc., 259 Lowell St., Somerville, MA 02144, ("Applicant") for consideration of \$4,300,000.00, on or before June 1, 2020. No material changes in the operation of the nursing facility are expected or planned. The bed capacity is expected to remain the same as the current capacity at 84 licensed beds, comprised of 26 skilled nursing beds and 58 Level IV beds.

A public hearing may be requested upon petition by any group of ten adults. Such petition shall include the name, address and signature of each adult and designate one member as the representative of the group. Written comments concerning the applicant's ability to provide quality long-term care services and petitions for a public hearing may be addressed to the offices of the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification.

A request for hearing may be made for a period of 14 days following publication hereof in the newspaper.

The mailing address of the Department for the submission of

Licensure Coordinator DPH, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure

67 Forest Street

Marlborough, MA 01752

The email address of the Department for the submission of comments is: HFLlicenseaction@state.ma.us

2/26/20, 3/4/20 The Somerville Times

To advertise in **The Somerville Times** call 617-666-4010

# **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

MIDDLESEX, SS.

SOMERVILLE DIVISION

ORDER PERMITTING DESTRUCTION OF COURT RECORDS

It is hereby Ordered that, in accordance with the provisions of Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:11:

1. Case papers and records may be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods shown, and which have been finally disposed of for ten years or more and sampled pursuant to Section 6 of the rule:

> Criminal, filed from January 2, 2006 through December 31, 2009 Civil, filed from January 2, 2004 through December 31, 2009 Small Claims, filed from January 2, 2006 through December 31, 2009 Summary Process, filed from <u>January 2, 2006</u> through <u>December 31, 2009</u> Supplementary Process, filed from January 2, 2006 through December 31, 2009 Mental Health, filed from January 2, 2006 through December 31, 2009 Abuse Restraining Orders, filed from January 2, 2006 through December 31, 2009

- 2. The following records shall be retained permanently:
  - All cases decided by the Supreme Judicial Court
  - Any records dated or known to have been filed earlier than 1800 and all records from any predecessor of the District Court
  - Dockets and extended records, except for dockets and extended records for minor violation records, subject to sampling provisions set forth in an Order issued by the Supreme Judicial Court pursuant to Section 6
  - All case records filed or relating to an adoption filed pursuant to G.L. c. 209C
  - All case records filed in or relating to an adoption filed pursuant to G.L. c. 210, or a name change filed pursuant to G.L.c. 210,§12
- A copy of this Order shall be published and posted and any responses received as a result of such publication shall be sent by the Clerk-Magistrate to the First Justice of this court and the Chief Justice of the District Court Department at least 30 days before any such papers or records are destroyed.

Certificate of Clerk-Magistrate

I certify that the dockets of this court for the above cases contain essential information including entries, in those cases in which counsel is required, indicating representation by counsel or waiver of counsel including, in civil cases, information sufficient to permit execution on a judgment within twenty years after the date of the judgment.

Further information may be obtained from: Somerville District Court Clerk Magistrate's Office, 175 Fellsway, Somerville, MA 02145.

Hon. Maurice R. Flynn, III First Justice Somerville District Court

3/4/20 The Somerville Times



, February 18, 2020

Chief Justice of the District Court



#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB # 20-59

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

## **Central Hill Playground Construction**

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or at City Hall from the Purchasing Department, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after: Wednesday, March 4, 2020. An optional site visit will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the project site: 79 Highland

Sealed bids will be received at the above office until Friday, March 27, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at which time sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% bid deposit will be required.

Please contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director, ext: 3400, or email amallen@somervillema.gov for information.

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

3/4/20 The Somerville Times



# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT IFB 20-62

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

**Somerville Young Tree Training Program** 

Bid packages for may be obtained online at https://www.somervillema. gov/departments/finance/purchasing or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Wednesday March 4th, 2020.

Sealed bids will be received until Wednesday March 18th, 2020 at 2:00pm. Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Thupten Chukhatsang at 617-625-6600 x 3400, or email tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

**Thupten Chukhatsang** 

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE** CITY COUNCIL

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's Committee on Licenses and Permits on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 6:00 PM, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. on the petition of Elliots House LLC dba Elliots House Pet Care and More, which seeks to amend its Dog Kennel License at 230 Somerville Avenue to add overnight boarding for up to 10 dogs.

You and other members of the public are invited to attend and be heard at this Hearing. If you are unable to attend, you may send your comments by US mail or by email to the City Clerk, at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or at cityclerk@somervillema.gov, but they must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Committee.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

**JOHN J. LONG** CITY CLERK

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the Application for a Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices License, for Waikiki Inc. d/b/a Waikiki Sushi and Poke for 27 Holland St. Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Christopher Allen Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek **Administrative Assistant** 

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

A Public Hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the Application for a Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices License, for Tengbin Corp. d/b/a Mala Thumb for 5 Holland St. Somerville, MA

> For the Commission Christopher Allen Joseph P. Lynch Jr. John J. McKenna

**Attest: Lori Batzek Administrative Assistant** 

3/4/20 The Somerville Times

# • • • • VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday | March 4

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** 

Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

West at TAB

Read to a Dog with Josie 5 p.m.- 6 p.m.| 167 Holland St, 2nd

#### Thursday March 5

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-

10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

#### Friday | March 6

**Central Library** 

Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Teen Empowerment Library Leaders

3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Sunday March 7

Contacao de Historia Com Teatro de 2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday | March 9

**Central Library** 

Sing Along with Fred! 10:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

#### Tuesday | March 10

**Somerville Community Baptist** 

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

**Central Library** 

Girls Who Code 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

# Wednesday|March 11

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.-11:45 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 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief 9 p.m. Back Room: Josephine County, with the new trio of Christine Hedden. Rebecca McGowan and Lindsay Straw|7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez

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

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grateful Dead

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** Sanguisugabogg Undeath, GOG

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave The Jungle Community Music Club 6 Sanborn Ct

**Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday 7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Somerville Theatre

2020 Fly Fishing Film Tour 7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

#### Thursday | March 5

Sally O'Brien's

David Rizzuti hosts BYOBluegrass 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Greg Klyma|7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Flm St

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

Bull McCabe's

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

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave Once Somerville

156 Highland Ave The Jungle Community Music Club Sober Curious Night w/ Screaming Sushi, Ava & Pearce!|6 p.m.

The Furniture, Chris Warren, Holy Smokes 9 p.m. 6 Sanborn Ct

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Man On Land

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

Vintage Vocal Quartet at the Armory 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream

# 7 p.m.|255 Elm St Friday | March 6

Sally O'Brien's

Tim Gearan & The Shrikes 6 p.m. Andrew Geano, Jim Weeks, Wildcat Slim, and Audrey Rose Hughes|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room: Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Backroom | Kevin SO's 25th Anniversary Concert|7 p.m. Brick Park|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Once Somerville** 156 Highland Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree

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

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Thunder Road Los Fletcheros ShamRock Celebration!

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Air Congo 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club Sons of Levin, blindspot, War on Alexandria, Afterimage

8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct The Rockwell

Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Craft'd Mass Beer Week Blind Beer

3:30 p.m.-11 p.m.|Performance Hall CAC Choir Performance 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

## Saturday | March 7

Sally O'Brien's

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m. Jennifer Truesdale Band, Jerry Velona & the Joint Venture, Tom Appleman|9

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. Hunter Americana|5 p.m.|Irish Ses-

Back Room: "Let's Do Lunch" with: Haunt the House, Swimming Bell, Avi Jacob, Allysen Callery 12 p.m. The Figgs 4p.m./7 p.m. Jimmys Down|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

Karaoke 65 Holland St

**Bull McCabe's** 

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

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway 617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** SYM and Friends: 'Dear Jon'

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville** Sleep On It Bearings, Between You and Me

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

Skybear

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Jungle Community Music Club Brad Goff Band w/ Mmere Dané Group at The lunglel5 p.m. Rockwood / Melissa Mills / The Whiskey Barrel Band / Roger That 7:30 p.m.

6 Sanborn Ct

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7 p.m. Smoke & Shadows: Monthly Variety Revue|9:30 p.m.

255 Elm St Arts at the Armory

Balkan Beat Party 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Somerville Songwriter Sessions 7:30 p.m.|Café| 191 Highland Ave

# Sunday | March 8

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: John Gannon & Friends|2 p.m., Alan Kaufman & Friends|6 p.m., Los Goutos|9 p.m. Backroom: Sundown Session 6-8PM|7

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Sundown Session 6-8 p.m. Dub Apocalypse|10 p.m. 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

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

Sunday Night Live Music

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Thunder Road** 

The Boston BeauTease: Taste o' Burlesque! 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville** LRCB Showcase Session One 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club KenneHighlandClan / MadPainter / The Fools Agenda / Spaces For Two 8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Americana Picnic: Wicked Pickers

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Two Truths and a Lie

7 p.m. Café

Arts at the Armory New England Poetry Club Readings & Open Mic 3 p.m.|café

Bowery Boston Presents: Entre Nos

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

Somerville Theatre Dara O'Briain 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

#### Monday | March 9

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Comedy Night! The Up n Coming Open Mic|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Front Room: Bur-Run|6:45 p.m., Run, Helena Delaney & Friends 9:30 p.m. Back Room: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave.

**Once Somerville** 

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Board Game Bonanza 6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Jungle Community Music Club Heliocentric EP Release Show: ATS, Azimuth & others TBA|5 p.m.

Crushed Vinyl / The Perfect Trip /

8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct Arts at the Armory Queer Tango Boston

Austin Bullock / John MacLen

6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Tuesday | March 10

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room: Jason Anick & The Swingers 8:30 p.m.

Backroom|Silver Arrrow Band|8 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 **Bull McCabe's Pub Ghetto People Band** 

440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling

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

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

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road

**Once Somerville** 

Petunia

Neighbor Tuesdays in Union Square, Somerville! 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Mom Rock Couchsleepers, Q-Tip Bandits, Sweet

7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave The Jungle Community Music Club MEGA Mass TV Awards

8 p.m.|6 Sanborn Ct **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

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

7 p.m.|café|191 Highland Ave **Wednesday March 11** 

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Pub Session with: Grain Thief|9 p.m. Back Room: Adam Sherman Band, The Amplifier Heads | 7 p.m. Comedy Night with Janet Mc-Namara|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

The A-Beez

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

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead - A Tribute To The Grateful Dead

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Once Somerville** 

The Murder Capital 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Jungle Community Music Club 6 Sanborn Ct

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131 Arts at the Armory

Been Out Here: Teen Open Mic 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Cousin B 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

Wednesday | March 4 **Central Library** Gallery@SPL: Paint The Music Opening Reception

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Office of Housing Stability 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. **CPR Class** 

5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday|March 5

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

tion to Bach and Ysaye 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**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).

Joshua Peckins in Concert: an Invita-

#### For more info call: 781-762-6629 Saturday | March 7

**Central Library** 

Free Citizenship Class 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Care Work Reading and Discussion

12:45 - 3:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Winter Farmers Market 9:30 p.m.- 2 p.m.|Performance

Arts at the Armory

Hall|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards** Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Holland St

Sunday | March 8 Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

meeting is in basement

Unity Church of God

Enter upstairs,

Monday | March 9 **Central Library** Creative Drama Workshop with

4 p.m.-5 p.m. Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**East Branch Library** 

Tuesday | March 10 **Central Library** 

Drop In Knitting and Needlecraft 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. City of Somerville CDBG RFP Review 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday | March 11

**Central Library** P2P Technologies: A Series

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### CENTER SENIOR HAPPENINGS:

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES**

Main Office: 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

Holland Street Senior Center: 167 Holland Street (Between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

(East Somerville)

Mondays & Tuesdays – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fridays - 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

617-625-6600, ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, (Behind the Holiday Inn)

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 617-666-5223

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/TRIPS**

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

Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class – Thursday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with our Nutritionist Caitlin McAfee. Learn about our new and upcoming nutrition programs including, Cooking with Caitlin, Fit-4-Life Nutrition Class, Meal in a Mug and more. Next Class December 5 For more information call Caitlin at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316.

Healthy Steps – Thursdays, Holland Street from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Upcoming date: December 5. Class is \$3. For additional information or questions call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Line Dancing – The first and third Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center . Class is free. No experience needed. For additional info or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Bowling - Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbread Pizza located in Davis Square. There is a \$3 weekly fee which covers shoe rental, three strings candlepin bowling and dues for a bowling banquet. For more information and to sign up please contact Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Music & Movement with Steve Gintz - at our Holland Street Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come create magical movements through music. Please call Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for more information. Upcoming dates: January 27 and February 24.

**Senior Tax Preparation** – AARP is taking appointments to help with income tax preparations at our Holland Street Center. Appointments are 1 hour starting at 9:00 a.m. with the last one being at 1:00 p.m. Please call Josephine to schedule an appointment at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Watercolors with Frames – Monday, March 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Class taught by Linda Cohen. Class size is limited. All supplies will be provided. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register for this class.

Living YOUR Best Life – starting Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. This course runs until April 14. Enroll in the Living YOUR Best Life course and learn how to become stronger and more resilient. Contact Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 to enroll. Lunch will be served.

Boston Flower & Garden Show – Wednesday, March 11 at the Seaport World Trade Center.\$16 per person due at time of reservation.Limited tickets available. Pick up time at Holland Street at 10:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 1:30 p.m. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Monday, March 16 at Dilboy Post located at 351 Summer Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$12 Limited seating and transportation. For more information please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Movie & Lunch – Tuesday, March 24 – Join us for a showing of Bohemian Rhapsody at the Somerville Theatre for only \$1 payable to the theatre. Theatre open at 11:30 a.m. movie showing is at 12:00 p.m. Then we will be having lunch at The Foundry with you choice of chicken, fish, or pasta meal for \$15 per person payable at time of reservation. RSVP a must. For more information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino - Monday, March 30 - \$25 includes transportation and a yet to be determined package. Check in time 7:00 a.m. at Ralph and Jenny with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. For more info contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Mohegan Sun – Tuesday, April 21 - \$25 includes transportation, \$10 food coupon and \$10 free bet. Check in time at Ralph & Jenny at 8:00 a.m. with an approximate return time of 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

LBT Women Fit-4-Life – at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street - 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.

# **WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE** (PLEASE CUT OUT AND SAVE)

# Monday:

Keep Moving Walking Club - 9:00 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus until Spring

Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H) – On Hiatus Fit-4-Life – 11:00 a.m. (C) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. - \$3 per class (H)

Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)

## Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A – 8:45 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C) Nutrition Class – 3:00 p.m. (H) 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)

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

## **HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

**De-cluttering support group** – If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group will be meeting in the 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. Vilma Sullivan facilitates this group. There is a different topic each month ranging from gardening tips and secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. Group runs for approximately an hour. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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

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

Men's Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

**Singing with George Landers** – Meets every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Our volunteer, George Landers, facilitates this group. Singing is good for the soul so please join us. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or just require additional information please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Veterans Group - Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. For info please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

## **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

Cross Street Center is Closed the Week of November 22. Lunch is served every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for sign up.

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

Computer Time – Meets every Tuesday starting on January 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Need to learn how to use a computer? Want to set up social media accounts? Learn Microsoft Word? Or just have free computer time. Call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 for additional information.

# Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleTimes.com

#### **Historical Fact** CONT. FROM PG 8



High graduate gave the supreme sacrifice on the same day as the President's last speech to Congress.

Eight days before, twenty-five-yea-old Marine Sergeant Henry Hansen helped raise the first foreign flag on the soil of the Japanese Empire. That ensign was the American Flag. Hansen was very familiar with flags because he was his company's honored platoon guide or flag bearer.

How appropriate, a young Marine from Somerville where General George Washington raised the first flag on Prospect Hill was to be instrumental in flying the first two American flags over Iwo Jima. Sergeant Henry Hansen was killed on March 1, 1945, from a machine gun burst on the tenth day of battle. Hansen's Lieutenant, who helped raise the first flag, was killed on March 3, Somerville's birthday.

It was seventy-five years ago this week that Somerville's hero, Sergeant Henry O. Hansen, raised the Flags of Iwo Jima.



Want to write local Somerville stories? Call 617-666-4010

# and speak to the Assignment Editor

Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Why did the math book look so sad? because of all its problems

# The "Original" All Types Vent Cleaning

**Restaurant Hood Cleaning Dryer Vent/ HVAC Cleaning Power Washing Licensed and Insured** in Massachusetts We travel all over Massachusetts Call today to find out

our weekly specials! Call Jimmy 857-366-3761 To advertise in The Somerville **Times** call **Bobbie Toner** 617-666-4010

# **Farewell to Erica Jones**



It is bittersweet news that SMC announces the departure of Erica Jones. After more than 7½ years working at Somerville Media Center, Jones and her partner Vanessa are moving to the NYC Metropolitan area. As the staffer with the most tenure at SMC, Erica has witnessed some significant milestones of this place - a full staff and board turnover, rebranding to become Somerville Media Center, incorporation of BostonFreeRadio.com into its activities, VOX POP and more.

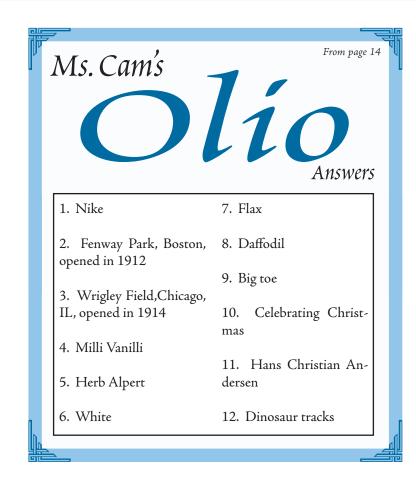
Erica's professional career has been dedicated to the community media movement. Her initial involvement with community media began after Grad School from Suffolk University, as an AmeriCorps Volunteer assignment to the Access Channel in Albuquerque, NM. Upon returning to Boston, Erica began working here for the past 7½ years at Massachusetts' oldest Access station.

Locally, EVERYONE knows Erica Jones. Her name is synonymous with this organization and her efforts to build bridges with community partners across Greater Somerville, has cemented our standing within the community as a safe and empowering place for creative expression from the diverse elements that comprise this community.

Erica is a true champion of the community media movement. In addition to her work here, she has had a long involvement with the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) – Most recently as the president of the ACM North East Region - which constitutes all of New England plus New York State. There she has navigated some rocky terrain, such as establishing its 501(c)(6) status. Erica has also played key roles in organizing the regional ACM conferences and working hard to keep ACM members appraised and aware of implications of FCC rulings, supreme court rulings, etc.

Erica, we will miss you. We wish you and Vanessa all the best on this new, exciting chapter in your lives. Needless to say, these are TREMENDOUS shoes to fill. And we ask the forbearance of SMC members as we make the transition staff-wise.

— Brian Zipp, SMC Executive Director



# **CLASSIFIEDS**

# Place your classified ad today – only \$1 per word! E-mail: ads@thesomervilletimes.com

#### **AUTO DONATIONS**

Donate Your Car to Veterans Today! Help and Support our Veterans. Fast - FREE pick up. 100% tax deductible. Call 1-800-245-0398

#### **AUTOS WANTED**

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! All Makes/Models 2000-2019! Any Condition. Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-513-1505.

CARS/TRUCKS WANT-ED!!! All Makes/Models 2002-2018! Any Condition. Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-985-1806

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! 2002 and Newer! Any Condition. Running or Not. Competitive Offer! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-416-2330.

#### **EDUCATION**

COMPUTER & ITTRAINING PROGRAM! Train at home to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Call CTI for details! 888-449-1713 (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

MEDICAL BILLINGTRAIN-EES NEEDED! Train online to get the skills to become a Medical Office Professional at CTI! 1-833-766-4511 AskC-Tl.com

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Get FAA approved hands on Aviation mechanic training. Financial Aid for qualified students - Career placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 888-686-1704

## FOR RENT

Warm Weather Is Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.

# HEALTH & FITNESS

DOYOU HAVE CHRONIC KNEE OR BACK PAIN? If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! Call 1-800-217-0504

OXYGEN-Anytime. Anywhere. No tanks to refill. No deliveries. Only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved! FREE info kit: Call 1-855-917-4693

GENERIC VIAGRA and CIA-LIS! 100 Pills \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. 24/7 CALL NOW! 888-889-5515

VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! 100 Generic Pills SPECIAL \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. 24/7 CALL NOW! 888-445-5928 Hablamos Espanol

#### MISCELLANEOUS

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts today! Our service is FREE/ no obligation. CALL 1-855-799-4127.

APPLYING FOR SOCIAL SE-CURITY DISABILITY or appealing a denied claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys! FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide 1-866-945-2549! Mail: 2420 N. St. NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/ NM Bar)

DEALING WITH WATER DAMAGE requires immediate action. Local professionals that respond immediately. Nationwide and 24/7. No Mold Calls. 1-800-506-3367

DISHTV - \$59.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-925-7371

INVENTORS-FREE INFOR-MATION PACKAGE Have your product idea developed affordably by the Research & Development pros and presented to manufacturers. Call 1-855-380-5976 for a Free Idea Starter Guide. Submit your idea for a free consultation.

LIFE ALERT. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE brochure. CALL 800-457-1917

MOBILEHELP, AMERICA'S PREMIER MOBILE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM. Whether you're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No LongTerm Contracts! Free Brochure! CallToday! 1-844-892-1017

STAY INYOUR HOME longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-866-945-3783.

STOP STRUGGLING ON THE

STAIRS. Give your life a lift with an ACORN STAIRLIFT! Call now for \$250. OFF your stairlift purchase and FREE DVD & brochure! 1-844-325-8610

Earthlink High Speed Internet. As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-855-520-7938

Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-855-498-6323! FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.)]

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920 Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution Call for Your Free Author's Guide 1-877-626-2213

!! OLD GUITARS WANTED!! GIBSON, FENDER, MARTIN, Etc. 1930's to 1980's. TOP DOLLAR PAID. CALL TOLL FREE 1-866-433-8277

Stay in your home longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-855-481-3969 or visit www.walk-intubquote.com/national

\*\*STOP STRUGGLING ON THE STAIRS\*\* Give your life a lift with an ACORN STAIRLIFT! Call now for \$250 OFF your stairlift purchase and FREE DVD & brochure! 1-866-471-1334

HughesNet Satellite Internet - 25mbps starting at \$49.99/mo! Get More Data FREE Off-Peak Data. FAST download speeds. WiFi built in! FREE Standard Installation for lease customers! Limited Time, Call 1-855-973-9254

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-402-0373

Stay in your home longer with an American Standard

Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-855-534-6198

SAVE BIG on HOME INSUR-ANCE! Compare 20 A-rated insurances companies. Get a quote within minutes. Average savings of \$444/year! Call 866-695-8390! (M-F 8am-8pm Central)

A PLACE FOR MOM has helped over a million families find senior living. Our trusted, local advisors help find solutions to your unique needs at no cost to you. Call 855-741-7459

AT&T Internet. Starting at \$40/month w/12-mo agmt. Includes 1TB of data per month. Get More For Your High-Speed Internet Thing. Ask us how to bundle and SAVE! Geo & svc restrictions apply. Call us today 1-888-796-8850

ATTENTION DIABETICS! Save money on your diabetic supplies! Convenient home shipping for monitors, test strips, insulin pumps, catheters and more! To learn more, call now! 844-698-4858

DIRECTV NOW. No Satellite Needed. \$40/month. 65 Channels. Stream Breaking News, Live Events, Sports & On Demand Titles. No Annual Contract. No Commitment. CALL 1-866-825-6523

ATTENTION OXYGENTHER-APY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 877-929-9587

DISHTV \$59.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. 1-833-872-2545.

BECOME A PUBLISHED AUTHOR! We edit, print and distribute your work internationally. We do the work... You reap the Rewards! Call for a FREE Author's Submission Kit: 866-951-7214

AREYOU BEHIND \$10k OR MORE ONYOUR TAXES? Stop wage & bank levies, liens & audits, unfiled tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Call 888-626-3581

Recently diagnosed with LUNG CANCER and 60+ years old? Call now! You and your family may be entitled to a SIGNIFICANT CASH AWARD. Call 877-648-6308 today. Free Consultation. No Risk.

CASH FOR CARS: We Buy Any Condition Vehicle, 2002 and Newer. Nationwide Free Pick Up! Call Now: 1-800-864-5960.

Only the Highest quality CBD products from AceWellness! We guarantee highest quality, most competitive pricing on CBD products. Softgels, Oils, Skincare, Vape & more. Coupon Code: PRINT20 1-855-681-3113

DISCOUNT AIRTRAVEL.
Call Flight Services for
best pricing on domestic &
international flights inside
and from the US. Serving
United, Delta, American &
Southwest airlines. Call for
free quote now! Have travel
dates ready! 855-638-3462

DENTAL INSURANCE. Call Physicians Mutual Insurance Company for details. NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage for 350 procedures. 888-623-3036 or http://www.dental50plus. com/58 Ad# 6118

## WANTED TO BUY

Wants to purchase minerals and other oil and gas interests. Send details to P.O. Box 13557 Denver, Co. 80201

Reader Advisory: The Na-

tional Trade Association we belong to has purchased the above classifieds. Determining the value of their service or product is advised by this publication. In order to avoid misunderstandings, some advertisers do not offer employment but rather supply the readers with manuals, directories and other materials designed to help their clients establish mail order selling and other businesses at home. Under NO circumstance should vou send anv monev in advance or give the client your checking, license ID, or credit card numbers. Also beware of ads that claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit and note that if a credit repair company does business only over the phone it is illegal to request any money before delivering its service. All funds are based in US dollars. Toll free numbers may or may not reach Canada.

# SCATV Channel 3 Schedule

SCATV is part of Somerville Media Center, home to Boston Free Radio, Somerville Neighborhood News and SMC Youth Media!

Join SMC today to make your own TV or Radio Production, learn skills like editing and field production and sign up for special media making workshops and classes for youth and adults! somervillemedia.org 3:00pm 4:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) Wednesday, March 4 12:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party VOX POP: Somerville Connects 9:00am SMC Youth Media 5:00am Free Speech TV Free Speech TV 12:00am 4:30pm The Struggle 9:30am Science 360 6:00am 6:00am NASA TV Somerville Neighborhood News Community Bulletin Board DW In Good Shape 5:00pm 10:00am Dead Air Live 7:00am Somerville Storytellers 7:00am 6:00pm #AFAD 11:00am TeleGalaxie 7:30am 7:30am Going Postal 12:00pm 6:30pm Somerville Storytellers 8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) Community Lens: SHC 5K Race 7:00pm 1:00pm Tele Magazine 9:00am DW Global 3000 LIVE - Our View Reeling Review 8:00pm 2:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News Both Sides of the Bars 10:00am 9:30am PABFONE Closing Day Ceremony 3:00pm MA House of Representatives Formal Session 9:00pm Our View Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer 11:00am 10:00am 10:00pm Community Bulletin Board 4:00pm Tele Krevol 12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show Somerville Neighborhood News SNN Neighborhood Update 10:30am 10:30pm The World Fusion Show Henry Parker Presents 5:00pm 1:00pm 11:00am SOM ARTS 11:00pm 5:30pm VOX POP Comedy Night Henry Parker Presents From My Heart to Yours 11:30am 1:30pm Somerville Storytellers 6:00pm Somerville Pundits Friday, March 6 2:00pm The Thom Hartman Show NASA TV 12:00pm The Somerville Labor Show 6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News 3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 1:00pm 12:00am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party BLOWW Show a Go Go 7:00pm SCATV Secret Stash 4:00pm African Television Network 1:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News 1:00am 7:30pm 8:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News 2:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm Community Lens: SHC 5K Race Colores Latinos 1:30am SCATV Secret Stash #AFAD 2:00am LIVE from VOX POP Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) Free Speech TV 9:00pm 10:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes 4:00pm DW Conflict Zone 6:00am NASA TV 6:30pm Fur, Fins and Feathers 4:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV) Heavy Leather Music Video Show 7:00am 7:00pm Tele Galaxie 11:00pm SCATV Secret Stash 5:00pm Hello Neighbor Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) LIVE -Somerville Overcoming Addiction 8:00am 8:00pm 11:30pm From My Heart to Yours 5:30pm 9:00am DW Euromaxx 9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade Sunday, March 8 6:00pm 6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News VOX POP: Somerville Connects 9:30am Strata 10:00pm Colores Latinos NASA TV 10:00am 12:00am Flotilla 11:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party "The Cask of Amontillado" at VOX POP SOM ARTS NASA TV 7:00pm 11:00am 1:00am Tuesday, March 10 Cambridge Calendar The Thom Hartman Show 7:30pm 8:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment LIVE - Somerville Pundits 11:30am 1:30am NASA TV 12:00am Public Safety/Homeland Security Hearing 12:00pm 2:00am NASA TV 8:30pm DW Euromaxx Community Benefits Agreement 1:00pm 3:00am Free Speech TV 7:00am NASA TV 9:00pm 10:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX\_POP 2:00pm Somerville Pundits 2:30pm Autumn Reads with Somerville Public Library Bate Papo com Shirley Nossa Gentes e Costumes Somerville Pundits 6:00am 8:00am Democracy Now! LIVE - Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party 7:00am 9:00am The Chef's Table Series 11:00pm 3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am Effort Pour Christ Thursday, March 5<sup>SCATV</sup> Secret Stash 10:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm Gay USÁ DW Global 3000 NASA TV 9:00am Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals 10:00am 11:00am Tele Kreyol SCATV Secret Stash 12:30am The Thom Hartman Show 11:00amMA House of Representatives Formal Session 12:00pm 5:30pm What's New Massachusetts? Free Speech TV Grandstanders Emergency Preparedness 1:00pm Revolution Awakening at VOX POP 6:00pm 7:00pm 12:00pm Sidewalks Entertainment 1:30am Free Speech TV 1:00pm SOM ARTS 2:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction 2:00am Free Speech TV SNN Neighborhood Update 3:00pm The Somerville Labor Show Democracy Now! 7:30pm 1:30pm 3:00am Free Speech TV SMC Youth Media 8:00pm 8:30pm LIVE - Greater Somerville Greater Somerville 2:00pm 3:00pm Chico and B-Man African Television Network 4:00pm 6:00am Bate Papo com Shirley Going Postal DW Conflict Zone 7:00am Dedilhando a Saudade 4:00pm 5:00pm LIVE - Poet to Poet, Writer to Writer 9:00pm Fur, Fins and Feathers DW Euromaxx 7:30am Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party Heavy Leather Music Video Show 5:00pm 6:00pm Gay USA VOX POP: Somerville Connects 5:30pm 6:00pm 10:00pm What's New Massachusetts? Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV) 8:00am

#### **CITY TV 22 (Comcast)** (RCN) Schedule

6:30pm

7:00pm 8:00pm

9:00pm

10:00pm

11:00pm

Monday, March 9

#### Wednesday, March 4

9:00am

9:30am

10:00am

10:30am

11:00am

11:30am

12:00pm

1:00pm

1:30pm

7:00am Derechos de Inquilinos 8:15am SPD Ride Along City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 8:30am Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion Transgender Day of Remembrance 9:00am 9:45am 10:00am Talking Business City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti 11:30am School Committee Meeting 2.24.20 12:00pm 2:30pm SomerViva em Português - Censo 2020 3:00pm 5:30pm Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020 Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019 7:00pm Faith In a City: Faith & Community 7:45pm 8:00pm SPD Ride Along Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 8:30pm Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020 9:30pm 9:45pm 10:34pm Talking Business City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 11:00pm Thursday, March 5 12:00am Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting

12:30am The Firstamerican Flag: Revisiting the Grand Union at Prospect Hill

2:00am City Council Meeting - 2.25.20 Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 7:00am Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 7:30am 8:00am The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley 9:00am Senator Ed Markev's Town Hall at SHS 11:00am SomerViva en Espanol - March 2020 City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang Senior Circuit - "Shape Up Somerville" 11:30am 12:00pm 12:30pm Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting 1:30pm Derechos de Inquilinos SPD Ride Along 2:45pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 3:00pm SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 5:30pm

6:00pm The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley 7:00pm SomerViva en Espanol - March 2020 7:30pm Letters of World War II at Council on Aging 9:00pm School Committee Meeting 2.24.20 City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 11:00pm SPD Ride Along 11:30pm

VOX POP Comedy Night

Free Speech TV

Free Speech TV

Free Speech TV

Free Speech TV

Effort Pour Christ

DW Focus on Europe

Friday, March 6

11:00pm

12:00am

1:00am

3:00am

5:00am

Saturday, March 7

DW Tomorrow Today

The Chef's Table Series

The Chef's Table Series

The Somerville Line

The Somerville Line

Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

Joanna Bremis HMS Clinicals

The Thom Hartman Show

Hello Neighbor

Senator Ed Markey's Town Hall at SHS 12:00am 1:36am Talking Business Flood & Stormwater PSA 1:54am Derechos de Inquilinos 2:00am Raising Families "Special Needs Education' 7:30am 8:00am The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley 9:00am Derechos de Inquilinos City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 11:00am 11:30am Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion Transgender Day of Remembrance 12:01pm 12:45pm 1:00pm Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20 5:30pm 7:25pm School Committee Meeting 2.24.20 Flood & Stormwater PSA en Espanol 7:30pm Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020 Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20 SPD Ride Along 8:30pm 11:45pm Saturday, March 7

12:00am 12:30am 1:30am 3:00am 7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 3:15pm 5:00pm

6:00pm

12:30am

2:00am

2:30am

3:00am

8:00am

9:30am

11:05am

12:30pm

1:00pm

2:00pm

3:30pm

5:00pm

6:00pm

7:30pm

9:05pm

10:30pm

11:00pm

1:30am

3:00am

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting Faith In a City: Fire & Roses The First American Flag The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism Student Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion City Council Spotlight - Mary Jo Rossetti Derechos de Inquilinos Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20 SPD Ride Alona SStudent Health Survey, Trivia, & Discussion

Transgender Day of Remembrance

SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen

SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett

6:15pm Flood & Stormwater PSA an Kreyòl Ayisyen The Spiritual Music of Henry Hadley 6:30pm 7:30pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 8:00pm Senator Ed Markey's Town Hall at SHS 10:00pm 2020 Inaugural Ceremonies

Sunday, March 8

12:00am Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting 12:30am Letters of World War II at Council on Aging Somerville Heroes' Salute 2019 3:00am The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism 7:00am Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout SomerViva en Espanõl - March 2020 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am Derechos de Inquilinos City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 11:30am 12:00pm Senior Circuit 12:30pm Haitian Cultural Celebration 2020 1:18pm SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen - Miral Atis Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting 1:30pm 2:00pm SomerViva en Espanõl - March 2020 Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 2:30pm 5:00pm 5:30pm Chamber of Commerce Dinner 2019 6:45pm 7:00pm SPD Ride Alona Senior Circuit SomerViva en Español - March 2020 7:30pm 8:00pm 8:30pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang Derechos de Inquilinos

11:01pm Faith In a City: Faith & Community Monday, March 9 12:00am Senior Circuit - "Transportation" March 2020 12:30am Licensing Commission Meeting - 2.10.20 7:00am Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner 2019

> City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang SomerViva en Español - March 2020 Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20

The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

Flood & Stormwater PSA

Talking Business

11:00am 1:30pm 2:30pm

6:30pm

7:00pm

7:30pm

8:00pm

9:00pm

10:00pm

11:00pm

DW Tomorrow Today

SCATV Secret Stash

Dead Air Live

**Emergency Preparedness** 

Community Lens: Somerville 5K Detour

**Talking Business** SPD Ride Along 11:30am 12:00pm City Council Meeting - 2.25.20 Spring Hill Sewer Separation Meeting SomerViva en Español - March 2020 City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 3:00pm Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20 School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20 3:30pm 7:00pm SomerViva en Espanõl - March 2020 10:00pm 10:30pm Faith In a City: Fire & Roses

Somerville Neighborhood News

**Box House Productions Presents** 

From My Heart to Yours

LIVE - Greater Somerville

The World Fusion Show

LIVE - Dead Air Live

**Totally Working Out** 

SCATV Secret Stash

The Somerville Labor Show

Tuesday, March 10

12:00am Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20 1:30am SomerViva en Espanõl - March 2020 2:00am Derechos de Inquilinos Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan 7:00am 7:30am Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting SomerViva en Espanol - March 2020 8:00am Senior Circuit - "Transportation" March 2020 8:30am 9:00am Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting SomerViva an Kreyòl Ayisyen 9:30am Faith In a City: Faith & Community 10:30am 11:15am SPD Ride Along City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang Senior Circuit 11:30am 12:00pm City Council Meeting - 2.25.20 12:30pm Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20 Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking" 2:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm Senior Circuit - "Transportation" March 2020

SomerViva en Espanõl - March 2020 7:30pm City Council Spotlight - Mark Niedergang 8:00pm School Committee Meeting - 3.9.20 SomerViva en Español - March 2020 8:30pm 11:00pm Wednesday, March 11

Senior Circuit

Derechos de Inquilinos

Public Charge Presentation 3.5.20

Hall St. Infrastructure Community Meeting

# **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

9:43pm

9:45pm

8:11am

8:30am

9:30am

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

12:30pm

2:00pm

4:00pm

5:05pm 6:00pm

7:30pm

9:00pm

1:35am

3:00am

8:00am

9:30am

# Wednesday, March 4

SHS Hockey vs Lowell 8:00am 9:30am Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC 11:00am SHS Hockey vs Medford SHS Hockey vs Everett SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington 12:30pm 2:00pm 3:30pm Our Schools, Our City SHS Bovs' Basketball @ Billerica 4:00pm SHS Hockey vs Lowell 6:00pm Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC 7:30pm 9:00pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 10:30pm SHS Hockey vs Everett Thursday, March 5 SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington

#### 12:00am

1:30am SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica 8:00am SHS Boys Basketball vs Brighton 9:30am SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin 11:00am 1:00pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett 2:30pm Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC Student of the Qtr. - Healey School 4:00pm 4:30pm Student of the Qtr. - WHCS 5:00pm Our Schools, Our City SHS Boys Basketball vs Brighton 6:00pm 7:30pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical 9:00pm SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin

#### 11:00pm Friday, March 6

Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC Student of the Qtr. - Healey School Student of the Otr. - WHCS Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] El Sistema Spring Concert Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep Argenziano School's MLK Celebration SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] El Sistema Spring Concert

#### Saturday, March 7 12:00am

Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep Argenziano School's MLK Celebration SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts

SHS Girls' Basketball vs Malden 12:30pm 2:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical 4:00pm Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington 4:30pm SHS Girls Basketball vs Everett 6:00pm 7:30pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Watertown 9:00pm SHS Girls' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts Sunday, March 8

#### 12:00am 1:35am

SHS Girls' Basketball vs Lynn Classical SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington SHS Bovs Basketball vs Lvnn Classical SHS Boys Basketball vs Revere Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts SHS Boys Basketball vs Malden SHS Boys Éasketball vs Algonquin SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] SHS Boys Basketball vs Lynn Classical SHS Bovs Basketball vs Revere Boys' Basketball vs Medford @ Tufts

#### Monday, March 9 12:00am

SHS Boys Basketball vs Algonquin SHS Boys' Basketball vs Reading Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class

11:00am SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep 12:30pm SHS Hockey vs Medford 2:00pm El Sistema Spring Concert 4:00pm Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] 5:00pm 6:00pm SHS Hockey vs Mal.-Rev. Co-op 7:30pm SHS Hockey vs Lynn Class. SHS Hockey vs Lowell 9:00pm

#### Tuesday, March 10 12:00am

2:00am

3:00am

8:00am

9:30am

11:05am

12:30pm

1:00pm

2:00pm

3:30pm

5:00pm

6:00pm

7:30pm

9:05pm

10:30pm

11:00pm

12:00am

1:30am

12:00am

12:30am

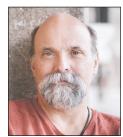
2:00am

2:30am

SHS Hockey vs Medford El Sistema Spring Concert Our Schools, Our City [3.4.20] SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Bovs' Basketball @ Billerica SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington Our Schools, Our City El Sistema Spring Concert Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's Prep Argenziano School's MLK Celebration SHS Hockey vs Lowell SHS Boys' Basketball @ Billerica SHS Girls' Basketball @ Wilmington Our Schools, Our City El Sistema Spring Concert Cam/Som Girls' Hockey vs CC El Sistema Spring Concert

# A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Scott Ruescher is the author of Waiting for the Light to Change, a collection of poems published by Prolific Press in 2017, and the winner of annual prizes from Able Muse, Poetry Quarterly, and the New England Poetry Club. This is his second contribution to Lyrical Somerville.



#### In the Stately Greek Revival Architectural Style

Up steep Clay Street, perpendicular to the main drag On the south side of downtown, jogging in the general Direction of the battleground at the Vicksburg National Military Park, site of the Union's decisive blockade Of supplies that would have kept the Confederates in power On the Mississippi River, I found myself passing Two solid blocks of comfortable mansions built In the stately Greek Revival architectural style Popular among the ruling classes of the antebellum South If also responsible for the building we inhabit On a corner here in Cambridge, one of the capitals Of the abolitionist cause, that we have reason to believe Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, leader of the moralist Poets of the Fireside, might actually have visited (Long before it turned from a duplex to a triplex To accommodate the office of a neighborhood physician) When the painter Washington Allston, an 1800 Graduate of Harvard, looking for the inspiration he'd found As an out-of-state student from a Carolina rice plantation, Was living out the final thirteen years of his life In a studio across the street from us, where brick townhouses Collectively known as Allston Terrace sit, after making it big For twenty years in England, partly for that portrait Of Samuel Taylor Coleridge that you see on the cover Of the first of two volumes of Holmes's definitive Biography of him, but also for the grand romantic pictures Of Biblical proportion, some of them among the first Paintings collected by Brahmins for the MFA in Boston, And others still on view at the Boston Athenaeum, too, That would have been suitable for framing as well On the walls of the mansions on either side of Clay Street That were spared from shelling by Union gunboats parked In the river below the bluff, according to the taciturn Travel guide I was reading, when Grant learned That the wealthiest civilians, albeit those who profited most From the slavery system, were hiding underneath them In furnished bunkers, and pardoned them from additional Shelling, even though they were keeping, along With their jewels, their cookery, their silver, their linens, And their substandard imitations of Allston paintings, The servants, the slaves, the shackled human beings Who might have been cousins of the black descendants, For all they knew, who worked a few hundred miles East of Vicksburg, near the coast, on the Allston plantation That—or so I've gathered from online searches since my return— Is currently being subdivided for luxury condominiums.

— Scott Ruescher

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Stephanie Schorow brings her naked eye to Boston's infamous Combat Zone

Inside the Combat Zone: The Stripped Down Story of Boston's Most Notorious Neighborhood

"Upscale restaurants, majestic theaters, and luxury condos line the streets of downtown Boston today. Students, office workers, doctors, and shoppers navigate the busy sidewalks along Washington and Boylston Streets, giving little thought to the historical significance of their surroundings. The bustle distracts passersby from what may be the city's dirtiest little secret: these blocks were once home to Boston's most notorious neighborhood. The Combat Zone, a five-plus-acre, city-sanctioned adult entertainment district, was as sordid and alluring as anything found in Amsterdam or Vegas. Indeed, Boston's now toney neighborhood once resembled the set of HBO's *The Deuce*, all with the blessing of city officials."

— From the author's website

I had the pleasure of interviewing journalist Stephanie Schorow on my Somerville Media Center TV show *Poet to Poet Writer to Writer*.

**Doug Holder:** When I was at Boston University in the 1970s, I visited the Combat Zone to get a taste of "real life." I remember I walked into a bar, and a lady of the night looked at me and told the bartender, "Get this kid a glass of milk."

**Stephanie S:** (*Laughs*) Yes a lot of young men went there. Someone once told me that they went there so they would have a story to tell for a lifetime.

**DH:** Why did you decide to choose the Combat Zone as the subject of your book?

SS: Well, I have written extensively about Boston. I have written books on Boston's drinking history, the Brinks Robbery, etc. My subjects are usually offbeat. An editor said to me, when I was looking for a new subject, "What about the Combat Zone?" I knew immediately that was it, a real Boston story!

**DH:** Ironically the Combat Zone was set up to stop the spread of pornography.

SS: Yes, it is ironic. In the 1960s the sort of red light district was Scollay Square, around where Government Center is today. It was a warren of little streets. It was a seedy area, and had a lot of burlesque houses, sailor bars, and tattoo parlors. At the time, it was considered very risqué. But it was nothing like the Combat Zone. A lot of folks went to the old Howard – a popular burlesque hall – that was more popular than the Bunker Hill Monument and the Fanueil Hall landmark, for instance. The centerpieces of the Combat Zone were the old Pilgrim Theater, and the Naked i. There were many other clubs. There were at least 34 adult entertainment businesses in the area from bookstores to strip clubs, a lot of "adult options."

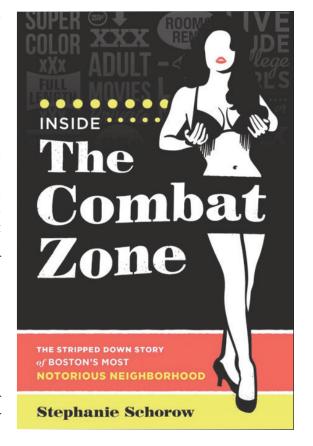
City planners, city elders, like Barney Frank, wondered "What are we going to do about this?" We are trying to create the new Boston. We can't just close establishments down, there are Supreme Court precedents to consider." So they started a zone, with the hope that all the adult businesses would stay there and not travel anywhere else. Basically they said, "If you have it here, you can't have it there."

**DH:** Where there isolated pockets that developed outside the Combat Zone?

SS: Some cropped up near Kenmore Square, and Allston, but there was no concentration like the Combat Zone.

**DH:** A lot of musicians cut their teeth in the Combat Zone, right?

**SS:** I interviewed a couple of musicians from Berkeley. They wanted to go nameless. They talked about getting gigs at the strip clubs. Comedian Jay Leno got his start



playing the strip clubs. This is true of many comedians. From the early 1960s to the early 1970s many clubs had live bands. Later taped music, etc., took the bands' place.

**DH:** There was a quote in your book that said the average guy who went to the Combat Zone was a middle-aged, accountant from Newton, a family-man sort of guy.

**SS:** Well the business conventioneers were big business for the Combat Zone. Often while these men's wives were shopping they would ask a bellboy or such, "Where is the action?"

 $\ensuremath{\text{DH}}\xspace$  . Were there mixed uses in the area?

**SS:** Yes, there were some, like the famed Hand the Hatter hat shop and the Essex Deli. The deli was housed in the Liberty Tree building.

**DH:** You wrote about some of the strippers, like Chesty Morgan, and Julie Jordan.

SS: Julie Jordan is very memorable. She went to one of my book events. She is a very sweet and articulate woman. Back in the day, Jordan was a hippy sort. On a lark, she danced at one of the clubs, and then got hooked on it. She became known for her Native-American costume, and was dubbed Princess Cheyenne. She was a real attraction for men back then.

**DH:** So, was the clichéd answer from strippers when asked why they do what they do, "I am working my way through college" to some extent true?

SS: Yes. I have talked with a number who said that. And some of them are highly regarded professional people now. And surprisingly they said they didn't regret dancing, but they are glad they got out of it.

DH: How did the Combat Zone get its name?

**SS:** It started in the 50s. There were a lot of sailors and soldiers who went to drink there, and eventually some got into brawls. The military police were in there all the time. In 1950 a judge opined, "This is really a Combat Zone." But it was really coined by a series of articles in the *Boston Herald American* in 1964, in which they used the word throughout.

**DH:** What caused the demise of the area?

SS: In 1976, there was a killing of a Harvard student – a native of Boston's North End – outside a bar in the zone. Its reputation started to really go downhill then. The Combat Zone went on for another decade, but after this it was clear its days were numbered. Eventually legislation and city ordinances killed it.



# for today's online mortgage applications

- Primary Residences
   Second/Vacation Homes
- First Time Homebuyer Programs Investment Properties
- Free Pre-Approvals
   Home Equity Loans and Lines Of Credit

Apply online at winterhillbank.com Or visit any of our branches for personalized service



617-666-8600 | 800-444-4300 | winterhillbank.com

A Mutual Bank Serving the Community Since 1906









