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The property at 90 Washington St. is being purchased by the City of Somerville by right of eminent domain for the purpose of building a new Public Safety Building.

By Denise Keniston

On Thursday, February 28, Somerville's City Council unanimously approved a land purchase by eminent domain for \$8,735,000. The parcel at 90 Washington St. (formerly Cobble Hill Shopping Center) will be the new site of Somerville's Public Safety Building.

"That parcel has been vacant for 5 years and the partners who own it have been battling each other in court for most of that time," said Ward 5 Councilor Mark Neidergang. "So since there was nothing there and no prospects anytime soon for it being developed, and since the city needed a public safety building, the administration asked the board for that \$8.7M to take it using the right of eminent domain."

Eminent domain refers to the power of the government to take private property and convert it to public use. The Fifth Amendment provides that the government

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International Women's Day Collaborative Film Anthology

On Friday, March 8, International Women's Day will be celebrated locally with global fanfare through *Bring Us Your Women: An Arts Odyssey (BUYW)* at the Somerville Theatre.

This woman-created, multimedia spectacle features performances and works by 40 artists from France, Switzerland, Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, China, Ukraine, Netherlands, and the U.S. honoring diverse female icons. Universal and timeless stories are reimagined through film, music, dance, and poetry. From Eve to Ishtar, Joan of Arc to Kali, and more, these unique retellings aim to inform, empower, and inspire.

BUYW is the brainchild of guitarist-composer Catherine Capozzi, best known as the force behind the rock instrumental ensemble Axemunkie. "I want to tell the untold stories of iconic historical, holy, and mythical women, with a focus on their strengths, sensuality, and wisdom," Capozzi said. "The essence of this work expresses the power of three – unity, tolerance, and hope."

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Bring Us Your Women: An Arts Odyssey will take place at the Somerville Theatre on Friday, March 8.

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The Somerville Museum will host **The Unofficial Somerville Antiques Road Show, Saturday, March 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** As part of the Somerville Museum's current exhibit, **Our Stories, Our Stuff, Our Somerville**, and Community **Curator Bess Paupeck**, they will be hosting an unofficial antiques road show. Bring an object to the museum and let some of our local historians tell you what they think of it. \$8 admission, members are free. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Rd., Somerville.

Are you a **Somerville High School Class of 1969 graduate**? If so, we hope you'll join in the **SHS 2019 Class Day** festivities. Somerville High School is looking for 50 graduates from the SHS Class of 1969 to participate in Class Day activities. Class Day will take place on **Friday, May 24**, starting at 9:00 a.m. at **SHS, 81 Highland Ave.** If you are an SHS Class of 1969 graduate and would like to be a participant in the Class of 2019 Class Day activities, please email **Barbara Favaloro**, SHS Main Office, Head Clerk at bfavaloro@k12.somerville.ma.us, or call (617) 625-6600, ext. 6110 to sign up. The Class of 2019 looks forward to seeing past graduates from the Class of 1969.

There will be a **public hearing** before the City Council Land Use Committee and the Planning Board Continued on page 11

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Plastic straw ban may be coming to Somerville soon

LindaS says:
I admit I still use plastic straws all the time, but I do reuse them for a while and rinse them out before I throw them away. That being said, I don't see any problem with the old-fashioned paper straws making a comeback. I'm sure they could make ones durable enough to last for one drink, with some type of wax coating to seal them.
We lived without plastic straws way back when, so there's no reason why we can't do it again. If we can't, then making them part of a recycling program might be the way to mitigate the problem, at least a little bit.

Gail Lewis says:
California banned straws and I am sure other states will follow. We need to get away from plastic or are we going to leave a disaster for a are children. I hope the council does the right thing and pass this law.

Ira says:
The time has come to move forward and try to fix the huge single use plastic problem. Just as we all carry a personal phone around we need to start carrying a set of reusable straws, spoons, forks, knives and chopsticks to help reduce the need for single use plastic items.

Anonymous says:
I travel to many places, places that also ban straws, we order our plastic straws on line, or we go to Dunkin' Donuts that has straws, as many as we want, we take them with us, if they don't have straws we use ours. Easy.

Gaspar Fomento says:
Well, how very...clever...of you. Stay classy.

Yet another poster says:
I get really pissed of when I go to Cambridge and have to pay 10 cents for each bag. But you know what? It works – now I remember to bring bags with me, or ask myself if I really need a bag. I bet should charge us for plastic straws / utensils as well.

stop ignoring the disabled says:
Thank you Mr. Scott for acknowledging that the disabled should not be treated like second class citizens by having to request a plastic straw (will they also be required to 'prove' their disability?). Let's see that the Council comes up with. This is a solution in search of a problem. Any problems that might exist are not coming from the U.S.

Response to: DavisNow still seeking Davis Sq. repairs

MacG says:
All the City cares about is construction of new buildings and condos and not one bit of maintaining what's in place. Just drive around Davis sq. or worse Winter Hill and see for yourself what a dump it's become. Horrible roads, sidewalks, etc. Then I wonder why outsiders call this place Slummerville...shame.

BMac says:
MacG, not to say the roads are not in need of repair, but I am going to guess you were not here before the mid 90s. A lot of us did question the use of brick. It looks nice, but maintenance in a region with four such distinct seasons was never going to keep up. I hope when is is repaired it is done in a more utilitarian and functional manner.

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John Connolly

Life in the **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte

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The other day I was at East Cambridge Piano, at 343 Medford St. Somerville. Hey, if Malden Auto Body can be in Everett then I guess East Cambridge Piano can be in Somerville.

The old building is across from that gutted concrete shell of a structure on Medford St. behind the new high school project. Let's call it near the soon to be T stop at Gilman Square. A stone's throw from where The Paddock used to be. How's that for directions?

East Coast Piano man and Somerville High School alum, Jim Nicoloro says, "The building was built in 1893 for The Knights of Malta, an Italian fraternity. Frank Sinatra was a Knight." Cool!

Anyway, the grand old sturdily built building is a true example of turn of the century architectural opulence. It was built to be fancy and showy. Huge stairways with carved wooden

banisters lead up to the third floor piano store. As you walk through a keyboard player's paradise, with the newest digitals, uprights and, of course, sprawling, majestic grand and baby grand pianos, there it is! A real old fashioned, rotary dial wooden phone booth! A real blast from the past.

*"Where is that?
I need to call
Marty McFly!"*

I opened the wood and glass folding door and went in and sat down. When I closed the doors the light came on. And the phone line is still hooked up! Jim called his business number and sure enough it rang!

After I posted a picture of me goofing around in the phone booth, the comments were quite clever. "Was that the phone booth from The old Jumbo Lounge ... or Khoury's?" And "Susquehanna 2222," a Three Stooges reference. "Did you see Clark Kent?" And this classic *Back To The Future* inspired re-

mark: "Where is that? I need to call Marty McFly!"

Phone booths like this used to be everywhere. Restaurants, bars, stores, street corners, and any place where people were. I bet you're thinking of one that you remember ... maybe Woolworths? That emergency dime (later a quarter) that we kept in our pocket or shoe was to call home if you were going to be late after a night out at Khoury's or The Jumbo, or some other place you weren't supposed to be.

When we were growing up in good old Somerville decades ago, phone booths and pay phones were our only connection to our parents, friends and pretty much the whole world before the cell phone took over our lives.

Well into the 1990's, if you made a call from the pay phone at Redbones's BBQ in Davis Square, the caller ID read "The Coronet." The Coronet was the bar/lounge's name before it became Barnaby's and finally Redbones.

Massachusetts increased pay phones from a dime to a quarter in 1997. Since then, phone booths and pay phones have be-



come a dying breed. A neat relic for sure.

I had fun in that phone booth at the piano store. It's always nice to see a genuine piece of our past. Seems like it was just yes-

terday that I may have phoned home to fib to my dad that we got a flat tire leaving Friendly's and I'd hopefully be home in time to watch Johnny Carson's monologue with him.

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City Council supports Tufts workers



At the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council on February 28, the Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution supporting Tufts University dining hall workers in their fight for their first union contract. The workers say they are seeking the same affordable healthcare and wage standard as dining hall workers at Harvard, Northeastern, Simmons and other Boston universities where food service workers have joined Local 26 over the past decade.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

She wanted to give it back to the lady

A Somerville Police officer was dispatched to Robbins Smoke Shop in Davis Square, on reports of a larceny.

Upon arrival, the officer met with the reporting party, who said that approximately ten minutes earlier a woman inside the CVS dropped a credit card belonging to her boyfriend on the ground after making a purchase, and left the store without realizing she had dropped it.

A few minutes later, she realized she did not have the credit card and went back to CVS to look for it. While looking for the credit card, the woman's boyfriend notified her that the credit card was just used at Robbins Smoke Shop for a purchase totaling \$63.43.

The boyfriend then called Somerville Police to report it. When the officer arrived on the

scene, the store clerk was reviewing video footage of the event. As they watched the video, the officer recognized one of the females as Danielle Walsh, who is reportedly known to police due to numerous past incidents. Another female that was with Walsh was later identified as Cheryl MacMillan.

The surveillance video reportedly showed that Walsh and MacMillan walked into the store together, conversed, then Walsh pulled out what appeared to be a credit card. She then handed it to the cashier who processed the purchase and then handed the card back to Walsh, who put the card back into her purse while MacMillan signed the purchase receipt. Both Walsh and MacMillan then exited the store together.

After viewing the footage, the clerk said that she believed the

two women were still in the area.

As the officer walked out of the store he immediately recognized two women who were standing in front of BFresh to be Walsh and MacMillan.

The officer approached MacMillan and Walsh and asked them both if they were just in CVS and the Smoke Shop, and they both stated that they were. The officer then asked Walsh if she made a purchase at the Smoke Shop and she stated that she purchased cigarettes. He then placed Walsh in handcuffs as backup arrived on scene.

After reading both women their Miranda rights, Walsh was asked if she used a credit card that did not belong to her to purchase those cigarettes and she reportedly replied no.

According to reports, both MacMillan and Walsh vehemently denied that they purchased the cigarettes with a credit card that did not belong to them.

MacMillan reportedly stated that she used her credit card, a Santander Mastercard, that she had her in hand. The officer then informed MacMillan and Walsh about the security video and what it showed. Walsh kept saying, "Bring me back to the store, the guy will tell you I did not do it."

The officer then told Walsh that the store clerk confirmed what he had seen on the video and that she had handed him the card and that MacMillan had signed the purchase receipt. The store clerk reportedly knows both Walsh and MacMillan as they are both "regulars."

MacMillan then stated, "I saw the credit card on the ground, I

picked it up and said to Danielle, 'Hey look what I found!'"

MacMillan then claimed that Walsh "snatched" the credit card from her and said they should go to the smoke shop. Once at the smoke shop and after making the purchase, Walsh told MacMillan to sign the receipt, which MacMillan reportedly did.

The officer then asked them where the card was and Walsh reportedly replied, "I left it on the ATM in BFresh." Police retrieved the credit card from the ATM and returned it to its owner.

MacMillan reportedly stated she wanted to "give the card to the lady" but that Walsh would not let her.

MacMillan and Walsh were placed under arrest on charges of identity fraud, receiving a lost credit card, and larceny under \$1200.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Stephanie Delgado, of 11 Barrett Way, Onset, February 25, 11:16 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy and larceny under \$1200.

Eddie Ware, of 38 Marlene Ave., Brockton, February 25, 11:16 a.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on charges of conspiracy, trespassing, and larceny under \$1200.

Lenne Quintero-Flores, of 11 Lauren St., Malden, February 25, 1:11 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on charges of possession of a class E drug, shoplifting by asportation, possession of a class A drug, and removal of theft prevention device.

Dannielle Walsh, of 55 Ossipee Rd., Apt. 1, February 26, 6:48 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on charges of identity fraud,

receiving a lost credit card, and larceny under \$1200.

Cheryl MacMillan, of 13 Greene St., February 26, 6:48 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on charges of identity fraud, receiving a lost credit card, and larceny under \$1200.

Emily Reinauer, of 358 Broadway, February 28, 11:34 p.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of operation of a motor

vehicle under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of property damage.

Daphne Ndichu, of 270 Washington St., March 3, 12:30 a.m., arrested at home on charges of trespassing and assault and battery on a police officer.

Taris Wilson, of 93 Camden St., Boston, March 3, 3:30 p.m.,

arrested at Assembly Row on charges of trespassing, resisting arrest, and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Jose Perez, of 572 Chestnut St., Lynn, March 3, 7:53 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of assault and battery, disturbing the peace, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and refusal to provide DNA database sample.

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Somerville's continued use of eminent domain

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may only exercise this power if they provide just compensation to the property owners.

Lawyers for the current owners of 90 Washington St. contend the parcel is worth well over \$8.7M and that any litigation impeding the sale or development of the land has been resolved. They want the "opportunity to sell the property" on the open market to see what the market will bear. According to Neidergang the city is well within its rights via eminent domain to take the property, but he agrees the parcel is worth more. "Personally, I be-

lieve he's right. It is worth more than \$8.7M and I think they'll get it in court after the fact."

This is not the first time Somerville has used its power to take private property. In 2013, several properties in Union Square were taken by eminent domain via the Union Square Revitalization Plan. The city paid \$4.5M and took the so-called North Prospect Block (consisting of 21 properties) in Union Square to make way for the MBTA Green Line. Many of those lawsuits are still lingering in the courts.

The parcel at 90 Washington

St. will be used to relocate the Somerville Police Department and Somerville Fire Department's Engine 3. The SPD moved into its current location at 220 Washington St. in Union Square back in 1985 and Somerville's mayor has been vocal about relocating the Police Department from the heart of Union Square to a more strategic spot. "We have long recognized that the current Public Safety Building does not adequately serve the needs of our police and fire departments," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said in a recent interview.



The city will float low interest rate bonds to raise the \$8.7M. On Thursday, March 7, at 7:00

p.m. the Somerville Redevelopment Authority will officially vote on the matter.

How solid is your family caregiver emergency planning?

By Angela Clary

Caregivers lead busy lives. It's often a challenge just to keep up with day-to-day obligations. But family caregiver emergency planning is important, and something that should always be kept up-to-date.

Emergencies happen, and a crisis is not the best time to figure things out. A good emergency plan can save time and worry, and help ensure everyone stays safe.

One of my colleagues recently saw this lesson underscored firsthand. She's a social worker, who was working with a family caregiver to develop a comprehensive safety plan. The caregiver's mother is an older adult, who could not navigate the stairs on her own. The family was concerned about fire safety, but they were not sure how to approach the problem.

My colleague contacted the local fire department for advice, and they agreed to come to the home to help. Together, the firefighter, my colleague, and the family came up with a plan. If there was a fire, the mother would make her way to a second floor balcony, and the family and

firefighters would know to look for her there.

That is just one example. Each case is unique. That is why it is important to have your own caregiver emergency plan up to speed. Here are a few tips to help get you started:

Plan together

If you do not have an emergency plan, now is a good time to create one. Start by identifying the most likely safety concerns in the household and develop a response plan together. Fire, medical, and weather emergencies are common concerns—you may have more. The key is identifying potential problems ahead of time and having a plan that ensures everyone's needs are met. It's important to be on the same page. And be sure to update the plan as things change.

Evacuation readiness

Having a plan to get everyone out of the house quickly is crucial. Map the escape routes, with an eye toward identifying potential problems and designate a meet-up point outside.

Have a backup plan

A caregiver being out of commission for any amount of time is often an emergency, so

it's best to have a backup plan. Caregivers often assume family or friends will step up, but that can backfire and leave everyone scrambling. The emergency plan should include backup for the caregiver, if possible.

Access Resources

Caregiver resources vary by circumstance and location, so it is helpful to get expert perspectives. Elder service agencies often provide caregiver resources. One example is Adult Foster Care, a MassHealth funded program that provides compensation, training, and a home safety evaluation for family caregivers. Your local agency should know of other programs and resources as well.

I'll close with one last bit of advice: having been a social worker for some time, I have noticed that people often do not want to think about the worst case scenario, and often vaguely hope that things will just work out. It is understandable, but I would advise any caregiver that committing to an emergency planning process is a relatively easy way to help ensure health and safety. And isn't that what it's all about?

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

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In times of war and conflict, "Bring us your women" is uttered to establish dominance, instill fear, and subjugate. But underneath is a recognition of women's strength and essential role in society, whether a neighborhood or a nation. *Bring Us Your Women* echoes that recognition and expresses reclamation at a time when women around the world are reclaiming their power.

"By revisiting the journey of these ancient female figures in a fusion of artistic devices, this show allows us to rediscover part of our universality, sovereignty, and influence in the present world," said Christina Goh, a BUYW organizer and performer.

For this third rendering, Capozzi and the BUYW collective are expanding collaborations and actively engaging the community. New sponsorship opportunities give local businesses and individuals access to VIP seating, exposure, and other perks in exchange for helping to offset artist travel and

production costs. Local organizations are granting funds for lighting and sound expenses.

The Somerville Theatre is running the event trailer before current movie screenings and is developing a relationship with organizers for potential future performances. "We are thrilled to be able to host a locally produced show with a worldly mindset – the showbiz equivalent of think globally and act locally," said Ian Judge, director of operations for the theater. All are welcome to do the same by attending.

Bring Us Your Women: An Arts Odyssey is backed in part by grants from the Passim Iguana Music Fund and the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Some material may not be suitable for children under 17.

March 8, doors at 7:30 p.m., show time: 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (plus \$1 restoration fee) at Somerville Theatre box office or online (other fees apply).



Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on the only roll call from the week of February 25-March 1. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

\$135 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 3505)

House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$135 million supplemental budget to cover expenses and to fund various state programs and agencies that are running out of money. The package is some \$30 million less than the one proposed by Gov. Charlie Baker in early February.

Provisions include \$30 million in funding for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program to help low-income elders, working families and other households pay a portion of winter heating bills; \$10 million for emergency shelter assistance for families; \$8 million for the collection and testing of sexual assault evidence kits; and \$1.4 million for an independent statewide examination of the safety of the gas distribution infrastructure.

Other funding includes \$494,662 for the Sex Offender Registry; \$28 million for the Department of Corrections; and creation of the Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Program to enhance the education, training, employment of veterans currently working or aspiring to work in the field of agriculture.

Supporters said the package is a reasonable and fiscally responsible one. "It will tackle immediate needs, including \$30 million going to the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance }Program ensuring that no family in the commonwealth will be forced to put off paying heating bills," tweeted newly-minted House Ways and Means chair Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston).

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$135 million budget.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER OPPOSES SAFE DRUG INJECTION SITES - Gov. Charlie Baker rejected an idea recommended by his recently-created Harm Reduction Commission that Massachusetts should consider creating a pilot program for a safe drug injection site as another tool to prevent opioid overdose deaths. The site would be a medically supervised facility designed to provide a clean and safe environment in which users are able to take illegal recreational drugs intravenously. The facility would provide sterile injection equipment, information and counseling about drugs and treatment referrals.

The governor was responding to U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling's statement that he would prosecute any supervised drug facility. "The U.S. attorney here has made absolutely crystal clear that he will prosecute anyone who tries to open up a safe injection site in Massachusetts," Baker said. "They're illegal under federal law. I'm not going to stand around and wait for something that can't happen. I would rather focus on the stuff that can."

The governor's position is in direct conflict with the recommendations of the commission led by his Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders and its other members. Sudders has acknowledged that the

pilot program would be a "hard sell" because of the legal issues. "I personally believe this is such a crisis and such an emergency that we need to do everything we can to keep people safe," said commission member Sen. Cindy Friedman.

TREASURER GOLDBERG UNVEILS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LIST - State Treasurer Deb Goldberg unveiled the latest list of unclaimed property owners. More than 45,000 new properties were added to the current list of properties owed individuals and businesses across the state. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, the state processed over 123,000 claims and returned more than \$125 million in property to its owners.

Unclaimed property includes abandoned savings, money market and checking accounts, uncashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. "We currently hold over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property at Treasury and it could be yours," said Goldberg. "One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money."

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Goldberg urged all citizens to check the list at www.findmass-money.com or call 888-344-MASS (6277).

TRY, TRY AGAIN – Many bills that were defeated or died in committee last year have been refiled for consideration in the 2019-2020 session. Here are some of them:

MUST REGISTER BIKES WITH REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES - Requires anyone age 21 and older to register his or her bicycle biannually with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The state would establish a fee and issue a license plate that the bicyclist would be required to attach to his or her bike.

Supporters say this would give drivers and pedestrians a way to identify and report a bicyclist who is breaking traffic rules. They note that it will also ensure that bicyclists, by paying fines, will help pay for the maintenance of bike lanes.

WEAR REFLECTIVE MATERIAL - Requires anyone walking outdoors in an unilluminated area after dusk to wear reflective material or carry a luminescent device like a flashlight, lantern or the flashlight application on a cell phone in order to help prevent accidents.

ORGAN DONORS – Automatically enrolls in the state's organ donor program anyone who applies for or renews a driver's license. The person could opt out of the program by signing a written notice. Current law only enrolls people who voluntarily sign up for the program when applying for or renewing their driver's license.

REQUIRE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO FROM ALL DRIVERS - Requires licensed drivers over age 21 to provide the Registry of Motor Vehicles with the name and contact information of a person to be contacted in an emergency. Drivers under 21 would be required to provide the same information about their next of kin. The information would be stored and first responders could access it by scanning a barcode on the back of the victim's license.

Supporters cite the case of 20-year-old Joshua Cloutier

who was in a car accident in 2003 but since he was over 18, medical officials were not required to contact his parents. He spent three hours alone in the emergency room before his parents were told by the parents of another passenger in the car that Joshua had been in an accident.

Sharon Cloutier, Joshua's mother, is leading the movement to get this bill signed into law. She has filed it for several years but it has never been approved.

ALLOW BUSINESSES TO OPT INTO "DO NOT CALL" LIST – Restricts telemarketing companies doing business in the state by allowing businesses to sign up for a "do not call" list and fining companies up to \$5,000 if they call a business on the list. Current law only allows individual consumers to sign up for the list.

Under the bill, all current laws that now apply to individuals would also apply to businesses including allowing an individual on the list to sue a company for up to \$5,000 if the company violates the law and calls the individual more than once a year; preventing companies from blocking their number from appearing on any business' Caller ID; prohibiting companies from using recorded message devices to make these calls; and restricting these calls to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Supporters said this long overdue bill will finally allow businesses to put a stop to these annoying invasions. They argued the system has worked well for consumers and will be a success for businesses.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – *Special 2018 Ballot Question Edition*

The committees supporting and opposing the three ballot questions on the November 2018 ballot spent the second highest total of money ever on ballot questions: a cool \$42.6 million to influence voters.

QUESTION 1 (Defeated 1,858,483 to 787,511) - Limits how many patients can be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals.

\$12 million — *The amount spent by the "Committee to Ensure Safe Patient Care" (Supported the question)*

\$24.7 million — *The amount spent by the "Coalition to Protect Patient Safety" (Opposed the question)*

QUESTION 2 (Approved 1,871,989 to 751,447) - Creates a citizens' commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the U.S. Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same constitutional rights as human beings and that corporations' campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated

\$213,932 — *The amount spent by "People Govern, Not Money" (Supported the question)*

\$0 — *The amount spent by the "No on Two for Freedom of Speech" (Opposed the question)*

QUESTION 3: REPEAL TRANSGENDER RIGHTS (1,806,742 to 857,401) - Repeals the current law that prohibits discrimination against transgender people in public accommodations by adding "gender identity" to existing Massachusetts law which already prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status.

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Working together for change in 2019



By State Rep.
Christine P. Barber

With so much divisiveness throughout the country, coupled with hateful rhetoric and ill-conceived policies from the Trump Administration, right now it can feel like fear and despair are everywhere.

The silver lining of these challenges is the renewed interest in local politics and activism to support our communities. As a state legislator, I look forward to continuing to partner with people in Somerville, Medford and other communities in Massachusetts to uphold our shared values and push back against the harmful Trump policies that divide us, rip apart our safety net and make so many people feel unsafe. As we begin the 2019-2020 state legislative session,

I am working to fight back against decisions being made in the White House and find opportunities to move forward and work together on issues at the state and local levels.

There are many ways that we can stand up for our communities' values right now. Here are a few things that we can work on together:

- Amid serious threats at the federal level on reproductive health and women's rights, I am pushing for policies to ensure women's choices are protected. I'm also advancing gender equity through a bill, inspired by local teens, to provide free menstrual products in schools, homeless shelters and prisons in Massachusetts. As a Board member of the Massachusetts Women's Caucus, I am partnering with women around the Commonwealth on proposals including addressing sexual assault and maternal health.
- Massachusetts has historically been a leader in health care, but there is more to do to improve access and reduce costs so everyone can get the care they need. I am leading on reforms with consumer advocacy groups

to ensure better prescription drug affordability and access; and making sure families can find the right provider for them, particularly for mental health care for children. As a member of the Health Care Financing and Financial Services Committees, I am prioritizing equitable health care, and ensuring that health insurance is fair and attainable for all.

- I'm working to make sure that no one is targeted because of who they are, and that our state remains welcoming to all by supporting policies that create safe spaces for immigrants. I filed a bill, in partnership with groups including The Welcome Project, to improve safety for all by allowing driver's license to be issued to all trained and insured drivers, regardless of immigration status. A person's ability to get a driver's license should be separate from federal immigration policy. Denying access to drivers' licenses limits people's ability to meet their basic needs, and puts immigrants who drive without a license at risk of detention and deportation every time they drive their children to school or the doctor.

- As a member of the Housing Committee, I am continuing to work with local and state affordable housing organizations to address our state's housing crisis. I filed bills to incentivize all regions of the state to do their part in building affordable housing for families, and to increase options for people with disabilities and seniors. In my work on the Ways and Means Committee, I am prioritizing greater state funds for housing subsidies and supports for homeless families and individuals.
- I am working to ensure that Massachusetts continues to lead on climate change – by reducing costly and dangerous gas leaks in our communities, and pushing for greater renewable energy at the state level. Working with local groups like Mothers Out Front, I sponsored a bill to require utilities to quickly repair gas leaks, which emit large amounts of greenhouse gases, and preventing them from passing the cost of leaks to ratepayers. I'm also working on an effort to phase all buses and large transportation fleets to zero emission vehicles.

I am proud to be working col-

laboratively with people from Somerville and Medford on each of these issues. It is important to remember that this work is only possible because of the thoughtful ideas, hard work, and activism of many people in my district. I look forward to staying engaged with you, and encourage you to reach out with ideas, questions, and comments.

Though we face many challenges in these uncertain times, we also have new opportunities to work together and move our values forward to create real change in our Commonwealth. Somerville and Medford are vibrant communities filled with active, engaged residents, and we can be the example for others. By working together, we can advance the values of our communities and ensure that basic rights and protections like health care, safety, clean air and housing, are available to all.

Christine P. Barber is a State Representative for the 34th Middlesex District, which includes neighborhoods in Somerville and Medford. Stay in touch with Christine on Facebook and Twitter, and sign up for her newsletter.

GLX community meeting to discuss Washington St. bridge closure, March 13

Please join Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott, Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, City of Somerville staff, and representatives from the GLX team for a community meeting on Wednesday, March 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Washington St. bridge closure and detour routes. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.

Starting in April 2019, GLX Constructors will begin reconstructing the Washington St. bridge in East Somerville, between Union Square and Inner Belt. The underpass below the bridge will close to all traffic, and detours will be in place for cars, bikes, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 86, 91, and CT2. This bridge and the underpass will close for two different intervals: first, from April 2019 through the fall of 2019, then again from the spring of 2020 through the fall of 2020.

Additional temporary bridge closures are planned elsewhere in Somerville throughout 2019 and 2020. The first to close will be the Broadway bridge, between Ball Square and Magoun Square, beginning March 22, 2019, for a full year. The City held two public meetings about the Broadway bridge closure in the fall of 2018; this meeting will therefore focus primarily on upcoming construction and mitigation efforts in East Somerville.

For more information, including detour maps, please visit www.somervillema.gov/glx or www.mass.gov/glx.



Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



\$5.1 million — Amount spent by “Freedom for All Massachusetts Committee: (Supported the current law)

\$462,389 — Amount spent by “Keep Massachusetts Safe Committee” (Opposed the current law)

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 im-

portant 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 18-22, the House met for a total of four hours and 50 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 16 minutes.

Mon. February 25 House 10:59 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

	Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. February 26	No House session No Senate session
Wed. February 27	House 11:04 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. February 28	House 1:00 p.m. to 1:03 p.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 1:24 p.m.
Fri. March 1	No House session No Senate session
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com	

Digging out of the white stuff once again

While predictions of a big snow storm for last weekend targeted Friday into Saturday at first, it was Sunday into Monday that saw the most snowfall. Families and business owners took to their shovels and snowplows once again in hopes that this would be the last big one of the season.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



OBITUARY

Lorraine R. Burlamachi



Lorraine Ruth Burlamachi, age 92, and lifelong resident of Somerville passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Sancta Maria Nursing Facility in Cambridge. She was affectionately known as “Nannie” to all.

Born in Somerville on June 20, 1926 the daughter of the late Peter D. and Mary C. (Razaboni) Burlamachi. She was raised and educated in Somerville graduating from Somerville High School.

Lorraine purchased a summer cottage in Nutting Lake in Billerica in the late 1950’s and enjoyed many happy and fun filled days with family and close friends.

Upon the passing of her father in 1970 she devoted the next 20 years to taking care of her mom, her love and care never went unnoticed. Family was the center of her life, she cherished her brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and great-great nieces and neph-

ews. She especially adored her nephew Stephen Burlamachi, great-grandnephew Brad and great-niece Bailey Burlamachi who brought joy to her world on a daily basis, they in turn cared for during her later years.

Lorraine worked for many years as a Dietary Aide for Somerville Hospital before retiring. She resided at the Burton F. Faulkner Apartments in Somerville for over 20 years where she made many friends.

Her family will miss her smile, generosity and most of all her caring presence. She was well loved by all who knew her.

She is predeceased by her sisters Dorothy Phillips, Barbara Hutchinson and brothers Leonard Burlamachi and Donald Burlamachi, her nephews Charles Phillips, Richard Milligan and Leonard Burlamachi and niece Robin Milligan

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Lorraine on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Concord Funeral Home, 74 Belknap St., Concord. Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 9th at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Fox Hill Cemetery, Billerica.

Arrangements are under the care of Glenn D. Burlamachi, Concord Funeral Home, A Life Celebration Home, Concord. To share a memory or offer a condolence visit: www.concord-funeral.com.

Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Celeste

Located in Union Square, this 600 sq. ft., 24 seat Peruvian restaurant, has certainly made a name for itself. Since its opening, spring of 2018, it’s been featured in *The Boston Globe*, *Boston Magazine*, *Eater Boston*, *Improper Bostonian*, and listed in *Esquire* as a top 20 best new restaurants in America.

Upon entering the restaurant, the bar and kitchen are front and center, and seating is located to the left and right of the entrance. It’s small, open, bright, and yet, intimate, but very trendy. The staff is friendly and accommodating, and offer fantastic knowledge and service.

The main ingredients of Peru are corn, potatoes, and the aji chili pepper. There are also Spanish and Asian influences which are reflected on the menu. For instance, the spicy potato, avocado and tomato terrine, called causa, it’s layered, served cold, and is topped with multiple spicy sauces including a sauce made with the aji chili pepper, similar to patatas

bravas from Spain.

The Asian influences come from China, and Japan. In the dish lomo saltado, strip steak stir fried with onions and tomatoes and soy sauce, influenced by Cantonese flavors and is also referred to as Chifa Cuisine, a fusion of Chinese and Peruvian flavors.

Other dishes offered are ceviche with blue cod and other seafood, and stews, like potatoes and pork, carapulcra. More traditional dishes like chicken and rice, arroz con pollo, and steamed fish, sudado de pescado, are also offered.

Check out the list of beverages to accompany your dinner with, local craft beers along with wines from various regions and specialty cocktails. It should also be noted that Celeste is a semi-finalist for best new restaurant by the James Beard Foundation.

Make sure you call well in advance for reservations.

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Will Somerville have a new school?



By Laura Pitone
Somerville School Committee
Representative, Ward 5

This is the question the Somerville School Committee has been considering and is scheduled to vote on Monday March 18th (re-scheduled from March 4th due to snow day): Will the Somerville Public Schools (SPS) adopt the proposed Powderhouse Studios as an in-district Innovation School? An Innovation School is a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) designation that allows for the creation of in-district public schools (different from a Charter School) that employ creative approaches and differing practices from district or DESE mandates. This January the School Committee (SC) initiated the last component of the DESE defined authorization process for the proposed school under development since 2014. The SC is very interested in community opinion on this decision, and here I share my best understanding of the opportunity, as well as what I will be considering as a Somerville SC Member when I make my vote on March 18th.

For those not familiar with the proposed Innovation School for SPS, below is a brief overview:

- Powderhouse Studios is a proposed Innovation School that is being considered by the SC. The proposed school was initiated by an outside non-profit ("the Applicant") over five years ago. SPS had representation on the Innovation Committee that developed the initial plan, facilitated the process for the Somerville Teachers Union to consider the plan, and is col-

laborating with the Applicant more significantly since early January to support the further development of the proposal for SC consideration.

- The proposed school is designed to serve up to 160 students, 13 years old - high school, after a four-year ramp-up period. It would provide an alternative to attending grades 7-12 in our current public schools. Some of the differing elements include: a later start time, a longer school day, a year-round calendar, significant real-world projects (versus traditional subjects), and non-standard budgeting, curriculum, and staffing.

- The plan has the proposed school located in the former Powderhouse School site as one of several tenants in a mixed-use development project. It is not planned to be housed in a City owned facility, therefore the draft financial model includes rent and build-out expenses.

- A \$10 M grant was awarded by XQ to the Applicant, not to SPS or the City of Somerville. How the Grant money can be utilized is still under discussion between the Applicant, the SPS and the Grantor. The full \$10 M cannot be allocated to offset district expenses. Nearly \$1 M of the Grant money has been spent by the Applicant since awarded by XQ two years ago.

- Since early January, the School Committee has hosted a public process to consider the proposed school, which has included: two Public Hearings, fourteen SC Office Hour sessions, the receipt of many emails, and presentations/discussion in all January and February SC Regular Meetings with the opportunity for Public Comment at the beginning of those meetings. The last opportunity for Public Comment on the proposed school is March 18th, 7 pm, at Somerville City Hall.

The adoption of the proposed school is not a "done deal" as several people have assumed. There is a vote scheduled by the SC on March 18th on whether or not to adopt the proposed school.

If you want to learn more, visit the SPS web page which details the process and has links to a great deal of information on the proposed school: <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/district-leadership/somerville-school-committee/powderhouse-studios-proposal>

During Office Hours over the last weeks, in emails and at the two Public Hearings, I have heard from those excited by the proposed school and creative model, those who expressed a strong belief in the Applicant and those considering the proposed school for their children, if it is adopted. I have heard from constituents who are questioning how the adoption would impact the rest of the district (financially and initiative wise) and if adoption will address the SPS goals and challenges, specifically the achievement gap. Although discussed, these questions have not been answered. The financial plan has not been finalized and there is less than one week until the scheduled SC vote.

The draft financial plan includes, over the next five years, a \$10.7 M investment by the Somerville Public Schools and an additional \$1.4 M investment by the City of Somerville. The School District investment is based on average per pupil spending. In short, this money would be spent by the district if the proposed school is adopted or not, however if the school is adopted the funds would be shifted from other schools and initiatives to the proposed school. The financial plan assumes full enrollment to cover significant fixed costs which may not be realistic in an urban district with demonstrated high annual student mobility. If the school is not fully enrolled, the planned average per pupil allocation from the district would be reduced (by average per pupil spending of students not enrolled) and the school would not have expected money to cover the expenses outlined in the financial plan which is not accounted for. Additionally, the

draft financial plan assumes a reimbursement of \$900 K over five years from the Grant for district staff time to support the proposed school design and launch, which has not been agreed upon to date by the Grantor. If not covered by the Grant or the allocated average per pupil spending, SPS would assume that additional expense from the district budget.

I cannot speak for my colleagues, but I plan on making my final decision when the SC completes deliberation on March 18th considering thoughts from my SC colleagues and the recommendation from Superintendent Skipper. I can share the four primary considerations I will base my decision on: the educational design of the school, the viability of the plan (including the financials), the potential impact to the district, and how adoption will support SPS goals and priorities. The impact to the district includes the potential to explore innovative ideas that can be adopted in the district based on the experience with the proposed school. It also considers how a diversion of both funds and resources from other schools, initiatives or opportunities due to the investment in the proposed school will impact our district.

The proposed school is exciting, complex and a radical change from a traditional school. The number of unknowns, outstanding questions and concerns is large. Less than one week before the SC vote, the financial model is a draft which has yet to demonstrate that the proposed school is fiscally responsible or predict the likely impact to the district. Additionally, based on the complexity of the proposed school, I am concerned the amount of work necessary to realize the vision will distract from current district-wide innovation efforts and goal achievement. I look forward to exploring these concerns and questions further over the days to inform my analysis and decision, in the context of serving the best interests all students in the

Somerville Public Schools.

The SPS staff have invested a great deal in refining the plan for the proposed school throughout this community process. I am impressed by the efforts of my SC colleagues, with their various skills and experience in education and business, to understand and give sincere consideration to the proposed school as well as request and review input from the community. I extend my thanks to the Somerville community, SPS staff, my colleagues and the Applicant for their efforts.

If you have an opinion about whether or not Somerville Public Schools should adopt the proposed school, Powderhouse Studios, or questions, please contact the Somerville School Committee (email or phone can be found on the SPS website) or join the School Committee at City Hall for Public Comment at 7 pm on Monday March 18th.

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Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Taking a closer look at notable city data—and interesting numbers.

2/3 renters: About 2/3 of Somerville residents rent. Put another way, more than 50,000 of our roughly 80,000 residents are renters. Housing is one of the biggest issues in both Somerville and the Boston region, and looking at ways to alleviate the housing crisis means we need to know our population. Some policies

affect homeowners and renters differently, so it's important to keep both perspectives in mind. A recent example of this is proposed changes to the City's condo conversion ordinance. Condos can be the affordable option for people entering homeownership and, for some people, condos are their preferred choice, so we don't want to completely end condo conversions. At the same time, condo conversions remove rental units from Somerville's housing stock and often displace renters. When we look at these issues, we have to keep in mind the needs of all of our residents and try to balance them.

3,536 affordable units: Somerville has 3,536 affordable housing units, which is about 10% of our total housing stock. Since 2011, we've gained 387 new affordable units and

we plan to add another 51 by the end of 2019, but we want that number to keep growing. Through SomerVision, the community set a goal of 1,200 new permanently affordable units by 2030 (that's 20% of the overall housing goal of 6,000 new units). As we start to reexamine the original SomerVision goals as part of SomerVision 2040 those numbers might change to reflect current and predicted need.

1 or 2 people: According to the latest American Fact Finder data, nearly 70% of Somerville households are made up of one or two people. In fact, looking back on data since 2009 that percentage has been between 60% and 70%. That's good information to have when considering what kind of housing we want to push for, but we also need to think critically about it. There is

certainly a demand for one- and two-bedroom units, but some of those households will grow over time. That's why it's important to push for and encourage the development of larger units so that people have housing choices that still meet their needs after moving in with a partner, having children, or expanding their family in other ways.

35,000 residential parking permits: We look at parking permit data during a fiscal year time period (the fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30), so we don't have this year's data yet, but the trend has been a decreasing number of permits issued. In FY2018, Traffic and Parking issued just over 35,000 residential parking permits compared to about 37,000 in FY2017 and a little more than 40,000 in FY2016. Transportation and housing are linked in several

ways. If, for example, you can get where you need to go without a car, that can mean a lower overall cost of living. If fewer residents are relying on cars to get around, we know we need to continue to advocate for reliable public transportation options as well as more housing near T stations and along bus routes.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at www.somerville-ma.gov/datafarm.

DavisNow getting it done – will Union Square get 'Amazoned'



By Jack Connolly

In the last few weeks, a handful of motivated concerned citizens got together, planned and held a meeting, with city engineers and elected officials agreeing to fix everything that was detailed in a powerful PowerPoint display of and what's been termed the "disinvestment of Davis Square."

Over 80 concerned citizens, including both new and long-term residents of the Davis Sq. area, business owners, and employees of local shops, all showed up on February 13 to see and hear local resident Chris Iwerks of the DavisNow citizens' action group, detail the disinvestment of infrastructure in Davis Square. In less than 15 minutes, Iwerks chronicled the loose bricks, bent sign poles, damaged and dangerous crosswalks, illegal signage, and poorly maintained Seven Hills Park (next to the Somerville Theatre).

City engineers, OSPCD Executive Director George Proakis,

and elected officials Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis and Councilors At-Large Bill White and Stephanie Hirsch couldn't thank the DavisNow activists' and local citizens enough (for doing the work of the city) and pledged to correct these Davis Sq. deficiencies and disinvestments in rapid-fire fashion, and promised to dedicate new city budget funds for ongoing maintenance in Davis Sq.

Isn't it funny that in just a few months, "participatory democracy" worked. Nobody had to put themselves up for election to a be part of a "representative government" neighborhood council, meet detailed requirements to get voted in, or do anything but show up and be heard.

Conversely let's take a look at Union Square, where the Green Line T station is planned to open in 2021. The Master developer, hand-picked by the City of Somerville, US2 (Union Square Station Associates) has been in town for almost 5 years, and already spent millions to re-develop upstart Union Sq.

City zoning for the re-development in Union Square is done, yet there are still unresolved problems. When will the D2 Block be transferred to the master developer US2, so that a possible life sciences office building and a 400-unit apartment complex with 20% afford-

able units be built?

The "representative government" group called Union Square Neighborhood Council has been slogging away, and after an impressive initial show up of 700 people to elect 15 neighborhood representatives to negotiate community benefits with US2, just had another election, and just 15 people showed up to run for the 15 neighborhood Council seats, and a grand total of 70 people showed up to elect them. What happened?

Certainly, the master developer US2 must be frustrated with the lack of progress, considering they've spent millions in almost 5 years, with barely any noticeable results. Anybody see the amount of construction going on in Boston, and how about in nearby Cambridge, where Google is building an addition to their complex in Kendall?

There's 50 million reasons why development activity in Union Square must stop moving at glacial speed in order to take advantage of the soon to be constructed Green Line T station in Union Square. This City of Somerville is on the hook for that \$50 million for the Union Sq. T station and additional T stops to be constructed in Somerville.

The Neighborhood Council in Union Square is supposed to negotiate community benefits with

the master developer, but what happens when the mayor and the city council have issues with those negotiated benefits? Who is going to make the final call, without ticking one another off?

Must be difficult for the master developer US2 to talk to interested companies in locating their businesses near the Green Line T stop, with all kinds of hip and happening shops and neighborhoods nearby, yet no definitive space to offer for a buy or lease agreement as yet.

Take a look at what is happening in the state of New York right now, with everybody – including the Governor – begging Amazon to come back to NY, after their abrupt decision NOT to locate in Queens New York after a long nationwide search. And now about 27,000 jobs and commercial taxes are likely heading elsewhere, while Gov. Cuomo and other politicians grovel to get Amazon back.

A lot of people around Somerville and Greater Boston are very curious to see what the city is going to do to pick up the pace in Union Square to get it ready for the benefits of a T stop.

It looks like the Davisnow.org group, much like its predecessor, the Davis Sq Task Force, is up and running, engaging anyone interested in showing up and sharing ideas, and making rapid progress undoing the Davis Sq.

disinvestment.

Certainly, it appears that Union Square neighbors and businesses are frustrated with the lack of progress in Union Square, especially now that major traffic headaches are affecting anyone traveling on Somerville Avenue, and/or Washington St. for months to come.

Looks like it is time for the mayor and his talented team of planners and economic development people to pick up the pace, together with not just neighborhood council folks and US2, but from any interested citizens in the Union Square neighborhood.

As Governor Cuomo in New York has said, "In order to be progressive, you must achieve progress." Let's not get 'Amazoned' in Union Square.

Born, raised, and lifetime resident of Somerville. St. Clement High School graduate; BA (Cum Laude) and M. Ed from Boston College; Attended Tufts Univ. and Harvard Univ. JFK School of Government; Licensed Insurance Broker and award-winning Small Business Owner (WCC Insurance Agency Inc.) 19 College Ave. Davis Sq. Somerville MA since 1996. Ward Six Alderman eleven terms 1984-2005, Alderman At-Large; 1 special election and five terms 2007-2017, and the distinction of being the longest serving Alderman in Somerville History.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



What's happened to Davis Square?

Our View Of The Times



Let's face it. When so many people start complaining and raising the alarms about how badly our beloved Davis Square is doing in terms of upkeep and infrastructure, we all need to wake up and pay attention.

While the city has invested heavily in the development and promotion of var-

ious areas such as Assembly Row and Union Square – and justifiably so – the very heart of the downtown community, Davis, has quietly been suffering a slow death of a thousand cuts.

Broken up walkways, damaged lamp posts, peeling paint, etc. It's enough to make a lifelong resident wonder how

things have gone so far.

It seems to be a matter of setting priorities and following through on plans and promises. Citizen action groups like DavisNow are to be commended for shedding light on the issues while urging city government to take notice and act accordingly.

Their efforts seem to be yielding fruit. City officials and staff have heard the message and have pledged to do more to restore the Square to its former glory.

As host to many traditional events, as well as casual days and exciting nights on the town, it deserves to shine like the jewel it truly is.

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on open space requirements for mid- and high-rise buildings, tree protection, the citywide zoning overhaul, and other zoning amendments, **Tuesday, March 12**, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall. See <https://www.somervillema.gov/events/2019/03/12/planning-board-and-city-councils-land-use-committee-joint-public-hearing>.

It appears as though **Ward 3 School Committee member Lee Erica Palmer** will not be running for another term next time around. She has reportedly sent an email out to that effect to several members of the community. No word yet on her reasons for this decision, although speculation among those who are paying attention runs wild. We wish Erica the best for the future and thank her for her service.

The annual **Somerville Maple Syrup Project** has returned for its 16th season. It began with a local maple tree tapping on January 27 on Tufts University's campus Somerville/Medford campus. The project will culminate in the **Maple Syrup Boil Down** on **March 16** at **Groundwork Somerville's urban farm** at 138 South Street, Somerville, MA. Each year over 1000 community members participates in the maple events. Go

to www.groundworksomerville.org for more info.

Join **Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone**, **Ward 1 City Councilor Matthew McLaughlin**, **Ward 2 City Councilor J.T. Scott**, **Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen**, **City of Somerville staff**, and **representatives from the GLX team** for a community meeting on **Wednesday, March 13**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to discuss the upcoming **Washington St. bridge closure and detour routes**. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the **East Somerville Community School**, 50 Cross St. Starting in April 2019, GLX Constructors will begin reconstructing the Washington St. bridge in East Somerville, between Union Square and Inner Belt. The underpass below the bridge will close to all traffic, and detours will be in place for cars, bikes, pedestrians, and MBTA bus routes 86, 91, and CT2. This bridge and the underpass will close for two different intervals: first, from April 2019 through the fall of 2019, then again from the spring of 2020 through the fall of 2020.

Explore food from around the world at the **10th Annual YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City** on **Thursday, April**

11, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. VIP reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. **Arts at the Armory**, 191 Highland Ave. The evening will include tastes from local immigrant-run restaurants, entertainment, raffles, a cash bar, and an awards presentation honoring the work of local community leaders, **Betty Francisco** and **Cecy del Carmen**. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/welcomeprojectSomerville>.

Somerville Rotary Club will be holding a **night of comedy and fun for charity**. You can help out by placing an ad or buying tickets. To place an ad, email it as a PDF or high-quality JPEG to **Patricia McGovern** at pmcgovern@ecsb.com. Ads must be submitted by **Friday, March 8**. For additional information about the event, please email **Gilda M. Nogueira** at gnogueira@ecsb.com. The event takes place **March 28** at 6:30 p.m. at **Giggles Comedy Club**, 517 Broadway, Saugus.

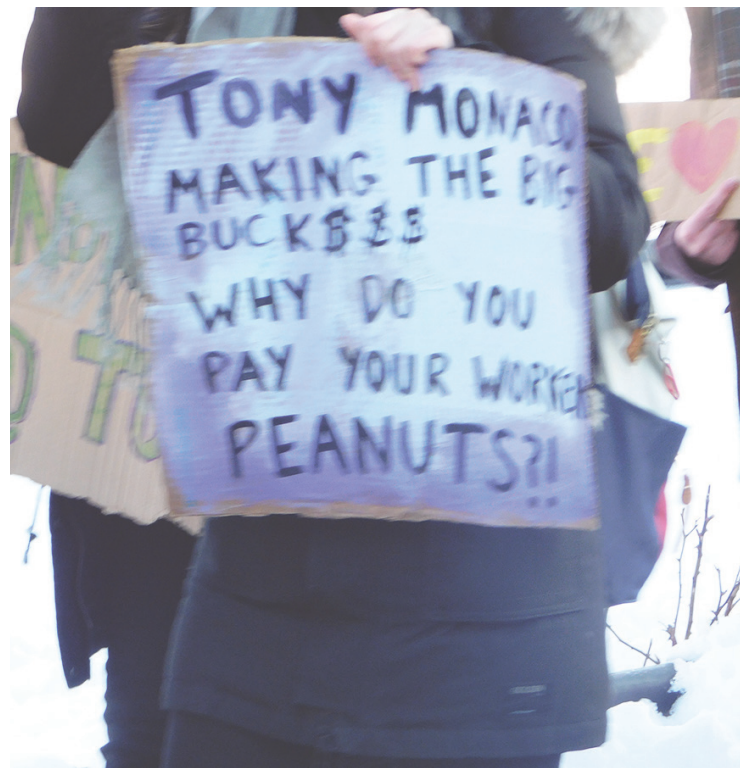
TEDxTufts is proud to present their 5th annual event, powered by the spread of ideas within and throughout the larger Tufts community. This year's theme is **Mosaic in Motion**, speakers each focus on a specialized topic, honing in on an individualized subject with passion and

intention. Yet altogether, the talks create a mosaic of the human experience: what it means to explore, understand, take action, and question further. **TEDxTufts 2019: Mosaics in Motion** will take place on **Sunday, March 10**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in **Cohen Auditorium on the Tufts University Campus**. Tickets are \$10. Find them on sale NOW at www.tedxtufts.com. Admission includes eight engaging speakers, free food from local restaurants, performances, and interactive experiential exhibits.

The 17th Annual Brian Higgins Foundation Trivia Night takes place **Thursday, March 21**, from 6:30-11:00 p.m. at the **Tufts University's Cousens Gym**. Join the fun and support a great cause. The Brian Higgins Foundation's goal is to help children with special needs and their families have a fun quality of life. Along with a fun and friendly trivia competition, the evening includes a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, numerous raffles to win, a light dinner and a cash bar. Donations are tax deductible. Enter a team for \$250, or purchase an individual ticket through PayPal and join an existing team. Learn more about this event and the Brian Higgins Foundation at <http://www.thebrianhigginsfoundation.org>.

Picket for a Fair Dining Contract

Tufts dining workers and student supporters picketed for a fair contract on Tuesday, March 5, at Carmichael Dining Hall on the Tufts University campus. This was the first picket ever for the workers on the Tufts campus. The workers say that Tufts University refuses to put forward a contract that ensures a living wage and affordable healthcare for their workers.



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SPORTS

Lady Wizards face-off Friday night

By Katie Harris

This Friday, March 8, at 6:30 pm, the girls' basketball state tournament championship game in the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Association (MCSAO) will be played at the Clark Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

In this game, this year's highest seeded team, the Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards (19-0) will face off against the third seeded Pirates of the Pioneer Charter School of Science II (16-2) from Saugus. This will be the sixth straight year that

Prospect Hill has played in the tournament title game, while the Pirates will appear in the championship for the first time ever.

The Lady Pirates downed Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers (Boston) 54-24 in the quarter-finals, and then squeezed by The Academy of the Pacific Rim (Hyde Park) 47-43 in the semi-finals. On the court, Pioneer is led by junior Angie Batista, MCSAO's North Division Player of the Year. Batista led the North Division in scoring during the regular season averaging 17.9 points per game. She is supported by five to six other teammates who are



Your 2019 Prospect Hill Academy Lady Wizards: Front Row (L to R) Kim Esteban, Sophia Beckmann, Kaleesha Joseph, Olivya Belizaire-Arrendel, Raiana Vass, and Noor Saadan; Back Row (L to R) Teagan Mae Collins (team manager), Mia Mitchell, N'yshma Leroy, Carrie Bell, Jahnee Balan, Ashley Fortune, and Ashley Cadet. — Photos by Correen Demers

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. How many sides does a dodecahedron have?

2. Who wrote the novel *David Copperfield*?

3. What is the chemical symbol for iron?

4. Which member of Def Leppard died in 1991?

5. What actress played the role of the adult Mary in the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*?

6. Who is the only basketball player to score 100 points in a single NBA game?

7. What was built on the

site of an unsolved London murder, the Whitehall Mystery?

8. What animal has the most legs?

9. What two baseball players make up a battery?

10. What was the first motto that appeared on U.S. coins?

11. What band had the hit single *If I Had \$1,000,000*?

12. What wrestler was the first inductee into the newly created WWE Hall of Fame?

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capable of scoring in double figures any given night with Norah Kisakya, Salma Ngokila and Maryam Ngokila each already doing this in one of their tournament games.

Prospect Hill Academy overpowered Salem Academy (Salem) in the quarter-finals 75-29 and followed this with a semi-final 76-25 crushing of Match Charter Public School (Jamaica Plain). The Lady Wizards offense depends on scoring from senior guard Ashley Cadet, senior forward Kaleesha Joseph and eighth grade guard Mia Mitchell who finished the 2018-2019 regular season as the North Division's second, third and fourth leading scorers averaging 16.9, 16.1 and 12.9 points per game respectively.

Additionally, according to Prospect Hill's coach, Brian Harris, "No player on PHA gets a chance to get on the court

to show what she can do offensively until and unless she gives maximum effort and energy committing to individual and team defense."

Complimenting Cadet, Joseph and Mitchell as starters for PHA are senior Ashley Fortune, a forward/guard often assigned to shut down an opponent's best scorer, and freshman forward Raiana Vass—a solid defender, the team's second leading rebounder and fourth leading scorer.

Supporting the starting five and indispensable in this year's overall success are other team members— senior N'yshma Leroy (guard), sophomore Kim Esteban (forward) and freshmen Jahnee Balan (guard), Sophia Beckmann (forward), Carrie Bell (guard), Olivya Belizaire-Arrendel (forward) and Noor Saadan (forward/guard).

During the regular season

the Lady Wizards were responsible for the Lady Pirates' only two losses during back to back games against Pioneer in mid-January. According to Harris, "We may have won the games by scores of 63-49 and 39-28, but the Pirates were the only team this year able to physically push us around more than we could push them."

Harris and his assistant coaches, long time bench-mate John Collins and former Somerville High players Tashi Hamilton and Correen Demers, believe that the winner of this year's tournament clash will not come from comparing stats of the teams or the results of earlier games. Rather, the team that will be crowned champion on Friday will be determined by whichever team that "plays the hardest, plays the smartest, plays as a team and makes the most good decisions."



(L to R) Noor Saadan, Carrie Bell, and Beckmann.

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on **Thursday the 21st day of March, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.**, at the **Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes. It is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Linda Dubuque, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **20 HENRY AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): JOHN T. COLBERT
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **29/A/3**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13414180**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2434 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 28813, Page: 540.

Fiscal Year 2017 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$8,804.41
Interest to Date of Taking	\$2,543.24
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$11,572.65

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **20 GLENDALE AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): PAMELA J BLAKELY
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **13/E/04**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **10334188**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2475 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 63817, Page: 234.

Fiscal Year 2017 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$148.16
Interest to Date of Taking	\$39.04
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$412.20

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **49 JOSEPHINE AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): PIO VERI & JACQUELINE VERI
DEMAND: **5/14/2018** PARCEL: **28/B/29**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22691047**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3360 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 13714, Page: 465.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$9,370.81
Interest to Date of Taking	\$296.32
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$9,892.13

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **17 JAQUES ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): MICHAEL M SUIED
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **69/F/10**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22685120**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3200 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 39588, Page: 321.

Fiscal Year 2017 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$1,319.92
Interest to Date of Taking	\$91.53
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$1,636.45

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **6 MALVERN AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): IFEANYI A MENKITI & CAROL B MENKITI
DEMAND: **5/14/2018** PARCEL: **13/F/7**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13454119**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3300 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 15111, Page: 297.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$10,775.27
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,845.00
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$12,845.27

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **142 CROSS ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): JAC INVESTMENTS LLC
DEMAND: **5/14/2018** PARCEL: **93/D/1**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **05228170**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 6611 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 64218, Page: 78.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$15,441.66
Interest to Date of Taking	\$2,699.97
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$18,366.63

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **424 MEDFORD ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): RICHARD A SULLIVAN & ELAINE SULLIVAN
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **49/B/3**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22685120**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3232 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 42235, Page: 138.

Fiscal Year 2017 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$545.38
Interest to Date of Taking	\$15.06
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$785.44

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **14 MALVERN AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): KATHLEEN N WALCOTT FOR LIFE, REMAINDERMAN WILLIAM T BETHUNE II
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **13/F/5**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **23697190**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3300 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 64468, Page: 474.

Fiscal Year 2017 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$45.62
Interest to Date of Taking	\$9.68
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$280.30

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **62 BAY STATE AVE**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): PIO VERI
DEMAND: **5/14/2018** PARCEL: **23/B/16**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **22961048**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3990 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 12463, Page: 225.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$10,417.50
Interest to Date of Taking	\$342.50
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$10,985.00

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **58 POWDER HOUSE BLVD**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): LOUIS DISARCINA TRUSTEE OF THE 58 POWDER HOUSE ROAD REALTY TRUST
DEMAND: **5/14/2018** PARCEL: **15/B/4**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04201200**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3993 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 20618, Page: 149 & Book: 201618, Page: 143 & Book: 29328, Page: 84 & Book: 29328, Page: 83.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$11,137.96
Interest to Date of Taking	\$1,962.37
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$13,325.33

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **20 PRESTON RD**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): NATHANIEL S CABOT
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **52/C/16**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **16530050**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3770 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 24500, Page: 28.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$38.77
Interest to Date of Taking	\$9.37
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$273.14

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **189 CEDAR ST**
CURRENT & ASSESSED OWNER(S): TEDI P HUGHES & JOHN C SCHWAGERL
DEMAND: **5/14/2018** PARCEL: **33/G/27**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13421115**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 5500 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 32082, Page: 569.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$12,500.50
Interest to Date of Taking	\$2,192.01
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$14,917.51

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **70 HOWARD ST # 1E**
SUBSEQUENT & CURRENT OWNER(S): CLIMBING IVY LLC
ASSESSED OWNER(S): 70 HOWARD LLC
DEMAND: **5/9/2017** PARCEL: **17/A/61/1E**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20170770**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 60987, Page: 176 & Book: 69449, Page: 367.

Fiscal Year 2018 Taxes Remaining Unpaid	\$36.45
Interest to Date of Taking	\$8.72
Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking	\$225.00
Total for which Land will be Taken	\$270.17

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LEGAL NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Somerville City Council's Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00pm**, in the City Council Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

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

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

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

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

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

Per **Section 1.2.2.a and 1.2.2.d** of the proposed new ordinance, permits issued under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance will remain valid, subject to the conditions of the permit, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Councilor Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee
Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman, Planning Board
To be published in the Boston Herald on February 26 and March 5.
To be published in the Somerville Times on February 27 and March 6.

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

PRESENT: Hon. David C. Alexander

In the Matters of

Julie Stapleton (DOB: 07/02/2002)

Matthew Stapleton (DOB: 09/17/2005)

File #: 10485

Docket #: NN-0153-19

NN-0154-19

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

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Respondent.

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

KELLY STAPLETON

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

Dated: February 13, 2019

TO: KELLY STAPLETON

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

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

Zela E. Brotherton, Esq.
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A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

27-29 Knowlton Street (ZBA 2019 – 09): Applicant Eric Parkes, and Owners, Chris and May Devers, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 for alterations to a non-conforming property including the construction of a dormer within the left side yard setback, and rearranging the interior layout. RB zone. Ward 1.

14B Fellsway West (ZBA 2019-06): Applicant, SHAKE Architecture, and owners, David & Emily Bannister, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property as follows: construct a dormer within the non-conforming right side yard setback; the upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback by converting a flat-roofed rear addition to a gable-roof. RB zone. Ward 4.

80 Powder House Boulevard (ZBA 2018-82-R1-2/19): Applicant and Owner, David J. Giller, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the non-conforming FAR from 1.04 to 1.23 by finishing the basement. Applicant/Owner also seeks a Revision to a Special Permit under §5.3.8 of the SZO as follows: revise Condition 10 of the prior ZBA decision restricting the property to two parking spaces as the Applicant wants to add a third parking space, so there would be two side-by-side spaces and one tandem space. RA zone. Ward 7.

11 Lovell Street (ZBA 2018-184): Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, KTA Construction LLC c/o Frank Amato, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 7.

292 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-118-R1-02/19): Applicant and Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a revision to a previously approved Special Permit (ZBA 2018-118) under SZO §5.3.8 to reduce the height of the building down to 34 feet, reduce the number of stories down to three, and narrow the left side yard down to ten feet. RC Zone. Ward 2.

898 Broadway (ZBA 2019-12): Applicant and Owner, Amanda Parisi, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a rear two story addition. RA Zone. Ward 6.

41-43 Francesca Avenue (ZBA 2019-07): Applicant and Owner, Yuan Kui Shen, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a 2.5-story rear addition and two dormers on the right side of the ridge. RA Zone. Ward 6.

24-26 Robinson Street (ZBA 2019-14): Applicant, North America Development, LLC, and Owner, 24-26 Robinson Road LLC, seek a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 5.

17-25 Murdock St (ZBA 2016-129/R1/2/19): Applicant, Cedar Murdock Partners, LLC, and Owner, The Marchionne Realty Trust, seek a revision under to their original special permit in order to change the height of the foundation for building 1 only due to ground water levels. SZO §5.3.8. RB zone. Ward 5.

11 Lovell St: <http://eepurl.com/gjxBi5>
292 Beacon St: <http://eepurl.com/doJIAr>
898 Broadway: <http://eepurl.com/gjxBG1>
41-43 Francesca Ave: <http://eepurl.com/gjxBF1>
24-26 Robinson St: <http://eepurl.com/gjxBJb>
27-29 Knowlton St: <http://eepurl.com/gjvxxj>
80 Powder House Blvd: <http://eepurl.com/gjyTj9>
14B Fellsway West: <http://eepurl.com/gjyTC5>
17-25 Murdock: <http://eepurl.com/gjyTWz>

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director
As published in The Somerville Times on 3/6/19 & 3/13/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Planning Board** on **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **3rd floor Community Room, Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.**

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10-50 Prospect Street: (PB 2019-02): Applicant, Union Square RELP Master Developer LLC and Owners, the City of Somerville and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority, seek a Design & Site Plan Review under SZO §5.4 and SZO §6.8 to merge and subdivide the multiple existing parcels making up Block D2 (as identified in the Union Square Revitalization Plan and the Union Square Neighborhood Plan) into buildable lots and thoroughfares as proposed in the previously approved Coordinated Development Special Permit. TOD 100 and CCD 55-C underlying zoning district. Union Square Overlay District and CC7 and HR sub districts. Ward 2.

300 Somerville Ave: (PB 2018-21): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 300 Somerville Avenue, LLC, seek Special Permits, Special Permit with Design Review and Special Permit with Site Plan Review to convert an existing church structure to 10 residential units with first floor commercial through the internal re-configuration of existing space and construction of additions/Gross Floor Area. Relief under SZO §4.4.1, 7.11, Article 9 and Article 13. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.


10-50 Prospect Street: <http://eepurl.com/gjxT5D>
300 Somerville Ave: <http://eepurl.com/gjyUjT>

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman
As published in The Somerville Times on 3/6/19 and 3/13/19

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFQ 19-37

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


Renewable Energy Procurement Broker

A request for proposals may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after **March 5th, 2019** Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **March 20th, 2019 at 2:00pm.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Michael Richards at mrichards@somervillema.gov for more information.

Michael Richards
Assistant Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB#19-64

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

On-call Locksmith


An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> or from the Purchasing **03/11/2019.** Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **03/25/2019 1:00PM EST.** The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 05/01/2019 to 4/30/2020 with 2 one year options to renew.

Please contact Prajкта Waditwar at pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for more information.

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

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 6:40 p.m.** at the Visiting Nurse Association, 249 Lowell Street the regarding a proposal by Applicants: Landera LLC to demolish the brick store at **98-100 Broadway;** and David Reis to demolish the wood-frame store and apartments at **2-6 Porter Street.**

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered “Significant”. Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be “Preferably Preserved”. For further information, please contact Commission Staff Kristi Chase at (617) 625-6600 x 2525 or Sarah White at (617) 625-6600 x 2534 or by e-mail at historic@somervillema.gov.

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Community Outreach Meeting
Hosted by Revolutionary Clinics for
67 Broadway, Somerville, MA

Notice is hereby given that Revolutionary Clinics has scheduled a Community Outreach meeting for a proposed marijuana establishment:

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm
at Mount Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway, Somerville, MA.

Revolutionary Clinics proposes to locate a retail adult-use marijuana dispensary at 67 Broadway, Somerville. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Tech Clinic with Tufts Technology Services – Holland Street Center – March 12 – 10:30 a.m. - Cyber Personal Safety, Device Safety and Social Media Safety. For more information or to sign up call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – Thursday, March 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Dilboy Post located on Summer Street. \$12. Limited seating and transportation. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Community Assessment for Elderly – Thursday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Use photography to look at various aspects of Somerville such as its facilities, businesses, and infrastructure and living conditions and discuss how conducive they are for senior living. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am.

Senior Charlie Cards –Monday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at our Holland Street Center. If you are age 65 or older and have never signed up for a Senior Charlie Card, sign up for our Charlie Party! Explore local MBTA stops, apply for your card, and stay for lunch and bingo! Call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Twin Rivers Casino – Tuesday, March 26. \$25.00 per peron. Bonus package to be determined. Check in time is 9:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 9:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 6:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Foxwoods Casino – Tuesday, April 16. \$25 per person.

Bonus package to be determined. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time 7:00 p.m. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Atlantic City Boys – Wednesday, September 18 at the Davensport Yacht Club. \$69 per person includes transportation, lunch, show, taxes and gratuity. Meal choice of stuffed breast of chicken or baked scrod. Time to be determined. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Blood Pressure Screening – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Upcoming dates: March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming dates: March 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Blood Pressure Screening – Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming dates: March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 20. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

LGBTQ Lunch – Wednesdays, February 20, and March 20 – 11:30 a.m. to noon. Meals yet to be determined.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

Congratulations to Officer Thomas Lambert

On the evening of January 24, officers were called to Cypress St. The nature of the call was that a house had experienced some damage to the heating and water systems the previous day. The house was deemed to be unsafe to inhabit, and the family was able to secure a hotel room for the evening. The problem that ensued was that the following day the problems were not resolved, and after exhausting their resources, the family had no place to stay.



Sergeant Marino, Officer Thomas Lambert, and Officer Priscila Ribeiro were left with no other recourse except to bring the family to the Station and hope we could make some kind of arrangements.

A short time later, Officer Lambert stated, “We’re all set. I found a place.” Thinking the obvious, that he found a shelter, we gave no more thought to the matter. It was not until just before the end of the shift we learned that Officer Lambert’s meaning of “We’re all set” was that he personally secured a room for this family. He used his own money, and his military discount, to get a double room at the La Quinta Inn.

The family of five, which included a seven-year-old child, were able to spend the evening warm and safe with access to water and facilities. (The weather was not exactly pleasant.)

The selfless action of Officer Lambert is worthy of recognition. He outright refused any efforts from us, Sergeant Marino, or Officer Ribeiro to help with the cost, alluding only to the fact that he’d “been there” and only hoped someone would watch out for his family should the situation be reversed.

It is our belief that this was a perfect example of what we are all about. Sometimes it’s not always about arresting the bad guy. Every once in a while, all it takes is a little compassion and human kindness. It is with that, that we congratulate Officer Thomas Lambert for the Department’s Beyond The Call Of Duty Award.

— Somerville Police Dept.

2019 SMC Honors Gala

Somerville Media Center will be hosting its 2019 SMC Honors Gala on Friday, March 8 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Arts At The Armory, 191 Highland Ave. This night recognizes the best facets of community-made media shared in greater Somerville. Local TV shows, podcasts, indie films and radio shows are the heart and soul of community media and we invite our award nominees, our friends, neighbors, community partners and members to join us to celebrate community media!



Evening Agenda

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.: Awards program

This year is very special because it brings together our traditional annual awards ceremony with a new gala vibe. Everyone is encouraged to wear their most creative (or semi-formal) attire and enjoy complimentary nosh provided by Jules Catering.

With all that said, it is our pleasure to inform our community of our 2019 SMC Honors Nominees. As such, we sincerely request the honor of the nominees’ presence at this event. Congratulations again and thank you for the impact you’ve made with the media arts community of greater Somerville.

You Must RSVP by February 15 to Reserve Your Spot
RSVP link: bit.ly/smchonorsgala

2019 SMC Honors Nominees List

- Best New SCATV Show: The Somerville Labor Show, The Boston Medium, Our View
- Best Boston Free Radio On-Air DJ: Diane Wong & Pharoah Saunders, Sterling Golden, Chris Haskell
- Best Field Production: TUTV, Dedilhando au Saudade, Chatman Booth
- Best Live TV Show Host: Joanne Reviccio, Andrew Lowrey, Ken McIntyre
- Best Live TV Show: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party, DIWHY, The Boston Medium
- Best BFR Music Show: The Villens Den, The Misery of Cities, The Bridge
- Best Boston Free Radio Talk Show: The Wallow, Let’s Talk About Race, Words on Film
- Best Arts and Culture Program: Henry Parker Presents, DIWHY, What’s New Massachusetts
- Best Youth Created Program: Paranoid; Undocumentary; We’re Trying Here, Society!
- Best BFR Podcast: We’re Trying Here, Society!, Mr. Bear, Arts Fuse
- Best New BFR Radio Show: Revolution Awakening, Future Perfect, The Bridge
- Multilingual Award: Tele Magazine, Bostonde Radio, Dedilhando au Saudade
- Best Informational Show: Somerville Overcoming Addiction, The Somerville Labor Show, Henry Parker Presents
- Best News Production: In Transit, Technotrash, Greater Somerville

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

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

Thursday|March 7
Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|March 8
Central Library
Preschool Storytime for 2-year-olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|March 9
Central Library
EchoKids Music Event
10:30 a.m-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

East Branch Library
Pop Up Play Group!
10:30 a.m,-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday|March 12
Somerville Community Baptist Church
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|31 College Ave.

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

Wednesday|March 13
Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Somerville High School Literary Magazine Reception
4 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

MUSIC/ARTS
Wednesday|March 6

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Wednesday bluegrass! with Kings Of Ghost Town CD release
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
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Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
Téada with Séamus Begley |7:30 p.m.
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The Nephrok Allstars
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Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Yoke Lore
Runner
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8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Girl Talk Theatre Presents: Believe We Can Do It
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

Thursday|March 7
Sally O’Brien’s
BYOBluegrass/ grassy Thursdays
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The Burren
Amy Kucharik Trio, w/ Special Guest, Ro Colegrove|6 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
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Krush Faktory(Dub Down)
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Gnarbot with special guests Nate Wood – fOUR, and GEPH
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Cold Expectations
Mint Green
The I Want You
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Fran McConville Four
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Arts at the Armory
SoPeCa: A Solo Performance Cabaret
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|March 8
Sally O’Brien’s
Hashtag Hoedown|6 p.m.
Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present The Othership, Sisters & Brothers - \$10 cover|9 p.m.
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The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Hemway and Laughing Liberally|7 p.m.
Cover Up|10 p.m.
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Once Somerville
Red Shaydez
Brandie Blaze
Solo Sexx
Genie Santiago
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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DJ starting at 10 p.m.
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LITZ with special guests Wurliday, and Fiesta Melon
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Brocade|6:30 p.m.
Band Land Brass Band|7:15 p.m.
Ghost Town Brass Band|8:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m.
B.U.M.P|9:30 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10:30 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
SMC Honors Gala - Celebrate Community Media!
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall
SoPeCa: A Solo Performance Cabaret

7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave
Somerville Theatre
Bring Us Your Women- An Arts Odyssey
8:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Saturday|March 9
Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m.
Yes, 40, yaaasss! with June Millington, Liz Borden, Await Rescue, Christina Alexander, RES, Mizery - \$10 cover|9 p.m
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The Burren
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party
Western Centuries|7 p.m.
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.
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379 Somerville Ave

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8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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road trip sessions: Drown Your Boots
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Rick and Friends
10 a.m.|Café
Irish Session
2 p.m.|Café|
Strength & Sensitivity
8 p.m.|Perfromance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Kerplunk|11 a.m.
The Oregon Fail: You Have Died of Comedy|7 p.m.
Shit-faced Shakespeare@: Much Ado About Nothing|10 p.m.
255 Elm St

Somerville Theatre
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8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Sunday|March 10
Sally O’Brien’s Bar
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Vasilis Kostas/Layth Sidiq Duo|4 p.m.
Danny Barnes, Joe Kenneally|7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
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Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Kid Trunks
Craig Xen
Coolie Cut, Bass Santana, Flyboy
Tarantino, KinSoul
7:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Colt and the Coyotes

2p.m.|14 Tyler Street
Arts at the Armory
AFTer Hours Adult Folktale Telling Series
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave
Somerville Theatre
Habib koite & Bassekou Kouate
7:30 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Monday|March 11
Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
156 Highland Ave
Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Board Game Bonanza
6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Tuesday|March 12
Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Silver Arrow Band |8 p.m.
Jason Anick& The Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
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First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night
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Thunder Road
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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville
Mallcops
Zachary Boudrot (Sleeping Patterns)
Pitty Pattern
Valleyheart
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory
AniMATIC Boston
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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Derek Johnson
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|March 6

Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|March 7
Ciampa Manor
Learn English with the Library!
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

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

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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).
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Saturday|March 9
Central Library
Gallery@SPL Opening Reception of New Tellings: Courtney Chelo and Jamie Kaplowitz Gibbons
1 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|March 10
Central Library
Picture Book Author/illustrator Critique Group
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory
The Somerville Flea: Cabin Fever
10 a.m.,|Performance Hall| 191 Highland Ave

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

Monday|March 11
Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Central Hill Campus Parking Public Meeting
5:45 p.m.-8 p.m
Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Tuesday|March 12
Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 13
Central Library
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft
12 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'Querencia'

Poems and Stories by Allie Hastings

Somerville performance artist and writer JoJo Lazar chimes in with a review of a new book from the Ibbetson Street Press/Endicott College/Young Writers Series:

Querencia
Poems and Stories by Allie Hastings
(Ibbetson Street Press/Endicott College Young Poet Series)
\$12

Review by *Off the Shelf* Correspondent Jo Jo Lazar



Allie Hasting, center.

When Doug Holder asked me how I was enjoying *Querencia* by Allie Hastings, I told him immediately, "I was much more committed to being mysterious in my poetry as a teenager!" I'm complimenting her adept voice so early in her career, as the clarity and conservation of symbols doesn't detract from the range of experiences and feelings in the work. I compare poems in this collection to the feeling I get reading Baudelaire (see *An Umbrella for Two*) and in the nature-centric pieces, some Mary Oliver.

This is a fun, witty, generous collection, with scenes unfolding a petal at a time from a unique bouquet of life experiences and imagination. You walk London streets, beaches, take forest-strolls, and maybe get your heart stomped on a little at music stores, and coffee shops. These poems and stories are vibrant post cards from the heart of poetic moments, gifts still raw with "the thing itself" coupled with the balm of the narrator's wisdom.

The weather was cool enough to see the air of our breath when either of us spoke; I left my jacket in your car because I had fooled myself into believing autumn wasn't quite over yet-the sun was shining over our heads... The woods, at first glance, appeared a glorious fall wonderland, but very quickly upon our walk did I feel its brisk embrace tickle my shoulders, the shivers sending goosebumps to the surface of my fragile skin.
I almost asked you if we could turn around and go back so I could get my jacket out of your car.

But I didn't want to be that girl.

— *The Deceptive Nature of Love*

In the margin I wrote "real minutiae of womanhood and dating," I related with the hyper-awareness and hyper-analysis of these things. All the while the story is assonant, lyrical, layered like watercolor strokes in Jane Kenyon or Mary Oliver,

and poignant because of too many thresholds of reality occurring all at once.

My first takeaway from this story was the autobiographical narrator-fallacy-magic feeling that surely I had read something true! based on writer's felt experience. Hours later I realized it was another huge layer of liminality, perhaps the entire book *Querencia's* meta-theme too is "thresh-hold overload."

Too many changes or possibilities occurring to the mind at once, so we become a slower camera, absorb every detail. All this crept up on me hours after reading, and I am still admiring this story (prose-poem) as a favorite in the collection; what could have been an easy cliché/play-scene, (a forest walk, a break-up or not? conversation is about to unfold) is unpeeling in a slow-reveal hours later in one's mind.

This lovely book boasts a wise and open "beginner's mind" as one says in Buddhism. The work is self-aware and not embarrassed to tell us in the more straight-forward lyrical poems that the narrator/writer is eighteen, but feels much older. Yet there is honest impatience to have lived more already, the act of nostalgia is literally tried on in poems like *Nostalgia*.

There's also a youthful sense of the number of times something has happened – tally feel, a mindset that any writer/journaler may not shake in a lifetime. The enclosed unit of only so many memories and references never detracts, I am still thinking about a girl's raincoat and boots, and another's forgotten jacket in the back of a car.

I was taken to many childhoods, on foreign adventures, and became empathic tourist to universal and unique scenes of heartbreak. I feel privileged indeed to remember what poetry can do, to remember how to report back from the very sparks (scenes/memories/dreams) that make one want to write at all.

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Thursday, March 14, 7:00–8:30 p.m. at Cummings Building (42 Prescott St.).

Lyrical

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At the Foghorn Folk Club, 1964

Tall awkward boy, a transplant from Oregon,
always carried a beat-up paperback copy
of *On the Road*, strap-hanging on the # 3 bus
asks me, You like poetry? I nod,

he tells me, go hear this cat read his stuff.
Black dude, he's real, man. Get there
before the show, before the folksingers,
down on West 22nd Street, you dig?

I want to roll my eyes at this farm kid from the west
who thinks he's cool but I take note:
The Foghorn—I check the listings in the *Baltimore Sun*,
below the flicks, above the Gayety Burlesque ad.

I tell my mother I'm going to a poetry reading,
as if in a college lecture hall, on a schoolnight.
I'm the youngest there. People sit around
Drinking beer or spiked cider—

A young man, bespectacled, dressed in brown corduroys,
crewneck sweater, steps onto the stage,
cheers and foot stomping greet him—he's here to be heard
by the faithful. He recites his poems, declaims them.

I've never heard a poet, not in real life—the nuns
have played records of Dylan Thomas, of Eliot
in English class but nothing like this, a real
poet, not a dead white one—standing so near

I could shake his hand—he is mesmerizing,
he looks at us through thick eyeglasses,
he speaks in the vernacular.
I came for his poetry, and when he was done

I went home to make curfew. I didn't
come for the guitars and banjos,
the mandolins and Woody Guthrie tunes.
I came for Sam Cornish. I came for the poetry.

— Lynne Viti

This poem is dedicated to the memory of the late Boston Poet Laureate Sam Cornish. Photo by Claire McCullough.

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