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Somerville High School students taking the initiative on gun control



Students at Somerville High School walked out of school last Wednesday as a statement of solidarity with the shooting victims of Parkland, and to raise awareness of the gun control issue. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

By Jim Clark

Last Wednesday, February 28, students at Somerville High School staged a walkout to protest what was described as a lack of competent gun control laws across the country. More than 400 students left their classrooms at 8:17 a.m. and walked outside where 17 minutes of silence was observed to pay homage to the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on February 14, and address the epidemic of mass shootings in the United States.

After the moment of silence, the students marched and chanted while holding signs, then proceeded to a nearby field where they flooded the inboxes of state representatives across the nation, demanding immediate action on the gun control issue.

The movement that has

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Powderhouse Studios aims to teach students how to learn

By Emily Blackwood

Shaunalynn Duffy spent most of her time in high school trying to decide when to drop out. Her mother, confident in her daughter's abilities to independently educate herself, even offered up the idea of "unschooling."

"Something about hearing the bells ring and just feeling really disrespected and unseen by many of the adults in my life," she said. "Even with the extreme confidence my mother saw in me, I couldn't feel that confidence in myself."

Looking back, Duffy said she now understands the critical role self-determination can play in a person's success, and how having a flexible learning environment can make that possible.

That's why she and Alec Resnick founded Powderhouse Studios, a new proposed, small, research-intensive school where students will have the opportunity to work on long-term projects.

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A rendering of an evening event at Powderhouse Studios.

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On Saturday, March 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Somerville Teachers Association will be having an “alumni tour” of the old high school. This is a chance to see and walk through the old corridors once again before the school is torn down to make room for the new one. No admission fee is being charged, but donations to the STA scholarship fund will be gladly accepted. It’s a great opportunity to reminisce about your days at the old high school. Parking is available around the school in various lots. Please enter at the main entrance of the school.

Apparently, the City of Cambridge City Council was proposing the 1% tax on home sales but was shocked with the turnout of property owners in Cambridge who made their voices heard and the Council voted the proposal down. Now, do you think the same thing will happen here in Somerville? They are going to have to have a public hearing and a vote by the Board. Whether you’re for it or against it, let your feelings be known to the Board of Alderman, especially the new members. It’s called a transfer tax, and the Board wants homeowners here in Somerville to pay 1% to 2% tax on the sale of their home. Make your presence known either way. Remember, once they vote on a tax affirmatively they will never do away with it. And aren’t you upset that the sales tax was increased so that now the City of Somerville gets a part of it directly. Ask yourself how much more in taxes you want to pay? Mayor Joe Curtatone has never once submitted a budget in his many years in office that called for a reduction in taxes. But we do have fine looking vehicles now for everyone (seems like it) who works for the city.

Our sincere condolences to the family Daniel Spinosa Sr., who passed away quietly surrounded by his family on Tuesday at his home in Winter Hill. He would have been 96 on March 17. Danny was a lifelong resident here in Somerville, and served in World War II with honor and distinction. Dan, as many here in Somerville who knew him will tell you, was the sweetest, nicest guy you would ever meet. He had a great sense of humor and loved life and lived it well. All right

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Comments of the Week

Response to: SHS Students Against Gun Violence launch solidarity actions in wake of Parkland tragedy

LindaS says:
I’m glad to see that people are finally fed up with nothing being done about this situation. Those politicians funded by the NRA are trying to spin this issue into being that people are against guns altogether instead of just banning the use of assault rifles and semi-automatic weapons, which is far from the truth.
The only hope in getting any kind of action taken is to hit congress and the NRA where it hurts – their pockets. If enough people boycott businesses that support the NRA, or work to oust politicians who are getting money from the NRA, there will be no choice but to finally work on getting legislation passed to make it harder to get these kinds of weapons. If “money is speech”, then let our money shout from the rooftops.
Politicians opt against legislation by using the excuse that those who want them will always find a way to get them, but that’s just a weak argument. Yes, it might be true of anything illegal, but why should they make it easy to get them legally anyway?
If making it harder to legally get an assault rifle saves even one life, it’s still one life more that’s not the victim of a tragedy like this.
Let’s hope that this time around, legislators will not be able to drown out the sound of protesters and say this is not the time to talk about gun control. There will never be a better time than now.

ritepride says:
Somerville Pride is Somerville Proud of the young students getting involved. Keep it Strong & Long. Carry it in your heart and minds as you grow and get a career or go on to college after graduation. Remember your freedom and choice. Use it to vote for those candidates who will represent you not themselves. Students asked Senator Marc Rubio if he would reject NRA donations? He danced around denying to answer the student’s question. Made a remark about his ideas, bla..bla..bla.. & goals. He was elected to serve & represent the students and their families. Not himself. Stand strong! Remember the young military people serving around the world protecting all of us. Remember the power you have to elect the good and reject the bad. I am so proud to see what you all did today. I cried with pride of the Students at Somerville High. Have a great and safe year and God Bless all of you.

Old Taxpayer says:
I do think walking out of school was a bad decision and possibly should add on an extra day at he end of the year to make up for it. That being said I have never touched a gun in my life. Although I have wanted one in my home in Somerville. I never thought assault weapons should have been on he market in the first place. I don’t think they are needed for hobby and home protection. As I understand it there are millions of these out there and the laws will really do nothing to stop access to them. I am also aware that there are factories making guns under the radar so even stopping guns being sold and ammo is really not even going to slow it down. I know I can’t think of any good answer to the problem of getting these weapons and I have no clue why anyone wold would do these kind of things. I am sure most of us are frustrated with how to solve this and I am not sure any law will make a difference. I am not sticking up for the gun people or the politicians as I don’t think either of them can solve this. The only maybe to my mind is when big brother can detect these things from a satellite anywhere they happen to be there is a chance it can be stopped ahead of time. But technology changes quickly so who knows. I would certainly like to have the answer.

Response to: 19 Kent Court, Somerville

Nancy (Davis) Luciano says:
I came across this article today. It immediately brought tears to my eyes. My parents bought this home in 1940 and lived there until they died. They raised six children there and eventually had 24 grandchildren. I was left the house after my mother died and lived there until 1988. I had hoped a family member would have wanted the home but they did not. Why would you tear down a beautiful colonial built in the late 1800s to build a newer home. Somerville has turned into a city where only the very rich can afford. What a sad state of affairs.

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John Connolly

Somerville official speaks at Harvard event

By Ahmed Sorour

"Good ideas spread." That is, according to Irma Flores, who spoke this past Saturday as Harvard Law School hosted *Advocacy in Times of Crisis*, a 2018 symposium organized by the Harvard Immigration Project.

Born in El Salvador, Flores graduated from the University of El Salvador with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Affairs. In 2001, she immigrated to the United States with her son and daughter, and now serves as the Community Engagement Specialist and Spanish Liaison for the City of Somerville, a role she assumed the March of 2013.

As part of the 'Restricting Pathways (for Immigration)' panel, Flores' speech focused on how the city of Somerville, a sanctuary city since 1987, has dealt with recent changes to national immigration policy. Particular attention was paid to TPS [temporary protected status] termination and the city's response.

"The city has signed onto multiple lawsuits to block the misguided immigration policies coming out of the White House" she noted. "Despite the fact that conditions in many of these countries have not improved since their nationals received TPS, the Trump administration recently announced that it is ending protection for several countries. If the people who lose TPS are deported, this could ultimately force hundreds of thousands of people to re-

turn to destabilized countries." TPS, which prevents the deportation of select immigrants from certain nations, has found itself in the middle of a national dialogue. In the November of 2017, the Trump administration announced TPS would terminate for Nicaraguans as of January 2019. A similar announcement was made January of 2018 regarding Salvadorians. Flores herself settled in the U.S under TPS, along with her two children.

"It's not fair that America takes everything from these countries then says, 'No, you can't come here!' Just look at Syria now. America is doing what it's doing there, and at the same time we're telling them they can't come here as refugees. It doesn't make sense!"

To Flores, there are two valid reactions to these recent changes. "Some people will argue we must become more radical in the way we protest. There is indeed space for this kind of reaction, and most likely, there will be people to who will want to go in that path. But, there is another way we can respond and that is through local governments."

Speaking to actions the city of Somerville has taken to empower immigrant residents, Flores stated that the city helps arrange regular outreach events. In addition, it attempts to recognize the contributions the immigrant populace has had on the city.

"In a time of crisis as we have now, it's important that immigrants feel empow-



Community Engagement Specialist and Spanish Liaison for the City of Somerville, Irma Flores, seen here speaking at the Charlottesville vigil held in the city last year.

ered to stand up for themselves. Cities can help immigrant communities build that confidence and know-how by recognizing their value, encouraging their ongoing civic engagement, and offering leadership training."

During the panel's closing Q&A session, Flores recalled an incident which occurred at a Somerville school where-

in flyers which read "ICE will come for you!" were placed in the lockers of immigrant students. In response, the school staff affirmed its solidarity with the immigrant students, informing them that they were "there for them" if they needed anything. A small act of kindness, but "it means so much when you're in that kind of situation."

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GLX public meeting cancelled

Due to the severe weather forecast, The GLX public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at Somerville High Auditorium has been cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible and a new notice will be issued promptly. For more information on the GLX project, please visit www.greenlineextension.org.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A special keepsake in his wallet

A Somerville police officer on patrol in the early morning hours of last Wednesday, February 28, noticed a car illegally parked at a Bonair St. location. The vehicle was reportedly more than two feet from the curb and parked in a no parking zone. A query of the license plate showed that the vehicle was registered to a rental company. The officer exited his cruiser to issue a citation and observed a white male hiding in the back seat of the vehicle. The officer asked the man what he was doing in the back seat of the vehicle and he reportedly replied, "I'm

waiting for my girlfriend." The officer then asked him for his identification card or any document with his name and date of birth on it, and he reportedly replied, "I don't have anything on me with my name." The man verbally gave the officer a name and date of birth. The officer asked the man for his girlfriend's name and date of birth and he he reportedly gave a name, but said he did not know her date of birth or address. The officer next asked him where she went and he replied, "I don't know." According to reports, the man

did not have the keys to the vehicle or a rental agreement. The officer asked the man who rented the vehicle and he reportedly replied, "A friend of my girlfriend," but he was unable to provide a name. The officer offered the man the use of his phone to contact his girlfriend or her "friend" to confirm that he had the right to be in the vehicle and he reportedly sated "I don't know their phone number." Additional officers arrived as backup, and the man was asked to step out of the vehicle. While conducting a pat

frisk, the officer located a wallet in the man's back pocket. The officer asked if there was any form of identification in the wallet and he reportedly replied, "Yes. I lied to you because I have a warrant." While searching for an identification card, the man asked the officer to be careful with a note his girlfriend gave him. The officer located a "Mass Health" card with the name John R. Elwell. A query of the name and date of birth showed that Elwell had outstanding warrants for breaking and entering a motor vehicle in the nighttime for a

felony, possession of burglarious instrument, and possession of a class B drug. Elwell was placed under arrest for the warrant charges. During the inventory of Elwell's belongings, police reportedly located two folded pieces of paper, each containing a white powdery substance, which police determined was heroin. Elwell was further charged with felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and possession of a class A drug. The drugs were placed into evidence to be submitted to the crime lab for testing.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Christopher Burrows, February 26, 1:24 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of removal of theft prevention device and larceny over \$250, and on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug and trespassing. **Tyreek Smith**, of 81 Woods Ave., February 27, 10:12 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of threat to commit a

crime and false bomb threat. **John Elwell**, of 111 Flaherty Way, Boston, February 28, 4:41 a.m., arrested at Bonair St. on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and possession of a class A drug, and on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, possession of a class A drug, and possession

of a burglarious instrument. **Kiana Johnston**, of 508 Summer St., Lynn, February 28, 1:15 p.m., arrested at Revolution Dr. on warrant charges of assault and battery, resisting arrest, larceny over \$250, and disorderly conduct. **Sanny Mendoza**, of 22 Linden St., Medford, February 28, 8:22 p.m., arrested at Tufts St. on warrant charges of motor

vehicle lights violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and not being in possession of registration. **Tarah Llewellyn**, of 20 Constitution Rd., Boston, February 28, 9:29 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering. **Jonathan Zakas**, of 20 Constitution Rd., Boston, February 28, 9:29 p.m., arrested at Canal

St. on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering and possession of a class E drug. **Jameson St. Fleur**, of 78 Wyeth St., Malden, March 3, 1:42 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on warrant charges of failure to drive in the right lane, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, speeding, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

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Somerville High School students taking the initiative on gun control

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subsequently arisen in response to the Parkland tragedy is being called #walkoutwednesday and is led by a student group calling itself Students Against Gun Violence. The Somerville students plan to continue the weekly walkouts, and they will be joined by Arlington High School, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, and Granite State Arts Academy in Salem, NH. Students from these schools plan to walk out of school at 8:17 am and sit in silence for 17 minutes. The next walkout action has been planned for Wednesday, March 7, when Somerville High School and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School will meet in Union Square to call for the Massachusetts Legisla-

ture and lobby to pass the Extreme Risk Protective Orders. The ERPO will allow household members or petitioners to report persons in possession of firearms of being an imminent danger to themselves or others. This then allows the police to place a temporary weapons ban on the respondent awaiting a trial within 14 days. The trial determines whether or not the respondent will have a year-long weapons ban placed on them. Students Against Gun Violence Co-Organizer Sam Dornstein, 15, said, "As students in a state with good gun control, it is important to realize that there is always something to improve, such as, the Extreme Risk Protective Orders introduced here

in Massachusetts. Places of education should be sanctuaries, not places of fear." "Seeing hundreds of them walk out, wearing black, crouching in silence for 17 minutes in front of the school was more moving than words can convey" Group Co-Organizer Amalia Hochman, 16, said in reference to lawmakers and authority figures, "It's their responsibility to keep us safe and they haven't been doing their job." Co-Organizer Anika Nayak, 16, said, "Students across the country are legally required to

be in schools that representatives refuse to take the action to protect. This movement is not about us as a state it is about us as a country." Alexander Levering Kern, the father of one of the organizing students, Elias Kern, said this about the group's actions: "As a parent, I've been overwhelmed to witness the inspired efforts of these young leaders in the lead up as they planned their protest. Seeing hundreds of them walk out, wearing black, crouching in silence for 17 minutes in front of the school was more moving than words can convey. What makes this movement all more powerful is the focus on legislative advocacy. Miraculously, the walkout became a school for engaged de-

mocracy, as hundreds of youth sat in the bleachers of Trum Field writing letters, calling legislators, and registering to vote. It is the ultimate teachable moment, with the stakes nothing less than life and death. For the first time in my life, I feel hopeful on this seemingly intractable issue of gun control. As we follow young people's lead, the generational tide is beginning to turn, and turn in the direction of hope." The group has expressed its determination to continue the walkout actions until substantial steps have been taken by lawmakers to improve protections for students and citizens across the nation. More pictures of last Wednesday walkout are on page 8.

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Somerville High School final walk through

By Tom Bannister

Somerville High School alumni tours, organized by the Somerville Teachers Association, will take place on Saturday, March 24. Take this opportunity to go through the old high school building before it goes away.

• Admission is free, but if anyone would like to donate, all proceeds will go to the fund (a 501c3) to be awarded to SHS and Full Circle seniors in 2019. They will accept donations in cash or checks. If you would like to donate ahead of time, see below. All participants will receive a commemorative ticket.

• Tours will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Participants should enter through the main entrance at the center of the concourse. For those in need of handicap access, that entrance is to the right of the main entrance, about 100-150 feet down, immediately to the left of what used to be the gym if you graduated before 1986 or the library if after that. However, that is recommended for

wheelchairs, as anyone walking will have to walk 1/2 the length of the main building from there to the auditorium where the tours will begin.

• Parking: There are three SHS staff lots plus the concourse (which on the weekdays is for city hall only) and on street parking in front of the high school. One lot is off School Street and requires walking up the stairs between city hall and the high school. Another is off Medford Street and requires walking up the stairs beside the high school on the public library side. That parking entrance is near the light at Walnut Street. Another lot is to the right of the newer part of the building. It is between the high school and the public library. And of course, the infamous concourse is directly in front of the high school. There are fewer spaces than there used to be because of the trailers on the lawn that will house classes starting in April.

• The vocational fair will be going on at the same time, so participants will have an opportunity to visit the fair. (The fair



itself is free and is taking place mainly in the atrium which, for those of you who graduated before 1985, is the “new” part of the building.)

• You may donate via Paypal at @STAScholarshipFund@gmail.com. In the comments, you should include your name, the year you graduated, and the names of any other people in whose names you are donating if you are doing so for others beside yourself. Please note that there is no snow date, so if you donate and the school is closed, we cannot refund the money. You will have made a contribution to the fund, and that is tax deductible.

• Those who graduated 1985 or before will tour the building as it existed when they were students. Those who graduated 1986 or later will tour the entire structure. If, however, you are in the first group and will like to see the “new” part, you ab-

solutely can do that.

• Their Career and Technical Education students will be selling Somerville t-shirts during the tours. You may pay via cash or check. Each year, students take part in SkillsUSA competitions and the profits will go toward that; Skills USA is a “partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce.”

• They will have yearbooks on view for every year except 1917. (If anyone has one for that year and would like to donate it, we’d be happy to have it.) They will not be for sale, but you may look through them.

• The school store, The Hole in the Wall, will be open until noon.

• If you have questions, you may email STAScholarshipFund@gmail.com. They look forward to seeing you there! Go Highlanders! Go Red and Blue!

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Black Balloon Day



On Tuesday of this week, The City of Somerville joined members of the general public in observing #BlackBalloonDay, in remembrance of those who have lost their lives through drug overdose. Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. for people under 50 and opioid addiction is driving this epidemic.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of February 26-March 2.

PROTECT ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE (H 4256)

House 139-14, approved a bill that would require health insurance companies to issue “Explanation of Benefits” (EOB) summaries only directly to the patient even if the patient is not the primary subscriber. Currently, most insurers send the forms to the primary subscriber, regardless of who the patient is.

“The Act will give health plan members confidence in knowing that they can receive the medical treatment they need, while ensuring that their medical information remains private and will be delivered in a way that best meets their particular needs,” said Lora Pellegrini, president and CEO of the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans.

“Current law does not ensure that vulnerable women can get ... birth control without an explanation of benefits being sent to, for example, an abusive partner,” said Rebecca Hart Holder, Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts. “This could lead to some women choosing not to use birth control because of a lack of confidentiality. In order for Bay Staters to have true access to contraception, they must be guaranteed the right to receive that care confidentially.”

“I voted to protect parental rights,” said Rep. Geoff Diehl (R-Whitman) who voted against the measure. “As a father, I believe that parents have a right to know what medical procedures their children are receiving. They need our guidance and support.”

The Senate has approved a different version of the bill. The House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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

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

PROTECT STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (H 3974)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that provides all state and municipal workers with the same protections provided to private workers under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

Supporters said that in the Bay State in 2017 at least six municipal workers died from workplace injuries and noted that an average of 28 municipal workers per week suffer injuries serious enough to be out of work for five days or more. They argued this protection would cover some 450,000 state and local public workers who perform jobs that are sometimes just as dangerous as private sector ones.

“Worker safety must be a top priority,” said Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Fall River), the bill’s sponsor. “Providing safe and healthy work conditions for all of Massachusetts workers, across all sectors, should be the least we do. Extending these protections to public employees helps them return home to their families, and we must make sure they continue to do so.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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MADE IN MASS (S 178)

Senate 36-0, approved and sent to the House a bill establishing the MassMade Program to identify, connect and support businesses that produce consumer goods in Massachusetts.

The program would provide information about qualified Massachusetts businesses and their products in a format readily available at no cost to consumers. The program would also be charged with identifying obstacles to conducting business in the Bay State and act as a resource for consumers seeking goods made here.

“MassMade will boost our economy by empowering companies and consumers alike,” said Sen. Eileen Donoghue (D-Lowell), the bill’s sponsor. No longer will the commonwealth’s manufacturers buy widgets from overseas because they did not realize that the same widget is being made 15 miles down the road. No longer will Massachusetts residents say they want to buy gifts or a specialty food locally, but, not knowing where to shop, give up and go online. MassMade supports the commonwealth’s world-class businesses and provides a key resource for those wishing to buy made-in-Massachusetts goods.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EXEMPT STUDENT INFORMATION FROM DISCLOSURE LAWS (S 2309) – The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would exempt public colleges and universities from being required to disclose student education records. Under current law, these schools are required to provide this information which is considered “public record” for the purposes of complying with the state’s public records laws.

Supporters said this will protect the personal information of some 300,000 students from businesses that want this information for commercial purposes. They noted that colleges are swamped with public records requests such as a student name, home and school address, date of birth, telephone and cellphone numbers, e-mail address, area of study, graduation date, parent’s names and addresses.

“At an early age, we teach our children never to speak with strangers, and yet our existing laws compel public colleges or universities to disseminate student information – clearly there’s a gap in reason,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury). “We have a duty to protect student information from falling into the hands of outside parties, which often seek to use the information for marketing purposes and self-gain. It’s also important for students to trust that the information disclosed to their college or university is not being publicly shared.”

CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION (CCC) VOTES TO DELAY MARIJUANA DELIVERY AND POT CAFES – While retail marijuana stores are scheduled to open in July, the CCC last week voted 4-1 to delay the granting of licenses to companies that plan to provide home delivery of marijuana and to open pot cafés where people could smoke marijuana socially. The commission now has until October 31 to gather in-

formation on these services and until March 1, 2019 to adopt regulations and begin licensing them.

“There was hesitance and lack of confidence in how the process will play out,” said Commissioner Shaleen Title, the sponsor of the delays. “It’s important for our commission to develop relationships where people feel they can trust us ... so if the delay allows us to do that without hurting marginalized communities, then I think everybody wins.”

“We hope that the governor, attorney general and other prohibition supporters show the proper respect for the sensible compromise fashioned by the commission today, and that they avoid all future pressure tactics,” said Jim Borghesani, Director of Communications for “Yes on 4” the group that spearheaded the campaign to legalize marijuana. “The commission must be allowed to implement the will of the voters without additional delays or interference.”

SENATE PRESIDENT CHANDLER APPOINTS NEW MAJORITY LEADER – Senate President Harriette Candler announced the appointment of Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) to the position of majority leader, the second most powerful position in the Senate. The spot, previously held by Chandler, became vacant when she was elected to take over the reins of the Senate during the ongoing Ethics Committee investigation into sexual assault charges against Rosenberg’s husband, Bryon Hefner, whether Rosenberg violated any Senate rules and whether Hefner had any influence over the business of the Senate, as he has claimed to others.

“I am excited and honored by this appointment,” said Creem. “I look forward to working with Senate President Chandler and all of my colleagues to ensure that we have a productive session dealing with those issues that matter most to our individual constituents and to the commonwealth.”

The appointment of Creem, the former assistant majority leader, had a ripple effect that led to the appointment of Sens. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) to fill Creem’s position; Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) as assistant majority whip; and Joan Lovely (D-Salem) as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

“As we continue to fight for the future of Massachusetts families, the Massachusetts Senate has never had more energy or purpose than it has today,” said Chandler. “This team is dynamic, experienced, diverse in viewpoints, and represents the best of our goals as Democrats and legislators. In making these decisions, it was critical to me to bring together a team of fresh, strong voices, as well as some of our most respected, long-serving members.”

ADD THREE NEW COMMISSIONS ON WOMEN AND GIRLS (H 1110)- The House and Senate have agreed on a version of a bill creating three new regional commissions, in addition to the existing eight, on the status of women and girls: Eastern Regional Commission, Upper Middlesex Commission, and Plymouth County Commission.

The commissions review the status of women in the communities and then make recommendations regarding policies and programs that would increase opportunities and equalities and ensure that women and girls are equal participants in all areas including economics, health-care, civil rights, education and business development.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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“For nearly 20 years, the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) and its regional commissions have done a tremendous job advocating for women’s equality,” said Rep. Elizabeth Poirier (R-North Attleboro), the sponsor of the bill. “The three new regional commissions ... will help to further the MCSW’s mission and make certain that the specific needs and concerns are addressed for women residing in the Eastern Massachusetts, Upper Middlesex and Plymouth County areas.”

“CASINO UNIVERSITY” – MGM Springfield, the \$950 million resort casino under construction and expected to open in September in Springfield, opened the Massachusetts Casino Career Training Institute Gaming School last week to train potential dealers to work in the casino. MGM plans to hire some 450 dealers.

"Soon, local residents will be trained and ready to start a successful new career path in an exciting industry," said MGM Springfield General Manager Alex Dixon. "But time is of the essence. We will begin hiring very soon and the earlier candidates are trained, the sooner they can audition for our team."

The institute, a partnership between MGM, Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College, has hired 15 professional dealers who will train candidates to deal several games including poker, roulette, craps, mini baccarat and blackjack. MGM announced it will reimburse the fee, ranging from \$199 to \$599 per course, to applicants who are hired and remain employed at MGM for at least one year.

MARCH MAPLE MADNESS (H 4246) – The Senate approved a House-approved bill designating March

as Massachusetts Maple Month in recognition of the vital role maple sugaring plays in the agriculture industry, our culture, heritage and economy. The measure “commends the maple syrup producers that create a natural native sweetener and a versatile ingredient that adds unique flavor enhancing qualities to many dishes.”

The original version of the bill, filed by Rep. Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington), included a section that designated pure Massachusetts maple syrup as the state’s official sweetener.

The House dropped it from the bill via an amendment by Rep. Ted Speliotis (D-Danvers) whose committee reported the bill out to the House for action. "I personally don't know enough about the sweetener industry to know if maple is the best sweetener," Speliotis told the State House News Service. The bill needs final House and Senate approval before being sent to Gov. Baker.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Look, I think the assault weapons ban in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, based on all the data that's available, has served this commonwealth well, and I think it would be appropriate at this point for the federal government to adopt something similar." — Gov. Baker

“It’s astonishing that even after 62 percent of the voters of Massachusetts voted to not lift the cap on charter schools, big charter corporations are still coming into our communities trying to expand their private schools against the will of the people.” — Kelly LaPierre, teacher from Lynn on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education decision not to create new charter schools.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of February 26-March 2, the House met for a total of five hours and 39 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 23 minutes.

Mon. Feb. 26	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. Feb. 27	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Feb. 28	House 11:01 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. March 1	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:54 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 1:23 p.m.
Fri. March 2	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
82 Line	6 room, 5 bed, 3f 1h bath Contemporary	40	\$1,449,000	\$1,375,000
66 Chandler Street	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath Victorian	8	\$1,500,000	\$1,525,000
28 Hawthorne St	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Other	18	\$1,549,000	\$1,575,000
23 Elston St	9 room, 5 bed, 4f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$1,795,000	\$1,915,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

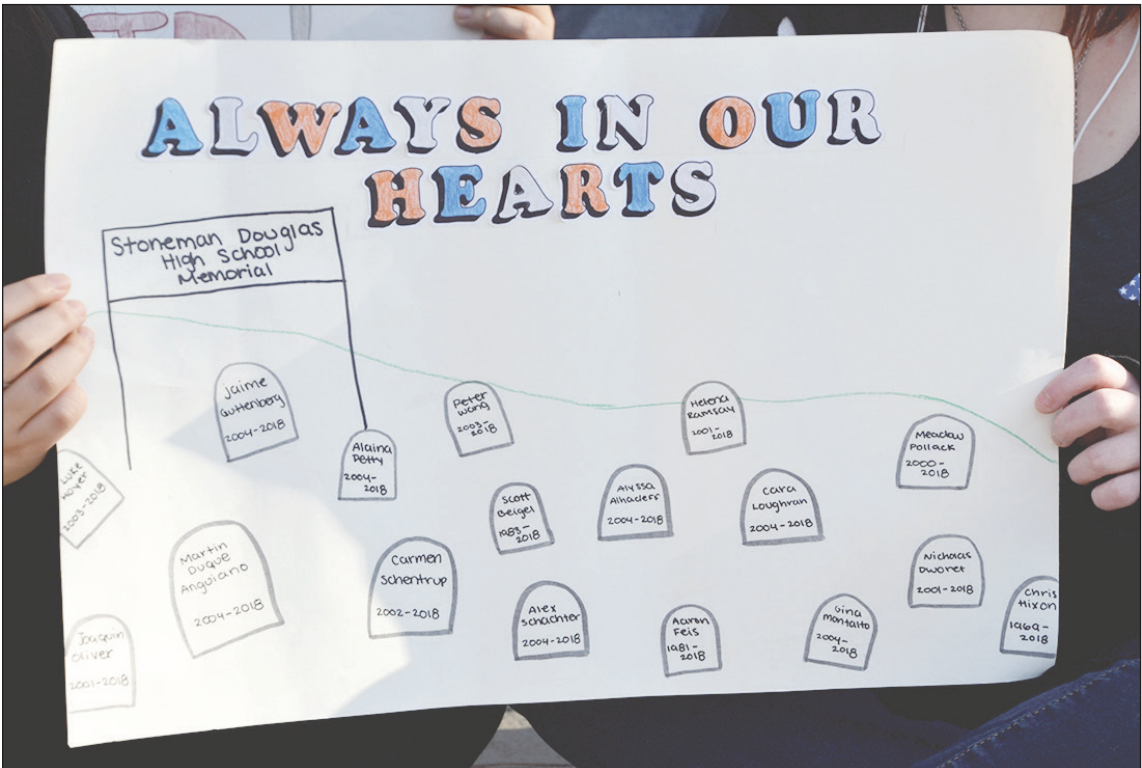
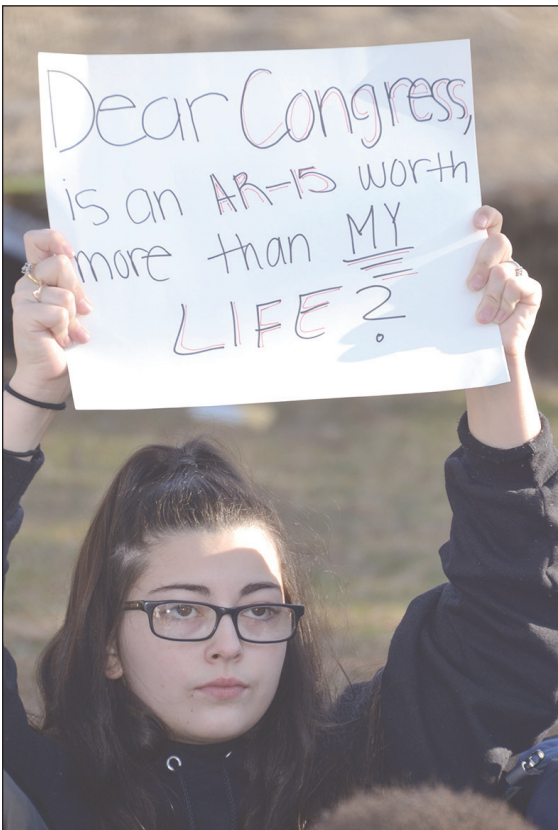
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
15 Wilson U:1	5 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$849,900	\$825,000
211 Tremont Street U:9	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Mid-Rise	6	\$875,000	\$940,000
1 Summer St U:6	6 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Loft	84	\$995,000	\$1,000,000
33 Glenwood U:1	5 room, 2 bed,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

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
14-16 Joseph St	3 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,265,000	\$1,150,000
35 Merriam St	3 unit, 20 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	25	\$1,269,000	\$1,240,000
90 Morrison Ave	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	26	\$1,290,000	\$1,205,400
52 Porter St	2 unit, 14 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	55	\$1,295,000	\$1,250,000
24 Belknap Street	3 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,579,000	\$1,400,000
34 Heath Street	6 unit, 24 total room, 6 total bedroom 5-9 Family	23	\$2,300,000	\$2,200,000
255 Highland Ave	6 unit, 23 total room, 8 total bedroom 5+ Family	7	\$2,500,000	\$2,560,000
11 Austin Street	6 unit, 34 total room, 16 total bedroom 5+ Family	125	\$2,750,000	\$2,500,000

Somerville High School students taking the initiative on gun control

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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #148

Downing Street

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Traditionally, the most famous resident of 10 Downing Street, London, was Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of England. While living there, he guided the people of Britain through the darkest hours of World War II.



When he was dining in its garden room on October 14, 1940, German bombs hit the building's kitchen and nearly killed him. His quarters were then changed to a safer underground location that was more convenient to its famous War Room.



In 1932, while on an American speaking tour, he lectured at a packed Boston Symphony Hall and donated all the proceeds to the Elizabeth Peabody House which is now located in Somerville. The Peabody House presents The Winston Churchill Award to a person who has done outstanding work among children and

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The 18th Annual Irish Film Festival

The Irish Film Festival, Boston (BIFF) returns to the historic Somerville Theatre for its eighteenth annual celebration of Irish film in Massachusetts from Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, March 25. Renowned for its programming, parties and post-screening Q&As, unlike many film festivals, the Irish Film Festival announces its awardees prior so that filmmakers can attend their screenings in the U.S.

Attendees this year will notice a few themes among the 30+ feature films, shorts and documentaries – from women in film and science, to music and animation. Some of the impressive films, shorts and documentaries that will be shown include:

- Breakthrough feature *Kissing Candice* kicks off the Festival on Thursday evening. An edgy independent film that just had its European premiere at the world-renowned Berlin Film Festival, *Kissing Candice* is a coming of age drama. Candice longs to escape the boredom of her seaside town, but when a boy she dreams about turns up in real life, she becomes involved with a dangerous local gang. Its showing at the IFF will be its U.S. premiere.

- *The Breadwinner*, the recipient of the Special Jury Prize, is a 2018 Oscar-nominated animated drama film by Cartoon Saloon directed by Nora Twomey and executive produced by Mimi Polk Gitlin and Angelina Jolie. It's based on the best-selling novel by Deborah Ellis and will be shown Saturday.

- *It's Not Yet Dark* is a documentary about the groundbreaking story of Simon Fitzmaurice, a talented young Irish filmmaker with ALS (MND), as he embarks on directing his first feature film through the use of his eyes and eye gaze technology. This film is co-presented with REELAbilities and is a fundraiser for ALS TDI on Sunday.

- The U.S. premiere of *Noel Hill: Broken Dream* closes the Festival on Sunday evening. Directed by Paddy Hayes, it is a searing portrait of one of Ireland's most renowned traditional musicians, concertina player Noel Hill, as he recovers from a serious assault that left

him a battered shadow of his former self.

A unique and science-focused addition to this year's Festival is the Global Vision Documentary *The Farthest*. This 2017 documentary, directed by Eimear Reynolds, will be shown Saturday in cooperation with MIT, STEM on Stage, and Women in Film & Video New England (WIFVNE), which promotes proactive images of women and works to empower all women in the media industry to achieve their professional potential. The story told in this documentary is quite compelling: More than 12 billion miles away a tiny spaceship is leaving our Solar System and entering the void of deep space – the first human-made object ever to do so. Slowly dying within its heart is a nuclear generator that will beat for perhaps another decade before the lights on Voyager finally go out. But this little craft will travel on for millions of years, carrying a Golden Record bearing recordings and images of life on Earth. In all likelihood, Voyager will outlive humanity. *The Farthest* celebrates these magnificent machines, the men and women who built them and the vision that propelled them farther than anyone could ever have hoped. There will be a post-screening panel featuring the director, members of WIFVNE, MIT and STEM on Stage.

Friday brings a spotlight on Northern Ireland with Director's Choice Feature *Maze* being shown in its New England premiere. This film is inspired by the true events of the infamous 1983 prison breakout of 38 IRA prisoners. Also a part of the Northern Ireland program on Sunday, Award-winning documentarian Alex Gibney (*Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the House of God*) reopens the case of the unresolved Loughinisland massacre in Northern Ireland with *No Stone Unturned*.

Saturday begins with a family-friendly showing, in partnership with *The Family Backpack*, of *Song of the Sea*. Saturday continues with the first of two short film programs – one on Saturday and one on Sunday. In total, 20 shorts, eight of which



Adrian McCarthy's *Pull Like a Dog* is but one of the many Irish cinema picks to be featured at the 18th Annual Irish Film Festival scheduled March 22–25 at the Somerville Theatre.

have female directors, will be featured. However, the Most Inspiring Short *Bless Me Father* will be shown with *Kissing Candice*. Director's Choice Short *Lost Memories* will screen with *Maze* and *QED* will be shown with the feature film *The Limit Of*.

Saturday continues with the documentary entitled *In the Shadow of the Glen*, directed by Seán Ó Cualáin, which tells the plight of his village as he follows a year in the life of the people of Loch Con Aortha in west Conamara. Understanding that the Gaelic civilization to which they belong has disintegrated, they strive to protect and preserve their identity as they come to the realization that if they themselves cannot save their village, perhaps they can save its heritage. *Pull Like a Dog*, another story from a small village in south west Ireland, is about Gary and Paul O'Donovan, two young rowers who came from nowhere to become household names after bolting their way to silver medal success at the Rio Olympics. The film has a local Massachusetts connection with the Head of the Charles Regatta being featured as the two get ready to compete on the world stage.

"It's remarkable to see the way Irish cinema has evolved over the years, particularly in the past year alone," said Dawn Morrissey, executive director of the Irish Film Festival. "Parity within the Irish film industry is very apparent in our program this year as we showcase the work of eleven female directors, a first for

the Festival. This is in part due to the Irish film board's gender and diversity program, part of their strategic plan which aims for 50/50 parity for funding Irish film projects within five years."

"Irish filmmakers from around the world are really showing their talents in so many areas, and we cannot wait to share our innovative, and sometimes edgy, program with our attendees this year. We're also delighted to host several of the filmmakers for Q&A events after their screenings," added Morrissey.

For the full list of films and schedule of the 18th annual Irish Film Festival and to purchase tickets, please visit www.irishfilmfestival.com. Follow the Festival on Instagram and Twitter @IrishFilmFest and on Facebook at facebook.com/IrishFilmFestival.

About the Irish Film Festival and Awards

The BIFF Awards were inaugurated in 2003 to honor those filmmakers whose work represents the very best of Ireland and the Irish on screen. Sponsored by BA Event Promotions, who bring the renowned Rascallaires to the Somerville, the festival is also supported by Culture Ireland, The Department of Foreign Affairs, The Irish Arts Council and in part by the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Founded in 1999, the festival has screened over five hundred Irish films since its inception and is the go-to for

sneak peaks and US distributor-sponsored screenings. The Festival has played host to some of the greatest names in Irish cinema, including Jim Sheridan, Gabriel Byrne, Brendan Gleeson, Domhnall Gleeson, Terry George, Colm Meaney, Fionnula Flanagan, John Boorman, Aidan Quinn, Stephen Rea, Ruth McCabe, Dylan Moran and Pat Shortt. For more information, please visit www.irishfilmfestival.com.

— Irish Film Festival

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

Zoning Meetings Hosted by Ward Aldermen

Members of Somerville's Board of Aldermen are hosting a series of meetings to discuss the City's proposed zoning overhaul. All residents are invited to attend the remaining meetings, as follows:

- When/Where:
 - WARD 3, Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen: March 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Public Safety Building (220 Washington St.)
 - WARD 7, Alderman Katjana

Ballantyne: March 10, 1-3 p.m., Capen Court VNA (405 Alewife Brook Parkway)

- WARD 2, Alderman JT Scott: March 10, 3-5 p.m., Crossfit Somerville (25 Prospect St.)

Housing & Community Development Forum, March 8
Learn how Somerville plans to use U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for various projects. Also learn about submitting a request for proposals applications. For more information, visit www.challiance.org/community.

When/Where: Thursday, March 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.
Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Overhaul, March 13
After multiple years of community process, the Administration has officially submitted the proposed Zoning Overhaul to the Board of Aldermen. Members of the public are invited to attend an up-

coming public hearing by the Somerville Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen's Land Use Committee to provide feedback. Feedback can also be submitted online at www.somervillezoning.com, where detailed information on the overhaul, timeline, and up-coming meetings and events are also available.
When/Where: Tuesday, March 13, 6 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.
Somerville Ave. Utility & Streetscape Improvements Project Meeting, March 14
Starting in April, a 3.5 year project will begin to improve utility and streetscape infrastructure in Union Sq. The project will make stormwater and sewer upgrades and improve the traffic, pedestrian, and cycling infrastructure in the Square. Join City staff, Aldermen, and project contractors for a community meeting to discuss the project schedule and impacts. For more in-

formation, visit www.somerville-ma.gov/somervilleave.
When/Where: Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., in the Academy Room at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St.
Beacon St. Project Community Meeting, March 19
Join Ward 2 Alderman JT Scott, City and project staff to discuss the 2018 construction season.
When/Where: Monday, March 19, 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.
Community Discussion about Central Hill Campus Parking Changes, March 19
With site preparation for construction on the new Somerville High School building project underway, gradual changes to parking options on the Central Hill Campus (which includes City Hall, Somerville High School, and the Somerville Public Library) and the surrounding public streets have begun. All interested residents are invited to attend quarterly public meet-

ings, with the first one taking place on Monday, March 19, where City staff will provide updates about parking changes, new data collection, and strategies for impact mitigation.
When/where: Monday, March 19, at 6 p.m. in the Somerville Public Library Auditorium, 79 Highland Ave.
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City Calendar
Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

House passes confidential patient-provider relationship protection legislation

State Representative Christine P. Barber of Somerville and Medford joined her House colleagues in voting Wednesday to engross the PATCH Act, An Act to protect access to confidential healthcare.

Confidentiality is a critical aspect of the patient-provider relationship, but one that may be compromised under the current insurance framework in Massachusetts. When a person accesses health care, health plans typically send an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) to the primary subscriber of the plan. This notice is not a bill, but details the type and cost of medical services accessed, and can often include sensitive information about sexual and reproductive health, mental health, domestic violence, or sexual assault.

For patients receiving health insurance as a dependent on the health plan of a family member or spouse, the confidentiality they expect from a provider may be compromised when an EOB is sent to the primary policyholder. People who are divorced, those involved in an abusive relationship or young people covered on their parents' plan up to the age of 26 may not wish for their medical services to be disclosed and as a result, this can prevent patients from communicating openly with their doctor, or from seeking care at all, for fear of a lack of confidentiality.

Legislation adopted by the House on Wednesday closed this privacy loophole by instructing all health plans in Massachusetts to send "member-level" EOBs to each insured individual, instead of sending only one to the primary subscriber. Members are also allowed to choose their preferred method of receiving an EOB, allowing them control over whether an EOB is sent to the primary subscriber at all, and all EOBs will be required to contain only general information that does not disclose the type of care received.

"Confidentiality is of utmost importance when it comes to ensuring patients receive quality health care, and that they are comfortable communicating openly with their health care providers," said Representative Barber. "Everything we can do to ensure privacy and make sure all people, particularly women and young people, feel comfortable accessing the care they need, is critical to improving and protecting health care access in the Commonwealth."

— The Office of State Representative Christine P. Barber



Community Meeting to Discuss Beacon Street Project, March 19

Please join Ward 2 Alderman JT Scott, the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, MassDOT and Beacon St. Reconstruction Project staff on Monday, March 19, for a community meeting to discuss the ongoing roadway reconstruction. The team will provide updates on the 2018 construction season and answer questions from attendees. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Argenziano School, at 290 Washington St.

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



We’re proud of our committed Somerville students.

Our View Of The Times



No matter what side you may stand on when it comes to gun control and possible restrictions on the sales and possession of so-called assault rifles, you have to admire the passion and commitment of the many young people who are actively voicing their concerns on the issue.
A large group of students at Somerville High School have staged a walkout from their classrooms in response to the massacre in Parkland, Florida, last month and the epidemic of mass shootings in the United States.
The group is calling for serious reforms of firearms possession policy and plans on continuing their actions until they achieve a degree of satisfaction from their demands.

Activism of any sort can be a valuable addition to a young person's development. Political and social issues addressed at an early age can help to shape a one's character and set the tone for future involvement in matters of importance.
These kids, along with like-minded students from neighboring communities, are doing their best to make a difference.

Their motives are honorable. Their goals are admirable.
Those who oppose stricter gun controls may look askance at such activism, while others who sympathize with the movement's objectives will doubtless regard these students with admiration.
Either way, let's acknowledge and support their right to peaceful protest.

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here in the city of Somerville, which he loved. He was married to his lovely wife **Mary**, who he will now be re-united with. They were married for many years, and together they raised five children, **Rosemary, Linda, Daniel Jr., Karen and Richard**. We here at *The Somerville Times* knew Danny and thought the world of him. He was truly one of those guys you meet and just admire him for his integrity and honesty. We, along with his family and many friends, will miss him deeply. Arrangements and service sometime next week and as soon as we hear from the family we will post it online. God rest his soul, may he rest in peace.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy birthday to own on good guy and great Editor **Jim Clark**. We wish him a great birthday this week. Happy birthday to another of our own, local real estate agent and lifelong resident **John Pratti**, from **The Norton Group**. We hope John has a great birthday. Happy birthday to one of the nicest guys (there are a lot of nice people at the DPW) **Eddie Nuzzo**. We hope he has a great one. Happy birthday to **Nick Kondilis**, a long time real estate agent with **Bremis Realty**. We hope he has a great birthday.

Happy birthday to one of Somerville's good guys, from a great family, **Marc Piro**. We hope he has a great day. And to one of our good friends, **Donald Coutoumas**, of the Somerville Coutoumas family, going back a long time here in the city. We hope Donald has a great birthday. To our good friend **Barry Cunningham** of Buffalo, NY, who is an avid reader of our paper. We wish him a great birthday. Also, old friend **Patrick Palzkill**, a realtor on the south shore. We hope he has a great day. To all those that are also celebrating this week, we wish you a happy birthday.

Here's some exciting news: word has it that the **Cid Corman Boston Small Poetry Press Archive** at **UMass Boston** will archive our own **Doug Holder's Off the Shelf** columns from before May 2011, on acid-free paper. It's a slow process, but is great to have *The Somerville Times* included in Boston Literary history.

Those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They give an extensive program, at the end of which you receive certification for **Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes**. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. Congratulations to Somerville's own **Bill Chambers**, recently elected Vice President of the club. A nice guy who is also a great teacher of safety in shooting.

That **Pothole Patrol** truck needs to get some of those potholes repaired, especially in **Ward 3**. We hear there are some serious problems there.

Congratulations to **Steve MacEachern** on his re-election efforts and working hard at the **Somerville Municipal Credit Union**. He was up for re-election this week and is currently the VP.

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

We attended the **flag raising ceremony** at **Prospect Hill** this past **Sunday, March 4**, which is normally held on the anniversary of the ceremony on January 1. The city or whoever makes the decision said it was too cold on January 1, so they postponed the program for a warmer day. First time in history the ceremony was changed because it was too cold. There was some discussion by a couple of lifelong residents who have been going to the ceremony for many years – one or two back to early 70's and before – when it was held on the actual day of the event on New Year's day at 6:00 a.m. Some might wonder what good old **George Washington** might have done. Would he and his militia stand on Prospect Hill or not because it was too cold? Maybe it was warmer then. The city has changed. About 200 or so attended this past Sunday, while back in the 70's when it was held at 6:00 a.m. the crowd would be hundreds more, and all families. Guess we can expect that since many new arrivals to our city are probably from warmer climates here in the USA and are not use to NE weather. One
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242nd Grand Union Flag Raising on Prospect Hill

In its annual tradition, the City of Somerville held a reenactment ceremony for the 242nd anniversary of the "Grand Union" flag-raising ceremony at Prospect Hill Park on Sunday, March 4, attended by approximately 200.

A procession led by a re-enactor portraying General George Washington on horseback left from the City Hall Concourse at 11:30 a.m., headed towards the ceremony at Prospect Hill Park.

Members of the public were invited to participate and encouraged to wear traditional colonial clothing.

The annual ceremony commemorates the raising of the nation's first official flag, featuring thirteen red and white horizontal stripes, atop Prospect Hill on New Year's Day, 1776. At the time, Prospect Hill was a key site in a string of fortifications created by Washington and the Continental Army in their siege of British troops in Boston during the first year of the American Revolution.

The afternoon's program included songs, remarks by participants from the Charlestown and Rhode Island Militia, and the Ancient and Honorable Company (first chartered in 1638). His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, representing the British Army, brought a message from King George III. Brigadier General Richard Johnson for Massachusetts, and the American Legion Post 19 Honor Guard led a military salute as a commemorative flag was raised atop the Prospect Hill Tower, which was open to the public following the ceremony.

For more information about this and other historic activities, visit the Historic Preservation Commission website: <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation-commission>.





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Photos by Donald Norton



SPORTS

SFLC, SomerPromise Host 2018 Summer Camps & Activities Fair

An estimated 450 parents, guardians, youth and other community members stopped by the 2018 Somerville Summer Camp and Activities Fair held at the East Somerville Community School yesterday evening to learn about youth summer program options. More than 40 vendors from Somerville and the surrounding area were on hand at this annual event to share information and answer questions.

Vendors represented a wide range of programs and interests including sports and recreation activities and camps; arts, music, nature, and STEM programs for youth of all ages; and summer employment opportunities for teens.

Learn more about the many local programs available to Somerville youth by browsing through the 2018 Somerville Summer Guide to Camps and Activities, Out of School Time, and Teen Jobs. For additional youth summer events and activities, visit the Somerville Hub – www.somervillehub.org.



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- Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge
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|---|---|
| 1. Who was the original lead singer of the band Skid Row? | Picture Oscar in 1939? |
| 2. In what song will you find the line "The future's not ours to see"? | 7. Who did Nancy Davis take to the 1952 Academy Awards ceremony? |
| 3. In the Harry Potter novels, what is the name of the fountain in the Ministry of Magic? | 8. What is Nelson Mandela's middle name? |
| 4. What country singer is known as Whisperin' Bill? | 9. What is the Apgar Score? |
| 5. What legislation did U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson introduce during his State of the Union address in 1964? | 10. The traditional casing of a hotdog is made from what? |
| 6. What film beat out <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> for the Best | 11. <i>Buddy</i> was the name of the musical about what rock legend? |
| | 12. Who played Bobby Simone in the television series <i>NYPD Blue</i> ? |
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Friday, March 16, 2018 at the Somerville High School Field House
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. – game starts at 7:00 p.m.
Proceeds from this citywide event go to scholarships for Somerville High School Seniors
Purchase tickets before the game: \$8 students, \$10 general admission, at the door: \$10.00 students, \$12.00 general admission.
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Aldermanic 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.***

14 Pearl Street (ZBA 2018-23): Applicant and Owner, Adragna Dedic, LLC, propose increasing the number of units on the property from one to three. The Applicant/Owner also seeks special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase existing non-conformities including, but not limited to, the Gross Floor Area (GFA) by more than 25%, increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) by more than 25%. Parking relief sought under §9.13 of the SZO. Applicant proposes increasing the number of units from one to three. RB zone. Ward 1.

55-57 Marshall Street (ZBA 2018-16): Applicant, Daniel Santos, and Owner, Federico Guerino, seek special permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter the rear roof line on a non-conforming structure. RB zone. Ward 4.

11 Glenwood Road (ZBA 2018-30): Applicants and Owners, Courtney Koslow & Maura Vogel, seek a Variance under §5.5, §8.5 and a special permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to convert a carriage barn into a residential living unit. RA zone. Ward 5.

111 Cedar Street (ZBA 2018-03): Applicant/Owner, 111 Cedar Street, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a three-story rear deck and stairs as well as finishing a portion of the basement. The proposal also requires a Variance under SZO §5.5, §8.5, and §8.6 because it will violate the allowed encroachments into the required rear yards for decks. RB Zone. Ward 5.

95-97 Cross Street (ZBA 2018-05): Applicant and Owner, Daiza Ferreira Souza Almeida, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1 to extend a pre-existing nonconformity to legalize a fence. RB Zone. Ward 1.


14 Pearl St.: <http://eepurl.com/dm53Of>
55-57 Marshall St.: <http://eepurl.com/dm54oz>
11 Glenwood Rd.: http://eepurl.com/dm54_H
111 Cedar St.: <http://eepurl.com/di5nKz>
95-97 Cross St.: <http://eepurl.com/dm5dWz>

Submittals may be viewed in-person 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-7:30pm www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. ~~Continued cases will not be~~ re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
As published in The Somerville Times on 3/7/18 & 3/14/18.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the ~~Plan-~~ning Board and the ~~Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee~~ on **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00pm**, in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, to receive public comments concerning the following:

ADOPTION OF A NEWSOMERVILLE 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.

NOTE: In preparation for this public hearing, on **Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA the City Administration will introduce the code, provide an overview and highlight how the 2018 overhaul is different than the proposed 2015 zoning overhaul.

Per *Section 1.2.1.a* of the proposed new ordinance, any discretionary or administrative permit issued, under current zoning regulations, prior to the date of adoption of the new Ordinance will remain valid, subject to all conditions of approval, notwithstanding the publishing of this advertisement.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman, Planning Board

Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, BOA Land Use Committee

To be published in the Somerville Times on January 31, 2018 and February 7, 2018, February 14, 2018, February 21, 2018, February 28, 2018 and March 7, 2018.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

MIDDLESEX Division **Docket No. MI17P1814EA**

Estate of:
Frances K. Loblundo

Date of Death: 01/31/2017

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by

William Venezia of **Woburn MA**

requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/09/2018.


This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you

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

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Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 18-57

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

Repair and Upgrade of Police Patrol Boat


An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: 03/29/2018 at 12:00 P.M. at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year from 04/01/2018 through 03/31/2019, with two one-year options to renew. The City reserves sole discretion to exercise renewal options.

Please contact pwaditwar@somervillema.gov for further information.

Angela M. 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 20, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding 1) a proposal by Horizons Enterprises, LLC: to demolish a c.1916 concrete block structure at 8-10 Hardan Road.

The subject of the hearings will be a review of the initial determination by the HPC 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 (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 18-56

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

Sewer Systems Regular and Emergency Repairs

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A 5% bid deposit is required. Prevailing wage applies to this procurement.

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

Repairs to Water Main Gate Valves and Appurtenance

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFQ 18-43

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

Owner's Project Management (OPM)
Services for Design and Construction of Art Farm

Bid packages for may be obtained online at <https://www.somerville-ma.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Wednesday March 7th, 2018.

Sealed proposals will be received until Wednesday March 28th 11:00am. Late proposals will not be considered. 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 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email mrichards@somervillema.gov for information and the bid package.

Michael Richards
Assistant Purchasing Director

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 18-54

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

Water Distribution Systems Regular and Emergency Repairs

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **03/28/2018 at 11:00 AM**, at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

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| 3. The Fountain of Magical Brethren | 9. A test given to newborns soon after birth to see if extra medical care is needed |
| 4. James William Anderson III | 10. The small intestines of sheep |
| 5. The war on poverty (Economic Opportunity Act) | 11. Buddy Holly |
| 6. <i>Gone With the Wind</i> | 12. Jimmy Smits |

Powderhouse Studios aims to teach students how to learn

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“Growing up, my experience in school was positive, but the things I cared about the most were happening outside of school,” Resnick said. “And I learned a ton of really awful time management strategies.”

By focusing on long-term, meaningful projects, students will learn how to take an idea and make it a reality. Something Duffy and Resnick believe is crucial for teaching people how to manage their time, resources and workload. Something that doesn't always happen when every student is learning and doing the same thing.

“You learn things that you really care about,” Resnick said. “And also as soon as you say everyone is doing the same thing, people are behind or ahead and it can really screw with your process of learning.”

The school is set to open in Somerville the fall of next year, with construction currently being done at 1060 Broadway. About 30 to 40 students, ages 13 to 15, will be enrolled every year. The maximum amount Resnick hopes to have is between 120 to 160 students.

With three faculty members on staff so far — Duffy, Resnick and Bakhtiar Mikhak — the team's goal is to have four staff members for every cohort of students. A project



A rendering of Powderhouse Studios in Somerville.
— Photo courtesy of Sebastian Mariscal Studio & MarKa

manager, program designer, youth advocate, and domain specialist will stay with the students throughout their time at PHS.

“It's not just checking off boxes in lesson plans,” Duffy said. “The staff is pushing you because they know you, they know you can do better, and they know that you know you can do better.”

In addition to spending time working on creative projects — that could range from starting an immigrant rights organization to building a robot that could bring a slice of cake to your sister — PHS students will also receive a stipend that could be spent on project supplies or on learning other extracurriculars the school doesn't provide. They could

pull some of their money together to pay for guitar lessons or a gym membership, Renick said.

“It's a lot of thinking about how do we use our resources,” he said. “The cognitive piece is how to learn something on your own.”

And it's the starting and finishing projects, Duffy said, that will give students the confidence and knowledge that they can make things happen.

“You don't want someone to say to you, ‘You can't do that,’” she said. “It's about maintaining motivation so they feel like they finish things that are real and meaningful to them.”

For more information on Powderhouse Studios, visit www.powderhouse.org.

What is the difference between Medical Escorts and Medical Advocates?

By Marie Mazzeo

The Medical Advocate and Medical Escort programs have similar names, but are actually quite different. A Medical Escort's primary role is helping older adults get to-and-from medical appointments, and it's common for them to help several different people in any given month. With Medical Advocate the volunteer is matched with one client, who needs help understanding their medical care. In addition to accompanying the older adult to an appointment, the advocate is in the room when that older adult is talking to the doctor. They become familiar with the older adult's medical issues, and are there to provide support.

The advocate can help out in a lot of ways. Some common examples include ensuring that important questions get asked while at the doctor's office, and reinforcing that information after the appointment is over.

The best medical advocates are reliable, patient, good communicators, who work well with older adults. They also need to be available during the day, because that's when most medical appointments take place.

All of our volunteers in this program realize how important that support can be. Some of our clients have very complicated medical needs, and our volunteers are really dedicated to helping them stay on the right track. The Medical Advocate program is free for Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) clients with complex medical needs.

Marie Mazzeo is Volunteer Programs Manager at Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services. For more information about Medical Advocates or other volunteer programs, contact SCES at 617-628-2601 or visit the Volunteer Opportunities page on our website, eldercare.org. Learn more about SCES by following us on Facebook and Twitter



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more thing, the animated drama discussion between the British General and George Washington that took place at this ceremony never actually happened. George was on top of Prospect Hill.

Don't forget, if you miss the Board of Aldermen meetings on Somerville City Cable (Comcast 22, RCN 13) or online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/video> ev-

ery other Thursday night, you can view them in their entirety by going to <http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens>. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public.

FYI, we still think more than ever that the Winter Hill Yacht Club should be turned over to the City of Somerville as a public marina,

to be used and enjoyed by all our Somerville residents. Especially now since we heard from sources that the club membership of those living in Somerville is the lowest it's ever been. But as you can see, they have big fence and gate to keep you out, while they pay low rent to the state on a lease for property. That is what they refer to in the real estate world as a fantastic location.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|March 7

Central Library
Wilson reading tutoring
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Somerville Positive Forces
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|March 8

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

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave
Lego Club!
3:30 p.m. -5 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday|March 9

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

Saturday|March 10

Central Library
Paper crafting
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunday|March 11

Central Library
Girl Scout Troop Meeting
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|March 12

Central Library
Sing Along w/ Matt
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
Children's Book Group : Biography of Choice!
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Tuesday|March 13

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Somerville High School Anime Club
2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

Wednesday|March 14

Central Library
Wilson reading tutoring
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

West Branch Library
Good CRAFTernoon
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|March 7

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

The Burren
Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom Series: Runa|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Narrow Waves
The Susan Constant, The Motivated Sequence
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Seamus Galligan
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Thursday|March 8

Sally O'Brien's
Andy Pratt, Asa & The Naked 'I's,
Trick Wallace Trio 8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm
Backroom Series: Andrew Collins Trio
|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's
Krush Faktory(Dub Down)
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
Zilla, Strange Changes, Miette Hope
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Grant-Lee Phillips
Will Dailey
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Russ Gershon Trio w/ Blake Newman & Phil Neighbors
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Pub Sing
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|March 9

Sally O'Brien's
Jim Coyle & King Blue |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Water, Haley Trapella, Krush Acoustic |10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: Ezekiel's Wheels |7 p.m.
Young Love and the Thrills|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's
Greg Luttrell
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
The Void Union, Dave Hillyard of The Slackers
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Lou Barlow
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

The Rockwell
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.
BUMP|9 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10:15 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Journeys in Sound Presents: Rebeto-
parea - An Evening of Rebetiko (Greek
Urban Blues)
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|March 10

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
Melatonins, Graveyard of The Atlan-
tic, Split/Halves \$10 cover
|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room | Karen K & the Jitter-
bugs!|10:30 a.m.
An Evening with Mally Smith & The
So Long Band & Middle
Mountain|7 p.m.
Spittin Vinnies |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road
The Buffers
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

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

The Rockwell
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming
of the Shrew|7 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
The Center for Arabic Culture Chil-
dren's Choir: "Ghanni Arabi"
4 p.m.|Cafe
Laughing Liberally Boston
8 p.m|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
KERPLUNK!|11 a.m.
Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare: The Taming
of the Shrew|7 p.m.
The St Patrick's Comedy Show|8 p.m.
255 Elm St

Somerville Theatre
Brett Dennen
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday|March 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar
The Natural Wonders |4:30 p.m.
Lee Ross Sunday Sunday, special
guest Slizzerd|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3
p.m.
Los Goutos|9 p.m.

Back Room
Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Karan Casey Trio, with Pajunen/
Brynnel Duo|4 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Sunday Brunch Live Country &
Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Hillbilly Holiday|2 p.m.
Rare Harry Houdini films with Live
Music at Aeronaut Brewing|7:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Monday|March 12

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

P.A.'s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Thunder Road
Kyle Cook (of Matchbox 20)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Toddlerbilly Takeover|7 p.m.
Spectramotiv|8 p.m.
Sophia Belle
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 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/
Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh
McGowan|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Thunder Road
Comedy Storm Hosted By Ben Quick
and Alex Giampapa (Comedy)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Metal Yoga with Black Widow
Yoga|7:30 p.m.
Heavy Metal Tuesday|8 p.m.
Greylock, Bedtimemagic
156 Highland Ave

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

Wednesday|March 14

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

The Burren
Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9
p.m.
Backroom Series: Seamus Egan Proj-
ect|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Clan Of Xymox
Stoneburner
8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Poets & Pints
6 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|March 8

Central Library
Coalitions Meeting
6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.
Endangered Canyonlands of Utah
with Harvey Halpern
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Yoga for Teachers
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

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

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

Saturday|March 10

Central Library
Lacan Reading Group
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
An Introduction to Craft Beer with
Aeronaut Brewing Co
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Winter Farmers Market
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.|Arts at the Ar-
mory|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 11

Central Library
Introduction to Zentangle®
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Monday|March 12

Central Library
Creative Drama Workshop
4 p.m.-5 p.m.
Somerville Republican City Commit-
tee Meeting
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Stand up comedy writers group
6 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 13

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Science Fiction and Fantasy Book
Club
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|March 14

Central Library
The Poet, the Artist, The Printer: Book
Arts and the Small Press
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lindsay Straw, Folk Singer & Guitarist – March 13 at 11:30 a.m. with a special Irish lunch then concert at 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Cost is \$5 per person – Traditional Irish ballads and classic Irish-Amer-

ican sing alongs. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lucky Leprechaun Super Bingo – Thursday, March 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center. \$12 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. 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.

Afternoon at the Movies – Tuesday, March 27 starting at 12:00 p.m. at the SOMERVILLE THEATRE in Davis Square. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. \$1 per person. This month’s movie is Only The Brave. RSVP to Josie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Diabetic Shoe Clinic – Monday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Did you know that you may be eligible for a new pair of diabetic shoes? Must have appointment. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Magpie Puppets – Thursday, April 5 at our Holland Street Center starting at 11:15 a.m. Shadow Songs and Stories bring favorite songs and stories to life with cleverly crafted shadow puppets. Lunch and Bingo following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

Foxwoods Casino – Monday, April 30, \$25 includes transportation, \$10 bonus slot and a \$10 buffet. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 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.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers

to discuss current events. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

immigrant families. On April 9, 1963, President John F. Kennedy and Congress bestowed honorary citizenship upon him.

Almost three hundred years earlier, history was being made across the Atlantic Ocean in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. America’s oldest college, Harvard, graduated its first class in 1642, two hundred years before Somerville was established. The second student out of only nine to be honored was George Downing.

He was the nephew of Governor John Winthrop, whom he lived with at Ten Hills and was the cousin of Governor John Winthrop, Jr. of Connecticut. After graduation, he became Harvard’s first hired tutor for three years before sailing to England and setting into motion an intriguing life.

He was a preacher, soldier, statesman, master spy, and ambassador. King Charles II awarded him land that he lat-

er developed into Downing Street. Politically, he was said to be ruthless and often switched his allegiance.

While a diplomat at The Hague, he worked against the Dutch and mediated for England’s interest in America. Downing was responsible for acquiring the 1664 possession of the then New Amsterdam that is today’s New York. Manhattan’s Downing Street honors him. He was the seed that grew “The Big Apple.”

They were two historic men ... one saved London and one saved New York. They had a common interest, which was a street in London. Sir George Downing built, developed and received its name, and Sir Winston Churchill made the front door of 10 Downing Street one of the most iconic addresses in the world. New York City honors both of them with Manhattan’s Winston Churchill Square that is located at 10 Downing Street.



BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

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What does a vegetarian zombie eat?
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Panel: Understanding Net Neutrality and the Future of Our Internet

Beyond Boston – Regional News Show presents.... Understanding Net Neutrality and the Future of Our Internet: A Panel Discussion & Q and A.

This panel is held on Thursday, March 29th from 7-8:30pm at Malden Senior Center (7 Washington St, Malden, MA 02148). It is no surprise that a free, open, and accessible internet is vital to our modern democracy. To ensure such protections, net neutrality rules were created to make sure all internet traffic is treated equally and enables freedom of the press, expression, and speech in the digital age. Despite the clear importance of net neutrality, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to eliminate net neutrality and change the way Americans access the internet. We invite the public to attend this panel discussion to learn more about Net Neutrality, our Internet future and what efforts are taking place to fight against this war on information access.

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Guillermo Hamlin
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Jordan Berg Powers, Executive Director, Mass Alliance
Cara Lisa Berg Powers, Executive Director, Transformative Culture Project
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ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS:

Beyond Boston is a collaboration of regional community media centers whose mission is to bring awareness to topics that have impact and relevance beyond their own communities. This cohort produces a monthly regional news magazine spotlighting reporting from Boston, MA area community access centers – including Brookline Interactive Group (BIG) in Brookline, MA, Cambridge Community Television (CCTV) in Cambridge, MA, Malden Access TV (MATV) in Malden, MA and MA, Somerville Media Center (SMC/SCATV) in Somerville – in partnership with BINJ.

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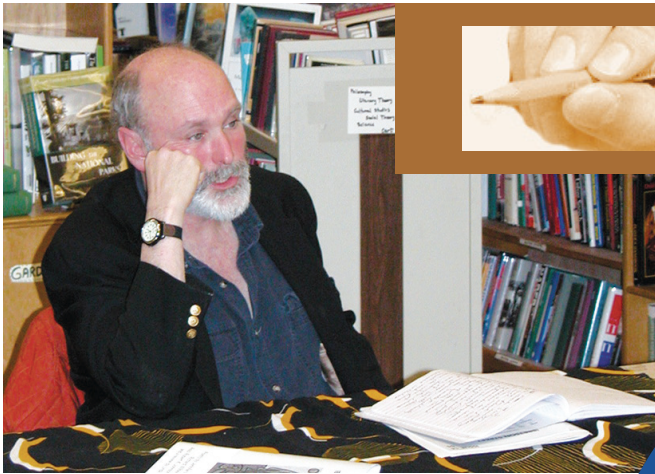
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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board		1:00am	Free Speech TV	
7:00am	Wide Angle		6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	
7:30am	DW In Good Shape		7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
9:00am	DW Global 3000		9:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	
9:30am	Both Sides of the Bars		9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer		10:00am	NASA TV	
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers		11:00am	SOM ARTS	
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast		11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show		12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	
1:00pm	Health is Wealth		1:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	
1:30pm	Green Card Voices		1:30pm	Physicians focus	
2:00pm	SOM ARTS		2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News		2:30pm	The World Fusion Show	
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		3:00pm	Democracy Now	
4:00pm	NASA TV		4:00pm	Gay USA	
5:00pm	Physicians Focus		5:00pm	The Chatman Booth	
5:30pm	Going Postal		5:30pm	What's New in Massachusetts?	
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 languages		6:00pm	The Boston Medium	
7:00pm	Donnie Steubins		6:30pm	The Real Estate Answers Show	
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits		7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party		8:00pm	The Grandstanders	
9:30pm	SMC Member Submissions		8:30pm	Greater Somerville	
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series		9:00pm	SOM Arts	
10:30pm	Ojo Rojo		9:30pm	Cambridge Calendar	
11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash		10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	
Thursday, March 8			11:00pm	Totally Working Out	
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash		11:30pm	Totally Working Out	
1:00am	Free Speech TV		Saturday March 10		
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board		12:00am	DIWHY The Show	
7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians		1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	
7:30am	DW Focus on Europe		2:00am	Free Speech TV	
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		5:00am	Effort Pour Christ	
9:00am	DW Tomorrow Today		6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	
9:30am	Hello Neighbor		7:00am	Tele Magazine	
10:00am	The Kamla Show		8:00am	Democracy Now	
10:30am	Somerville Pundits		9:00am	SMC Youth Media	
11:00am	Art and Ideas		9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	
11:30am	The Real Estate Answers Show		10:00am	Dead Air Live	
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show		11:00am	Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	
1:00pm	The Somerville Line		12:00pm	Telegalaxie	
3:00pm	Democracy Now!		1:00pm	African Television Network	
4:00pm	SMC Roundtable		2:00pm	The Beantown Beatdown	
4:30pm	The Struggle		3:00pm	Democracy Now!	
5:00pm	Words on Film		4:00pm	The World Fusion Show	
6:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News		4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	
6:30pm	Greater Somerville				
7:00pm	LIVE - The Boston Medium				
7:30pm	Somerville Pundits				
8:00pm	Startup TV Boston				
			5:00pm	DW Focus on Europe	
			5:30pm	Both Sides of the Bars	
			6:00pm	Beyond Boston	
			6:30pm	Hello Neighbor	
			7:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	
			7:30pm	SOM ARTS	
			8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
			8:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	
			9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	
			10:00pm	DIWHY The Show	
			11:00pm	SCATV Secret Stash	
			11:30pm	Ojo Rojo	
			Sunday March 11		
			12:00am	Flotilla	
			1:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	
			2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	
			3:00am	Free Speech TV	
			6:00am	NASA TV	
			7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	
			8:00am	SCATV Secret Stash	
			6:00am	NASA TV	
			7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	
			8:00am	Tele Magazine	
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			10:00am	Art and Ideas	
			10:30am	DW Conflict Zone	
			11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	
			12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
			12:30pm	Effort Pour Christ	
			1:30pm	Teen Empowerment: Youth Matters Media	
			2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	
			3:00pm	African Television Network	
			4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	
			5:00pm	SMC Member Submissions	
			5:30pm	Reeling Review	
			6:00pm	The Grandstanders	
			6:30pm	The Real Estate Answers Show	
			7:00pm	Gay USA	
			8:00pm	New England Pride TV	
			8:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
			9:00pm	Words on Film	
			10:00pm	The Boston Medium	
			10:30pm	TUTV	
			11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	
			11:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	
			Monday March 12		
			12:00am	Free Speech TV	
			6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	
			7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians	
			7:30am	Going Postal	
			8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
			9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	
			10:00am	Both Sides of the Bars	
			10:30pm	SOM ARTS	
			11:00am	Beyond the Badge	
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			12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	
			1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
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			3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
			4:00pm	DW Euromaxx	
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			5:00pm	Tele Galaxie	
			6:00pm	SMC youth Media	
			6:30pm	The Kamla Show	
			7:00pm	LIVE - The Yellow Jacket Lady	
			7:30pm	SMC Presents	
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			5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	
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			7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	
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			9:00pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady	
			9:30pm	SMC Presents	
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			10:30pm	SCATV Secret Stash	
			11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	
			11:30pm	SMC Member Submissions	

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Wednesday, March 7		2:00am	School Committee Meeting - 3.5.18	10:32pm	Rally Point	11:30am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte
8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	11:01pm	Talking Business	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 3.8.18
8:50am	HeatSmart CoolSmart	9:00am	Rally Point	11:15pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	6:00pm	SomerViva em Portuguès
9:00am	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	9:30am	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	Sunday, March 11		6:32pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018
11:30am	SomerViva em Portuguès	12:00pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism	12:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	7:32pm	Rally Point
12:02pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.5.18	1:30pm	SomerViva em Portuguès	1:00am	Multilingual ResiStat Meeting - 11.2.17	8:01pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
6:30pm	Rally Point	2:02pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	3:17am	SomerViva en Espanol	9:17pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart
7:00pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	2:30pm	Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017	9:30pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year
8:22pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	3:00pm	Talking Business	9:00am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:53pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart
8:30pm	SomerViva em Portuguès	6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol	9:30am	Three Kings Festival at St. Benedict's Parish	Tuesday, March 13	
9:02pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"	7:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	11:30am	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	12:00am	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 3.8.18
9:30pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	8:00pm	Rally Point	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017
10:00pm	Haitian Cultural Celebration	8:30pm	Haitian Cultural Celebration	12:30pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	9:00am	Talking Business
Thursday, March 8		9:44pm	Talking Business	1:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	9:13am	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year
12:00am	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	10:00pm	SomerViva em Portuguès	2:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 3.5.18	11:30am	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
1:30am	BOA Legislative Matters Committee	10:32pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	6:30pm	SomerViva em Portuguès	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	11:00pm	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	7:02pm	Senior Circuit	12:30pm	BOA Land Use Committee
9:00am	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	Saturday, March 10		7:31pm	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	6:30pm	SomerViva en Espanol
11:30am	Rally Point	12:00am	BOA Land Use Committee	8:00pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #4 2017	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 3.8.18	7:30pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year
12:30pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	9:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	Monday, March 12		9:00pm	The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism
1:52pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 3.8.18	12:00am	Senior Circuit	10:16pm	Talking Business
2:00pm	SomerViva en Espanol	4:00pm	Talking Business	12:30am	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	10:30pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch
2:30pm	Raising Families "Kindergarten Registration"	6:30pm	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch	1:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	11:00pm	HeatSmart CoolSmart
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	7:00pm	Kevin Dua- MA History Teacher of the Year	2:00am	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am	Senior Circuit
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	8:30pm	MLK Jr. Day Celebration	8:30am	Fit-4-Life #5 2017	12:30am	Aldermen at Work: Stephanie Hirsch
Friday, March 9		10:00pm	SomerViva em Portuguès	9:00am	First Flag Raising at Prospect Hill 2018	1:00am	Haitian Cultural Celebration



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avoiding the cones of light
from street lamps illuminating
the First National Bank and the First
Presbyterian Church, staid
institutions in which I had come
to have little faith.

We three were good with one
another then, in those early years.
Now it's thirty seven years
since wife and I parted;
my childhood friend is dead.
The bank is a store,
the church a parking lot.
But I've never forgotten that night
on an empty Main Street
when in the soft snow there seemed
a quiet wonder—
as if everything had its place
in an ordered world.

— Richard Wilhelm

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I met Tim Devin at my usual corner of the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square. We were there to talk about his new project, namely a small press collection at the main branch of the Somerville Library, where Devin also works. Since I have been involved in small press publishing for decades, and a proud member of this group of ink-stained wretches, Devin's project was of utmost interest.

Devin is a man somewhere in middle age, of average height and build, who speaks in a calm and collected professional manner, but occasionally this composure cracks with a small press geek's enthusiasm, especially when he talks about a new find for the collection.

Devin has lived in Somerville since the 90s. He has been involved with a number of literary/art projects, and was on the board for the Somerville Arts Council. Devin told me, "I love the sense of community in Somerville. It seems that people care about each other in this city."

The definition of "small press" varies. Devin defines it as booklets, zines, magazines, that have a small press run, and are local in nature. The scope of the collection will include Somerville, Boston, Cambridge and other places in the immediate vicinity.

Devin told me that the small press collection idea was jump-started by *New York Times* columnist and noted writer Pagan Kennedy. Kennedy, a longtime Somerville resident, was a key figure in the zine scene in Allston and Somerville in the 80s and 90s. She has a collection of zines that has been collecting dust in her home, and she wanted to donate it to the Somerville Library, rather than some academic library.

I asked Devin why the library would promote

such an arcane collection of little magazines, etc. He reflected, "I think the library's mission is to provide information. Here they provide an archive of local talent. They provide a sense of literary history in the city."

Devin gingerly handled a bunch of his treasures in plastic sleeves. He talked enthusiastically about a zine named *Zunti*, a wildly colorful production that illustrates an author's florid dream. He showed me a comic book by the Somerville Media Center's Programming Director, Dave Ortega, titled *Abuela*. This little book deals with Ortega's Mexican background, as well as Mexico's political and cultural landscape. There is also work by Somerville's Gilmore Tamny who has been producing artful poetry chapbooks for over twenty years. The collection includes many other booklets, etc., that deal with pop culture, music, a plethora of genres.

The collection is just getting started, and for now it is not collecting standard perfect-bound books from the small press. Devin said he loves donations and now is a bit short on poetry. So if you have a trove of small press publications, think about contacting Tim Devin at the library, and find a home for your favorite zines.

Statement from the Library:

Patrons are free to check out items out of the library (although the older items in the collection are reserved for in-library use only). This collection is located near the graphic novels on the second floor of the Main Library at 79 Highland Ave.

We're also actively building this collection! Are you a zinemaker? Did you recently come out with a booklet or small magazine or small art book? If so, get in touch with Tim at tdevin@minlib.net or 617-623-5000 x2963.

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