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Chris Allen, Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group member, presented possible solutions to Somerville's traffic crisis. — Photo by Denise Keniston

Parkour workshop springs forward

By Jackson Ellison

The Parkour Spring Fling Workshop and Community Day, an event where anyone in the community could give parkour a try, was held at the Winter Hill Community School on April 6.

Parkour is an activity where people go from one point to another, it usually requires people to navigate through or over different obstacles. Over the past few years, parkour has become a popular form of exercise in America.

The Spring Fling Workshop was put on by Parkour Generations Boston, a subdivision of Parkour Generations America that is based in Somerville, they hold different classes for people of all ages all around the Boston area.

Blake Evitt, the director of Parkour Generations Boston, says the workshop is a place where parkour enthusiasts, of all skill levels, can come together to meet and learn new techniques."We teach classes in so many different places, like in Arlington, in Brookline, and in Boston, and people will take a class in one location, so this is Continued on page 8



attended and spoke at a public hearing on traffic safety, traffic calming, and the Traffic Calming Petition submitted by the Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advocacy Group and signed by

with the horrific crash that killed teacher Allison Donovan on February 8 in a crosswalk on Powder House Boulevard, at the intersection of Hardan Road, near the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

Within days of the crash, a petition with 350 signatures, was presented to the council to accelerate traffic calming and safety. Ward 5 Councilor Mark Niedergang chairs the Traffic and Parking Committee of the Whole that held the public hearing. "Traffic calming on our streets is literally a matter of life and Continued on page 4

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an opportunity to come

The Parkour Spring Fling Workshop and Community Day took place on Saturday, April 6, at Winter Hill Community School. - Photo by Jackson Ellison



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Attention shoppers and those that have frequented the several food establishments in **Ball Square**: it's the second week of the **Ball Square Bridge** being closed. Letting you know that the square is not that difficult to get to, especially since the bridge has been out. All the businesses would appreciate you still dropping by to shop, eat, or just say "Hi" – it would be very welcome. The **Ball Square Café, Sound bites, Kelly's Dinner** – or almost everyone's favorite, **Victor's Deli** – don't forget **Lyndell's Bakery** and, of course, **True Grounds** is open for business as well. Traffic around the square is good, with plenty of parking. So there's no excuse for not shopping there.

The rumor out there is that four others are thinking of running for **City Council**. There are going to be three vacant seats on the **School Committee**. But the biggest surprise we heard is that **the mayor** may have an opponent. We'll keep our ears to the ground, let you know who may want that office.

It seems like the present **City Council** – which recently changed its name from Board of Alderman – is considering shortening term limits for the various boards here in the city. Now five years, we heard they want to reduce it to three. Since we're talking about term limits, wouldn't it be nice if the City Council had term limits? Maybe three to four terms then out. While they are at it, maybe term limits for **mayor**? It would only seem right if they are in favor of board term limits then they should consider their own City Council and mayor.

It's almost **budget time** for the city. Make sure you follow it on TV if you can't make it to City Hall when they have the budget meetings with the various department heads. Also, notice that your taxes just might be going up again. Homeowners are in for another shock this year. We heard that the **Somerville Residential Tax** rate is going be huge. For many years they kept telling us **Assembly Square** would help to reduce the tax burden on homeowners. Maybe we need more *Continued on page 11*

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: City calls for improved accessibility at Union Square Green Line station

Disgraceful says:

Shame on the city of Somerville for this. They haven't been paying attention to a single thing, from this to bridges being closed for a year. Then they scramble and try to save face with a last-minute and meaningless resolution. There will certainly be a lawsuit if this is built as planned, and I worry how much our taxes will go up to cover it. And they wonder why people don't take the T?

Joe says:

Be direct. Are you suggesting we pay another \$250k or \$500k to put in an elevator? How many riders are expected per day who are mobile enough to get to the south side but not mobile enough to take the stairs? Is saving them another "three football fields" worth whatever the price tag is?

Old Taxpayer says:

Things changed from the original plan as it went way over budget. Which meant a lot of things had to be cut out to fit into the budget allowed. Trying to put these things back in to make it accessible to everyone is going to bring it back to the original problem. We do not have elected officials who are knowledgeable about these things but they are the ones in charge. So let's see how they mess this up some more.

TO says:

Wow, Joe. Let's see, people with mobility issues, heart issues, etc., often can't walk a few feet, never mind 3 football fields. I guess they just can't take the T, huh? Our tax \$\$\$ went into it just like yours. There are certainly other things to cut besides the federally required accessibility issue. And I don't believe for a minute that no one in the city knew anything about this. And if anyone thinks a resolution will help they're crazy. Where is Joe storming the Governor's Office??

do says:

Will the stairs be covered? Will there be a ramp – covered – for wheel chairs/carriages/crutches? Who will keep the stairs, ramp and path to the train free of ice and snow in the winter which lasts a good long time in Somerville. MBTA does not have a good track record for that – sidewalk on bridge of train tracks at Prospect and Webster is often not cleared by City of MBTA.

The people to suffer the consequences of this cutback are not the ones who created the problem of money shortage. Stop hiring consultants and giving tax breaks to developers if it compromises the needs of the citizens. We are being asked in Somerville to give up a lot for the GLX – note all the traffic nightmares and displacements. It would only be fair to make sure once it is completed that it be usable easily and by all.

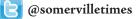
joe says:

TO: This is not about people who can't walk a few feet. The question is people who got to the south entrance but then cannot take the stairs, which seems to me to be an extremely small number of people. If they were getting dropped off, they would use the actual drop-off zone on the north side (is it a loop?). And if they are coming from the north, there isn't a problem at all.

How many people can walk all the way to the south entrance from wherever they're coming from but can't take the stairs and also can't walk around the block? Is it worth an undisclosed X dollars to build an unspecified solution? I'd preemptively add that we're not discussing people taking public transportation to the south entrance either because I believe the 86 is the only bus that goes by the south entrance, but it passes the north entrance too.

THE ADA IS FOR ALL says:

I believe the ADA is pretty explicit on accessibility for all. There is no disclaimer to provide accessibility only if lots of people will need it. I do find it hard to believe that the T thinks it's okay to cut accessibility and that the city was not aware it was being done. Like every other government project/entity there is always lots to be cut without making it inaccessible to ANYONE. Joe, I hope you never experience some of the issues that would impact your use of this station. There are many who can walk a few feet but in great pain, and stairs are pretty impossible. If accessibility is cut out of this project I and others like me should be receiving a refund on the dollars paid by the city to the T to complete this project. And by the way, do we still have a Disability Commission in the city?? Where are they??



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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Train



Before Somerville was turned into Detourville we were pretty lucky. Occasionally, we would get stuck behind a trash truck, or have to go a different way because of utility work. You may have noticed lately, however, that you have been sitting in a slow moving line of traffic at various points in the city because of Green Line construction detours.

It's not that bad, if you're not in a hurry. We try to be patient as traffic moves inch by inch. It can be really annoying. There was a time in my life when I didn't mind being in a stalled traffic situation.

A lot of us still remember sitting in our cars waiting for the B&M train to roll by. Living off of College Ave. all my life, I was delayed at the Davis Square railroad crossing many times. First you heard the ding ding, then you noticed the flashing of the lights, and then the crossing gates came down. Soon you heard the locomotive chugging into the square and then everything shook while the train went rumbling through.

I remember people on foot, bicyclists and even people pushing baby carriages peeking down the tracks to see if they could make it to the other side before the train came.

When we were kids we were lucky if we were among the first few automobiles in line so we could count the freight cars. Sometimes a train with 125 cars went by at 10 miles per hour until we would finally see the caboose. As I got older and started driving myself, waiting for the train to pass wasn't as much fun.

As dangerous as it was, a lot of us original Somerville folks hung around down the tracks in the 60's and 70's. It was a recreation spot much like the bike path is now. We caught pollywogs, ate rhubarb, and many of us had our first disgusting taste of booze down the tracks. My favorite spot was the tracks between Cedar St. and Lowell St. We used empty box cars parked at the International Paper Company as our clubhouse.

(Do not try this at home!) For those of us who weren't athletically inclined, our sport was running from the cops that chased us pretty regularly down the tracks. Oh yea, we hopped a couple of those trains back then too. All I can say is that it was a lot easier hopping on than hopping off. I often thought what a shock my parents would've got it if they saw me hanging onto a box car as it passed in front of their car at the Davis Square railroad crossing.

So, once again we are slowed down, detained and detoured because of ... more trains.

Yes, it used to be fun when the train barreled through Davis Square, especially if you were at The Somerville Theatre watch-



ing a movie because the whole place rattled until the train passed. The following is dialog from my friend, local train buff John Alan Roderick:

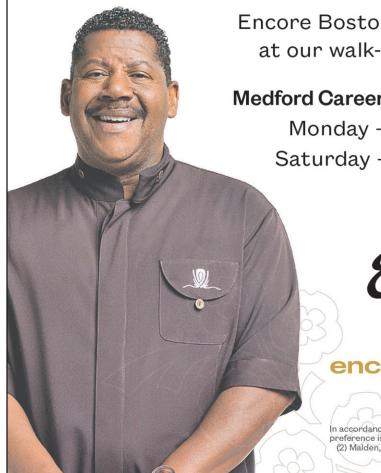
"The trains were going slow, as you know. If, for some reason, the brakes on the train went into emergency or otherwise caused it to stop, it could have potentially blocked the Square and Mass Ave. for who-knows-how-long until the problem was resolved."

"When the various bars and clubs in the Square were busy, as on a Friday or Saturday night, not to mention the theatre, people would park anywhere they wanted. If they were parked too close to the tracks at the crossing, the SPD would come out and have them towed."

It sometimes took 15 minutes for a long train to pass. That's a long time to sit in completely stopped traffic. Hopefully, you had air conditioning and an 8-track player.

Today, as you're getting hot under the collar because of detours, just think – soon you will be able to leave the car home and hop on the Green Line.

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Out of his shoes and out of luck

A Somerville Police officer was dispatched to the Nike Factory Store at Assembly Row last week on reports of a shoplifter.

Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the store manager who said that she observed a man inside the store, later identified as Anthony Dimeco, who appeared to be intoxicated, conceal a pair of shoes underneath his shirt.

At that time Dimeco was asked to remove the items, which he did, and the store manager then called the police. The manager pointed out Dimeco as he was trying on another pair of shoes.

The officer approached Dimeco and informed him that the store management wanted him to leave the store.

Nike management was satis-

fied in trespassing Dimeco and recovering their property so he was advised that the officer would be filing a criminal complaint application against him for shoplifting by concealment and that he should go home.

Approximately 10 minutes later, Express Factory Outlet reported to police that there was a suspicious person in their fitting rooms trying on merchandise.

Responding officers entered Express and observed Dimeco exiting the fitting room. He was asked to step outside and as they exited the store the alarm sounded. A search of Dimeco revealed no Express merchandise but a theft detection device was located in his pocket that he apparently removed from the items he tried on there.

Dimeco briefly broke free from police and attempted to run while handcuffed. He made it approximately 20 feet before running out of his shoes and falling to the ground. He was subsequently apprehended and taken in for booking on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and resisting arrest.

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Arrests:

David Choute, of 106 Arlington St., Medford, April 1, 1:12 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of malicious wanton defacement of property, assault and battery, and disorderly conduct.

William Doura, of 24 Crawford St., Randolph, April 1, 1:12 a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

Anthony Dimeco, April 2, 6:13 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and resisting arrest, and on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, and shoplifting by asportation.

Jason Escobar, of 11 Lewis St., Everett, April 3, 5:28 p.m., arrested at Franklin St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

David Pleitez, of 20 Mt. Vernon, April 3, 5:28 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on charges of distribution of a class D drug and drug possession to distribute.

Hector Hernandez, April 4, 12:20 a.m., arrested at Beacon St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Paul Capotosto, of 52 Neponset St., Revere, April 6, 4:08 a.m., arrested at Howard St. on a charge of attempt to commit a crime.

Michael Goggin, of 21 High St., Wakefield, April 7, 12:41 a.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of speeding, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Urgent tone when discussing Somerville's deadly streets

death in Somerville," he said. "Those of us who've lived here for a while probably know someone – a pedestrian or cyclist - who've been hit by a motor vehicle."

Specifically, the group is requesting 10 miles of street with calming measures and 50 intersections and crosswalks updated to provide traffic calming. They also asked that the city review budget changes, enforcement changes, organizational changes, cultural differences in government, and priority changes.

"What we're pushing for, what that big picture goal is, is changing how we prioritize our infrastructure, we need to create an institutional culture where pedestrian mobility is prioritized in all new infrastructure," said Chris Allen, a Somerville resident and member of the advocacy group. "Any time new infrastructure at an intersection is updated, anytime we're going through changing curb cuts, can we update a crosswalk in that area? That currently our culture prioritizes traffic, right of way, and parking, all these little things require changes." Broadway resident Brian Merrick attested to the dangers on his street. "We've lived there for 30 years, and witnessed a lot of problems, including the fatali-

ty in the crosswalk at Wallace Street and Broadway many years ago and another serious injury right in front of our house," he said. "The problem is that there is no enforcement of the speed limit which is 30 mph, it's a residential area. There have been many fender-benders caused by people speeding, having to stop for people in the crosswalk, and I want to put in a word for increasing ticketing."

Laura Beretsky, a Hooker Avenue resident and West Somerville Neighborhood School parent, spoke about promises made and broken by the city and administration."I am really familiar with the intersection where the hit-run happened, and we parents saw that coming," she said. "In 2016 we started a petition to ask for a raised crosswalk to be put in, and it never was. Where the plan was rolled out for Powder House Boulevard, the raised bed wasn't included, and we were all really outraged and dumbfounded as to why it wasn't there. This isn't the only intersection like that. So, put the money where it needs to go, please." Anton Tutter has lived in Ward 8 for 18 years and believes enforcement is critical. "About Somerville cycling and infrastructure, making it safer, I'd like to thank city officials

for making it happen, however, what I haven't seen is any significant enforcement. Traffic violations have increased. I've seen a growing number of people running red lights, failure to stop at crosswalks and failure to stop at stop signs," said Tutter. "When I moved here 18 years ago, there was a campaign to educate drivers about the violation of not stopping when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk. \$250 fine if you drive when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk. I don't see that anymore."

The Somerville Police Department responded to the February 8 fatality by adding four additional officers to the traffic unit ostensibly to write more citations and tickets to curb driver behavior. Chief of Police David Fallon and other members of the SPD were present at the public hearing. "Those officers are going to be out there enforcing the rules of the road for pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and motor vehicle enforcement," said Fallon. "We'll measure the increase in citations, education, and traffic data and well assess in a year or so. At this time, we believe four additional officers is a good commitment." If the SPD has been quick to respond, the Mayor's Office, the city administration, is seen as moving slowly, now and

throughout its history. Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis, whose ward includes Davis Square, recalls several instances of council orders regarding traffic calming that stretch back twenty years that have gone unanswered by the administration. "To date, we've basically done nothing. A little extra paint and bump out at Willow, but getting to Elm Street is still as dangerous as it ever says despite our requests to do something," said Davis, "The point is we've been trying to do something for years, and our predecessors had been trying to do something at these locations. I know this issue is one

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know, many times, our residents have been frustrated."

Vision Zero aims to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries on Somerville's streets. Launched by Mayor Joseph Curtatone in September 2017, Vision Zero Somerville reaffirms the city's commitment to multi-modal road safety. The initiative will take a multi-department, data-driven approach to improve safety for all road users, whether on bicycles or on foot, in vehicles, or aboard public transit.

However, the magnitude of Somerville's traffic issues appear to be overwhelming for the current staff and, as such, the Mayor's Office will be asking for increased funds to facilitate projects. "The mayor has asked our team to begin honoring what we hear from you and from other and prepare a substantial funding proposal for the council's consideration," says Rawson. "In the meantime, we placed 100's of flex posts [around the city]. We've started with paint-based solutions because it takes so darn long to design, to bid, to construct more solid solutions."

of capacity. We need to drive capacity more urgently so we can do something about this. We're just not moving fast enough and legislating by tragedy is no one's idea of how to run a city."

Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Brad Rawson spoke on behalf of the administration and, alone, fielded the questions and frustrations of councilors and residents acknowledging the administration has no concrete plans to share with councilors or the public at this time. "Not in this slideshow is there a specific roadmap for 2019, 2020, 2021 projects," said Rawson. "Those projects will be forthcoming as part of that Vision Zero. We

The next meeting of Vision Zero is April 24 and the next meeting of the next meeting of the Traffic and Parking Committee is May15.

Somerville Heroes by Stephanie Hirsch

Big hearts, strong hands help Somerville kids thrive



Children in Somerville are almost twice as likely to be living in poverty. Though Somerville has very few children nowadays (as a percent of the population), we still don't have enough programs and services to go around. This Community Heroes column features five people who have dedicated their lives to filling those gaps and helping our children grow up to be healthy, happy, and ready for adulthood. In the descriptions below, each person shares his or her thoughts on how to try to help.



Creator of the Mystic Learning Center Fluffy Bergman.

Humor, Love, and Resilience over Decades of Service, Fluffy Bergmann: Fluffy has been a positive presence in Somerville for decades, and she is a role model of mine. She moved to the Mystic Housing Development as a child, when her house burned down, and has been connected to that neighborhood ever since. She has led the Mystic Learning Center, a youth program for kids in Winter Hill, for the past 45 years(!). Fluffy shared her story:

"My work at the Mystic has been my life or sort of calling. I grew up in the Mystic public housing community. While I was poor financially, I was rich in community and family. As an older teen and through my college years I worked under Sister Elinor who founded the Learning Center for youth and families of the development. Sister Elinor hired teens to help run programs for younger children. She mentored and inspired me so that when I graduated from college, at the age of 22, she asked me to take over the program. Here I am, 41 years later, still helping kids and families of the Mystic. I am inspired because every day that I go to work, I am making a difference in the lives of Mystic residents. What was given to me, I am able to give back."

I have been lucky to see Fluffy in action. She is an amazing combination of warm, empathetic, fun, creative, and determined. How can we learn from Fluffy about how to help kids succeed? Here's Fluffy's advice:

"Kids and families need a variety of things to thrive. It doesn't take just one thing. It takes many things like strong schools, city programs, places of faith where individuals learn values and morals, and community groups where people can feel a sense of belonging. When all these groups work together, they can keep kids and families healthy and strong."



Out of School Time Coordinator Jose Mendez

A New Determined Problem Solver, Jose Mendez: Jose came to the City this year to accelerate progress on an issue that we've struggled to tackle for years – expanding and improving out-of-school time options, especially for underserved groups and ages. Prior to coming to Somerville, he worked in out-of-school programs in Malden and Cambridge. Jose tries to problem-solve across sectors – the City, the District, and non-profit providers. Providers, for example, need help with issues like sign-up and recruitment, funding scholarships, and finding affordable space. The City and Schools need help arranging for enough affordable programs and activities for tweens and teens. Jose says about his role:

"The Out of School Time Coordinator role allows me to be the connective tissue that is so needed among public and private providers to leverage limited resources. It is imperative that we as a community work together."



Children's dental specialist Dr. Karen Bright.

A Spirit of Kindness and Service, Dr. Karen Bright: Dr. Bright helps kids in another – but equally important – way. She has had her dental office near the intersection of Beacon and Washington/ Kirkland Streets for 17 Continued on page 9

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

INTEREST GROUPS RATE YOUR LEGISLA-TORS - This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* looks at the ratings senators and representatives received from three interest groups who measured legislators' support or opposition to the group's legislative agenda in the 2017 and/or 2018 session.

This week's report features the grades received from The Massachusetts Public Interest Group, the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund and Citizens for Limited Taxation.

CITIZENS FOR LIMITED TAXATION (CLT)

CLT, founded in 1974, describes itself as the group that "defended state taxpayers against a proposed state graduated income tax, which it defeated on the 1976 statewide ballot, and again in 1994. CLT also limited property and auto excise taxes with Proposition 2½ in 1980, repealed the surtax and created a state tax cap in 1986 and rolled back the "temporary" income tax hike on the 2000 ballot. For decades CLT has provided its annual 'Rating of Legislators' to provide taxpayers with easy access to the performance of their respective state representative and senator regarding tax policy."

"For 45 years CLT has been the bulwark for taxpayers against unlimited taxation in a state that has an insatiable spending problem," said Chip Ford, executive director. "Since its founding, CLT has saved Massachusetts taxpayers billions of their hard-earned dollars."

Key to scorecard: CLT used ten House votes and five Senate votes when calculating the 2017 ratings of the state's legislators. Issues include the legislative pay hike, reducing the sales tax and income tax to 5 percent, imposing a graduated income tax, increasing the senior property tax deduction to \$2,000 and requiring a social security number in order to get public housing.

More details on the scorecard at http://cltg.org/cltg/ clt2018/2017_Ratings.htm

Here is the percentage of time local representatives and senators voted with CLT:

Rep. Christine Barber	0 percent
Rep. Mike Connolly	20 percent
Rep. Denise Provost	20 percent
San Dataiaia Ishlan	20

popular bills were never brought up for a vote – despite being approved by a committee and being cosponsored by a significant number of lawmakers. We hope that the 2019-2020 session brings more transparency, and more wins, for the public interest," she concluded.

Key to rating: MASSPIRG's scorecard graded state lawmakers on a variety of votes and co-sponsorships of bills including ones that would protect consumers, improve voter access to the ballot, invest in public transportation, promote government transparency, increase renewable energy, protect bees and reduce solid waste. Members of the Senate are scored out of twelve points (eleven votes and one bill co-sponsorship). Members of the House are scored out of nine points (seven votes and two bill co-sponsorships.)

More details on the scorecard are at https://masspirg. org/sites/pirg/files/reports/MAP%20Legislative%20 Scorecard%20Final%202017-18%20session.pdf

Here is the percentage of time local representatives and senators voted with MASSPIRG:

Rep. Christine Barber	100 percent
Rep. Mike Connolly	100 percent
Rep. Denise Provost	100 percent
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	100 percent

PLANNED PARENTHOOD ADVOCACY FUND

The Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund, founded in 1984, is the advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts which was founded in 1928. It describes itself as "advocates for state policies that dismantle barriers to sexual and reproductive health care, including safe, legal abortion, improve access to comprehensive sex education and protect reproductive rights of all people."

"As the leading advocate for reproductive rights in Massachusetts, the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund is working towards a state in which every person has the rights, freedoms, and opportunities to control their lives and determine the course of their own futures—no matter what," said Tricia Wajda, Vice President of External Affairs for the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund. By championing bold policies that break down entrenched barriers to health care, improve access to sex education, and defend reproductive rights against political attacks, The Advocacy Fund is helping build healthier and more abortion - but who supports preventive health measures – such as family planning and sex education – and is willing to work with the Advocacy Fund in support of these issues. In other instances, a "mixed" legislator may support abortion access, but has taken action against sexual and reproductive health care access either with a vote or public statement.

Opponent: A legislator who vocally opposes access to safe, legal abortion and/or access to sexual and reproductive health care more broadly. A legislator who supports some health issues included in the Advocacy Agenda may still be considered an Advocacy Fund opponent.

Not Enough Information (NEI): A legislator who has not participated in the Advocacy Fund's endorsement process or has not taken a public stance on the fund's priority issues.

More details on the scorecard are at: https://www. plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-advocacy-fund-massachusetts-inc/elections/legislative-scorecard.

Here is how local representatives and senators were rated by the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund:

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CAP ON WELFARE BENEFITS FOR KIDS (H 3594) – The House and Senate approved, without a roll call vote, and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that repeals the current law that denies an additional \$100 in welfare benefits to children conceived while – or soon after – the family began receiving welfare benefits. The law was adopted in 1995 as part of a welfare reform package that was aimed at discouraging families already receiving public support from having more children.

Supporters of the repeal say that there are some 8,700 children who currently fall under the cap in the Bay State. These families are barred from receiving an additional \$100 a month to help support that child. They said there are no facts to back up the charge that families are having more children in order to get the additional \$100.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen 2

20 percent

MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC INTEREST RE-SEARCH GROUP (MASSPIRG)

MASSPIRG, founded in 1972, describes itself as a consumer group that "stands up to powerful interests whenever they threaten our health and safety, our financial security or our right to fully participate in our democratic society. Since 1972, we've stood up for consumers, countering the influence of big banks, insurers, chemical manufacturers and other powerful special interests."

"In our role as watchdog and advocate for the public interest, we monitor the voting records of Massachusetts' state lawmakers each legislative session," said Executive Director Janet Domenitz. "We appreciate the hard work of the entire Legislature, and particularly those that scored 100 percent."

"While a number of our legislative priorities passed into law, many more did not. Disappointingly, a number of equitable communities."

Key to rating: The scorecard assigns each Massachusetts state representative and senator a rating of: "Champion," "Ally," "Mixed," "Opponent" or "NEI" (not enough information) based on each legislator's lifetime voting record, co-sponsorship history, public statements and other factors. Here are the definitions:

Champion: A legislator who has demonstrated leadership on the Advocacy Fund's legislative agenda and works in partnership with the fund to advance its shared goal to improve access to sexual and reproductive health care and protect the health and rights of Massachusetts residents.

Ally: A legislator who consistently supports the fund's legislative and policy agenda including protecting access to safe, legal abortion.

Mixed: A legislator who may oppose access to safe, legal

"I think it's unfair to ask the constituents back home to pay for a benefit for others that they don't get themselves," said Sen. Don Humason (R-Westfield), one of only two opponents of the bill. Rep. Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), the other opponent of the bill, did not respond to repeated attempts by Beacon Hill Roll Call to get a comment on her vote.

Humason says the Legislature should have a big heart and take care of people but noted he also needs to listen to his constituents who tell him they are having a difficult time making ends meet and are limiting the number of children they have. He said his constituents tell him they are not eligible for any welfare benefits but are forced to pay these benefits for others who decide to have more children.

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OBITUARY

Marshall M. Sloane



Marshall M. Sloane, age 92, of Chestnut Hill, MA, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on April 6, 2019.

Beloved husband of Barbara (Gluck) Sloane. Devoted father of Barry R. Sloane and his wife Dr. Candace Lapidus Sloane, Linda Sloane Kay and her husband Jonathan B. Kay, and Jonathan G. Sloane. Cherished grandfather of Marshall M. Sloane II, Jacob G. Sloane II, Charles S.M. Sloane, Joshua B. Kay and his fiancée Brooke L. Patkin, Rachel Sloane Kay and Franklin A. Ross, Tallen K. Sloane, Austin W. Sloane, Tabor F. Sloane and Kensington A. Sloane. Loving brother of Elaine S. Blank and her husband Harry, the late Irene S. Gainsboro, Shirley S. Izen and Melvin Sloane.

Services at Temple Israel, 477 Longwood Ave., Boston (Parking on the Riverway), on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 11am. Following interment at Sharon Memorial Park, 40 Dedham St., Sharon, the family will receive friends and family at Pine Brook Country Club, 42 Newton St., Weston, until 8pm.

Memorial Observance will continue on Thursday, at Century Bank, 400 Mystic Ave., Medford, 4-8pm.

In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Spirit of Adventure Council, Boy Scouts of America, 600 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801 or Boston University, Sloane House, 135 Ivy St., Brookline 02446.

Marshall Sloane was much more than the visionary architect of Century Bank. He was our Dad. As we mourn his passing, we celebrate the close and loving relationship he had with his family. He taught us the value of working hard, doing the right thing, and serving the community. He always wanted the bank he founded to live long beyond his generation — and he insisted we do it in a way he would be proud of. Dad's wisdom, compassion, generosity and kindness will be remembered by his family, the thousands of employees who worked at Century over the past 50 years, and the countless people whose lives he touched over his long and extraordinary life.

— Barry R. Sloane and Linda Sloane Kay

Parkour workshop springs forward

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together," said Evitt.

The Spring Fling workshop was open to all age groups, and people of any parkour skill level, from absolute beginners to people that have been training with Parkour Generations for years. "The goal is people get to come together and we build this kind of pop-up playground," Evitt says.

Parkour Generations Boston host classes all over in cities like Cambridge, Arlington, Brookline, and Somerville.

Evitt says when Parkour Generations first started it was only two classes, one for kids and one for adults, every week and now

the program teaches about 60 to 70 classes a week all around Boston with several workshops throughout the year. He says that the people of Somerville have really taken to parkour and that passion has helped the organization grow over the last several years.

The workshop was an all-day event, starting with a morning session for kids and then an afternoon session that was for adults. The workshops consisted of the participates going through drills with the guidance from multiple instructors. Parkour Generations runs workshops all around Boston in many different areas, "We do stuff in community centers, schools, we do outdoor classes," said Evitt.

Parkour Generations America runs bigger events, like America Rendezvous, which is when Parkour Generations partners with the city of Somerville to put on a large community event revolving around parkour. "We do it just to get the community going and to have people have fun," said Evitt.

The next Parkour Generations event will be a Kids Night Out on April 13 at Brooklyn Boulders Somerville.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week Somerville

Eagle feathers #176

One If By Land, Two If By Sea By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Somerville statesman Edward Everett first brought Paul Revere's ride to light in his 1825 speech at Concord. Thirty-five years later, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow solidified Revere's fame with his legendary 1860 poem, Paul Revere's Ride.



Longfellow wrote it with the hope of avoiding the bloodshed of a civil war. It inspired the whole nation but didn't prevent hostilities. A decade later, North Chelsea, Massachusetts, changed its name to Revere in honor of the patriot hero. The town named one of its schools and one of its main streets that runs to the ocean after him. Revere Beach is the first public beach in America.

Although Somerville never claimed Revere as its name, she can vaunt an historic trail of connections with the famous "Midnight Rider."



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+ The summit of Winter Hill was once Continued on page 20

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Update on City of Somerville – Tufts Partnership Agreement Negotiations

The public is invited to a community update on the status of negotiations between the city and Tufts University for a new Partnership Agreement between them.

Hosted by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the members of the mayor's Tufts Partnership Negotiating Committee, the update will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the TAB Building, 167 Holland St.

In addition to Tufts' Payments in Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT payments"), the Partnership Agreement covers issues related to student housing, partnerships with the Somerville schools, the university's planning process, and other topics.

In the spring of 2018, the City

of Somerville engaged in a public process to gather input about what matters to the community about having Tufts located in Somerville, and what they would like to see in the next Partnership Agreement. More information about that process and the Resident Feedback Report can be found at somervillema.gov/TuftsPilot.

Guided by the results of that public process, the mayor and the Negotiating Committee have engaged with Tufts to work toward a new agreement. Although negotiations are ongoing, and specific proposals are still confidential, the mayor and the Committee will meet with the community to provide general updates about the process and the priorities driving the city's advocacy. The previous Partnership Agreement expired June 30, 2018.

Members of the Negotiating Committee:

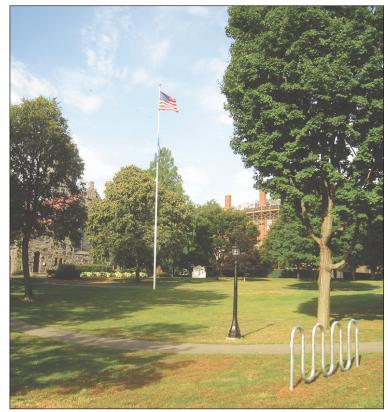
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tive of the Board of Directors of the West Somerville Neighborhood Association

Ben Echevarria, Executive Director of The Welcome Project Joyce Shortt, Tufts neighbor and community advocate



Big hearts, strong hands help Somerville kids thrive CONT. FROM PG 5

years, where she has served thousands of Somerville children. She has a remarkable presence with her patients, especially the children she sees and the adults who may have fears of pain or dentistry that are worse than kids' fears. (Not mentioning any names... but I'm in this category.) She has an empathy and patience that helps everyone feel calm, and makes the whole practice feel welcoming and joyful. True to her spirit of service, here's what

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10 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors / reggae

TUESDAY April 16

Dr. Bright said about her work: "When someone decides to become a patient, I am moved by

come a patient, I am moved by the generosity of their trust. I try to honor that trust with understanding, patience, and gratitude. And of course you know that children are the most generous people, so I have stored love for ages to come."



Somerville Community School, helping families access services they need, and now she serves as School Secretary at the Argenziano School. A colleague described Erika as a behind-thescenes problem solver and advocate and as a "welcoming, strong, warm presence who, in greeting people (including many people in Spanish), sets the tone for an inclusive and calm school."

For Virgilio, he will be literally physically helping adults and kids. He explained, though, another way he will help. Years ago, firefighters visited Virgilio's Somerville class at St. Benedicts and told students: "You can be whatever you want to be, you can be wearing this hat someday." That visit inspired Virgilio, and he hopes to help others in the same way: "It's going to be one of my responsibilities to go out, especially in my community, because we still have the situation that a lot

It's something I will take upon

myself to let them know they

can do it."

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Children need us to push state education reform



By Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Superintendent Mary Skipper

Two of the highest callings in public service are to provide basic equality and to educate our children. Sadly, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has fallen short on both of those fronts when it comes to education funding. In 2015, the State Legislature formed a Foundation Budget Review Commission that laid bare our shortcomings. The true costs of educating special needs students, English language learners, and low-income students have been overlooked. The rising cost of health insurance benefits also has eaten into education funding. Many lower-income communities find themselves in crisis mode.

The education funding gap between wealthy and poorer communities has been on the rise despite education reform laws from the 1990s designed specifically to prevent this. Again, our state government is fully aware of the problem. It just hasn't fixed it. That must change.

While the problem is more acute in other communities than Somerville, it still affects us. We have a district where more than 60% of our student population qualifies as being high needs -either as economically disadvantaged, an English language learner (ELL) or requiring some form of special education. These are the exact populations for whom the state education funding formula falls short. That we are better able to weather the storm than other communities does not mean we can afford to be complacent. We are feeling this too.

One of the ways we are impacted is that our high needs population is being undercounted. The state formula for economically disadvantaged children counts only students receiving some other form of financial assistance like public housing or Medicaid. Using that measuring stick, 39.2% of Somerville's students qualify as economically disadvantaged. Yet in any given year roughly two-thirds of our student population qualifies for free or reduced lunches. Some of that gap is due to our large immigrant population, which receives fewer services. Some of that is also children from working and middle-class families, who aren't getting other services, but whose families are feeling real financial strain.

We also don't get full funding for charter school reimbursements and for special education reimbursements. If the state were to fully fund at the level it's supposed to, and per what the Legislature's own commission called for, Somerville would be looking at an additional \$2 million in funding. If the proposed Education Promise Act bill were to pass, it would net Somerville an additional \$4 million in state education funding. That money would help make a real difference in the lives of our most vulnerable student populations - which, again, is the majority of our student population.

The story is the same across the state: the students who need the most help are suffering the most from the lack of proper funding. The performance gap for special education and ELL students has not closed between wealthy and poor districts. In urban districts, state funding for the necessary social-emotional supports for these students is far from sufficient. Districts that can't fill the gaps themselves can't hire enough counselors or full-time aides to provide needed in-classroom support. These are children who can thrive if we support them, but the system is failing them. Their chances for success right now are tied to a geography lottery.

Despite the lack of state funding, we've been able to step up for these students in Somerville, but there is more we can and would do. This is about delivering the right services to the kids who need them most. Behind all of this, there are real children who are counting on us to deliver.

The call has gone out from elected officials and educators alike for Beacon Hill to rectify these glaring inequities. The numbers of high-needs students must be properly determined and then taken into account in the funding model. Insurance costs must be fully factored in and then adjusted every year. A guaranteed minimum floor for state funding needs to be established so school districts can properly plan and budget. All districts should receive a minimum per pupil increase over existing funding. And the state cannot siphon from other local

aid initiatives in order to provide the school funding it, by law, always should have been providing. We do not need to create new inequities while attempting to fix our current ones.

It seems like a fairly straightforward set of proposals, but it has taken years to activate state government on this issue. As usual, the Somerville delegation finds itself leading the charge for progressive statewide reform. It truly is an issue that's vital to children throughout the Commonwealth. That's why these principals were unanimously supported by the Metro Mayors Coalition.

Finally, let's not forget that there is a growing gulf in teacher salaries between the haves and the have nots. We do not want to be a state with pockets of excellence. We want excellence to be the norm. We also want all teachers and staff to be paid appropriately. Every day we see the kids the state is shortchanging right in front of us. Anybody who is involved with our educational system knows how critical this issue is, and how imperative it is that we enact immediate reform. It is time for Massachusetts to start keeping the promises it has made to all children.

Planning Board hears case for US2 lab building on Prospect and Somerville Ave. in Union Sq.



Approximately 16 people commented officially on the record to the Planning Board with several members of the USNC offering testimony.

There were no major objections requesting denial to the overall design, though several individuals commented on more open space, and better pedestrian access to the Green Line T station. The major concern echoed by many testifying, especially the USNC members, was that master developer US2 construct an underground parking garage for the building, a much recurring theme during on-going negotiations between US2 and the USNC for a Community Benefits Agreement. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Stephen Mackey urged the Planning Board to move to get the design and site plan approval done, as there is

com- much to lose.

Here is what is at risk: \$175,000 sq. ft. lab office building that will produce \$1M in new taxes, hundreds of construction jobs, 500 new permanent jobs from entry level to CEO, expanded sidewalks and public accessible open space, and a building that would be the true "cornerstone" between the heart of Union Sq. (the Plaza) and the Green Line Station. In addition, the US2 plan complies with the goals that community members planned for in the original SomerVision city master plan to expand the commercial tax base, add to the number of jobs available for Somerville residents, and to make the redeveloped Union Sq. a place for all. Planning Board members themselves were concerned with the underground parking possibility, asked US2 for cost estimates for building an underground garage and to continue to engage the neighbors and the USNC regarding open space and accessibility and access issues.

If you want to chime in and of-

the Green Line station. Kudos to US2, who have been here in Somerville for almost 5 years, and have likely invested close to \$10M to make redevelopment happen in Union Sq. They certainly should not be denied this opportunity to commence with the redevelopment of Union Sq. The problem facing the community is going to be what the community benefits package will consist of, since then Union Square Neighborhood Council and the master developer US2, have been meeting for over eight months and there is no clear timeline for these negotiations to conclude. The clock is silently ticking in the background, and if the Union Square Neighborhood Council can't finalize a community benefits package, the job will fall to the mayor and the City Council, who have always been the final Continued on page 23

By Jack Connolly

US2, the master developer selected by the city to redevelop Union Sq., presented the office lab building for the corner of Prospect St. and Somerville Ave. in close proximity to the Green Line Extension station nearby.

Approximately four dozen citizens were in attendance, with a large contingent from the Union Square area, including elected members of the Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC). fer some thoughts, you still have time to submit a written opinion regarding the proposed project; Send your email to planning@ somervillema.gov or mail your written communication to: City of Somerville Planning Board, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 no later than April 19.

Representatives from US2 may have left the meeting not thrilled with some of the comments from members of the public and the Planning Board, but they should remain optimistic, as this project needs to be done and the MBTA is certainly pushing the city to get to work on the buildout, so as not to delay their ongoing, and on time, plans for

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Our View Of The Times



Curtatone, MBTA GLX Project Program Manager John Dalton, Governor Charles D. Baker, and the Somerville delegation in the State Legislature.

Let us hope that the effort is successful. Making the most needful among us the victims of this apparent case of poor planning and dubious setting of priorities is unfair in the extreme.

It's as if, for some of us anyway, that we've grown numb to the endless cavalcade of outrages thrown our way as we patiently await the completion of the grand Green Line Extension. way to its end.

confronted.

But there are still a few wrinkles to be

ironed out, and yet another outrage to be

It has recently come to the attention of

the general public that a serious shortfall

in funding for accessibility at the in prog-

ress Union Square Green Line Station.

It seems that cut-backs in station design

After years of debate, false starts, and massive cost overruns, the dim light at the end of this seemingly endless tunnel grows brighter and we can almost see our

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commercial than residential? After all, it costs a lot to hire all these new people and create jobs for them at City Hall and DPW, doesn't it? The city can't even sit down and negotiate a contract with the real workers at City Hall and DPW. Instead of hiring more or giving raises, use the money to give to the real workers of the city.

who is the lovely wife of Donald here from Somerville. May she have a great birthday, and oh - by the way - Donald had leg surgery and we hope he is on the mend and be back as a Shriners clown soon. Happy birthday to Sissy McWatters-Ankenbauer. We hope she has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Steve Mac, of the city. We wish him the very best on this his birthday as well. Happy birthday to Cheryl Constantine Leatham, another celebrant this week. Happy birthday to local realtor Winslan George, who is celebrating this week as well. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn't post, again we wish you the best of birthdays. ***** A third East Somerville Reunion is set for this year. Dan Rogovich has let us know he is once again planning it. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Thanks to Dan, who is an East Somerville lover, managed to get the Somerville City Club booked on Saturday, June 15. Dan and his assistants worked hard on the past two and they will do the same this year to make it a success. Many here at The Times are from East Somerville and we will be

there, and we have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four or so months to talk about old times and great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook to check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain East Somerville fun. Charlestown line to McGrath Hwy., is considered East Somerville, which in-

funding have gone as far as leaving out

a vital elevator at the station that would

serve the elderly disabled, and otherwise

The city has stepped up and is applying

its daunting powers of persuasion to the

powers that be, i.e. Secretary of Trans-

portation Stephanie Pollack, Congress-

woman Ayanna Pressley, Mayor Joseph

physically limited riders of the line.

The money raised is for the "insurance fund" for the Masonic Building at 125 Highland (rear) Somerville. Open to Masons, their families and friends, cost is only \$25 pp. For more information, contact the President of the Association, Bobby Potaris, at potarisconstruction@yahoo.com or the Secretary of the Association, Mark Aubuchon, at markaubuchon1@gmail.com, or if you prefer just show up at the door.

III, who is celebrating this week. We wish him a good week. Happy birthday to lifelong resident and former city ISD Director Pat Scrima, a nice guy who we hope has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to one of the nicest lady real estate agents, Ida Fasano, who has been selling houses in Medford and Somerville for over 30 years. We hope Ida has a great birthday. Happy birthday to Mike Dilulio, formerly of Winter Hill, whose heart is still here in the city. We hope he has a great birthday. Happy birthday to Chris Pedersen, a popular guy and family man from East Somerville. We hope he has a great birthday as well. Happy birthday to Talt Gregory Shackelford, who is celebrating as well this week. Happy birthday to Linda Rock Coutoumas, cludes Glen Park, Florence St. Park, Prescott School, Seven Son's Restaurant, Trina's on Washington, Steve's, Tip Top, S&S Subs on Cross Street, Avenue's, Broadway show, lower Broadway, Tufts St., Murray St. and Charles St.

Once again for the 7th year now, the Freemasons on Highland Ave. are hosting their annual Giggles night club with a great night of comedy and a silent auction. The event is on April 24, doors open at 630 p.m. at The Tower of Pizza on Rte. 1, Saugus, Giggles Comedy Club. This year, like the last, local comedian and great guy Lenny Clark will be there, and he's bringing some of his friends. It should be a great night for laughs, all the pizza you can eat and over 20 baskets to bid on at the silent auction. The Somerville High Scholarship annual fundraiser is set for May 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Somerville Lions Club, 9 Washington St., Somerville (behind the Holiday Inn). The drawing, with a top prize of \$10K, is based on selling 250 tickets at \$100 each. Several door prizes will be awarding and refreshments will be served. To buy a ticket, contact SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, PO Box 440275, Somerville, 02144, or call Eugene C. Brune at 617-628-5835.

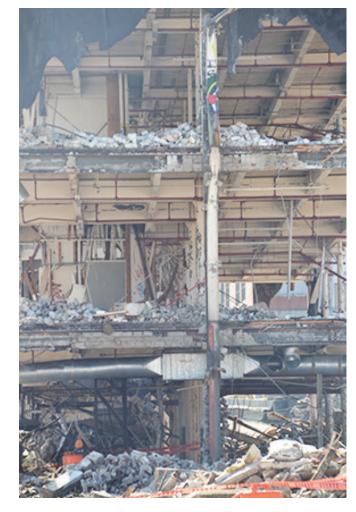
Earth Day is April 22 this year and Sustainability Champions at city schools will be promoting recycling and sustainable practices throughout the week. For local events, check out the schedule for SustainaVille Week which starts on Saturday, April 27.

Taking down a Somerville landmark

On Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, the remainder of the Homans building, on Medford St. near the Pearl St. intersection, was demolished as part of Green Line Extension construction. Demolition began at the rear of the building in mid-March and has progressed incrementally since then.

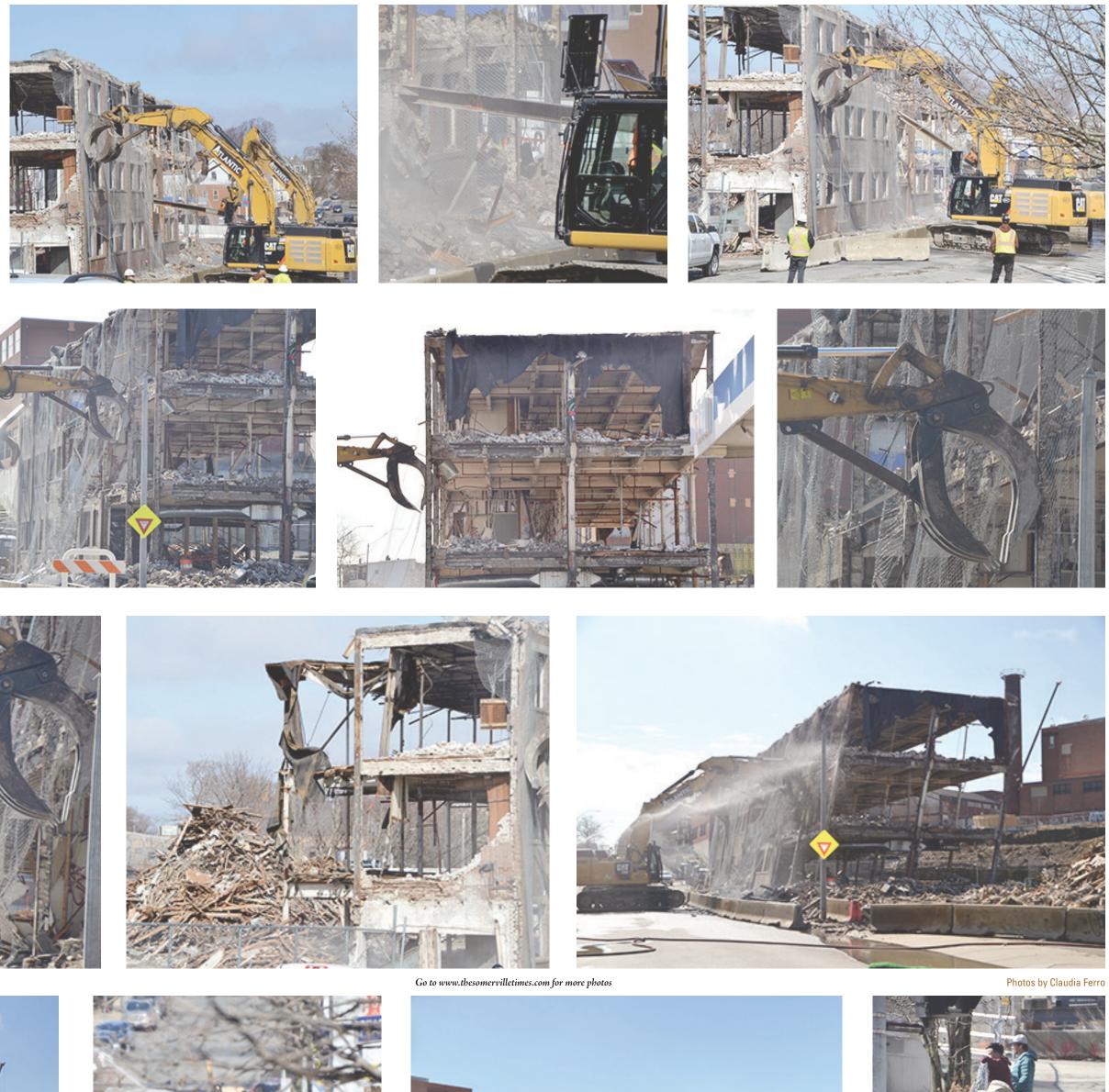
Built in 1929, the Homans building originally served as a distribution facility for the Chicago-based Monarch Finer Foods. The concrete lion face on the façade was Monarch's trademark. In September 2018, GLX contractors, in consultation with the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, successfully extracted the lion, who's been resting comfortably in storage since then. The lion is expected to be reincorporated into the Gilman Square neighborhood in the future.







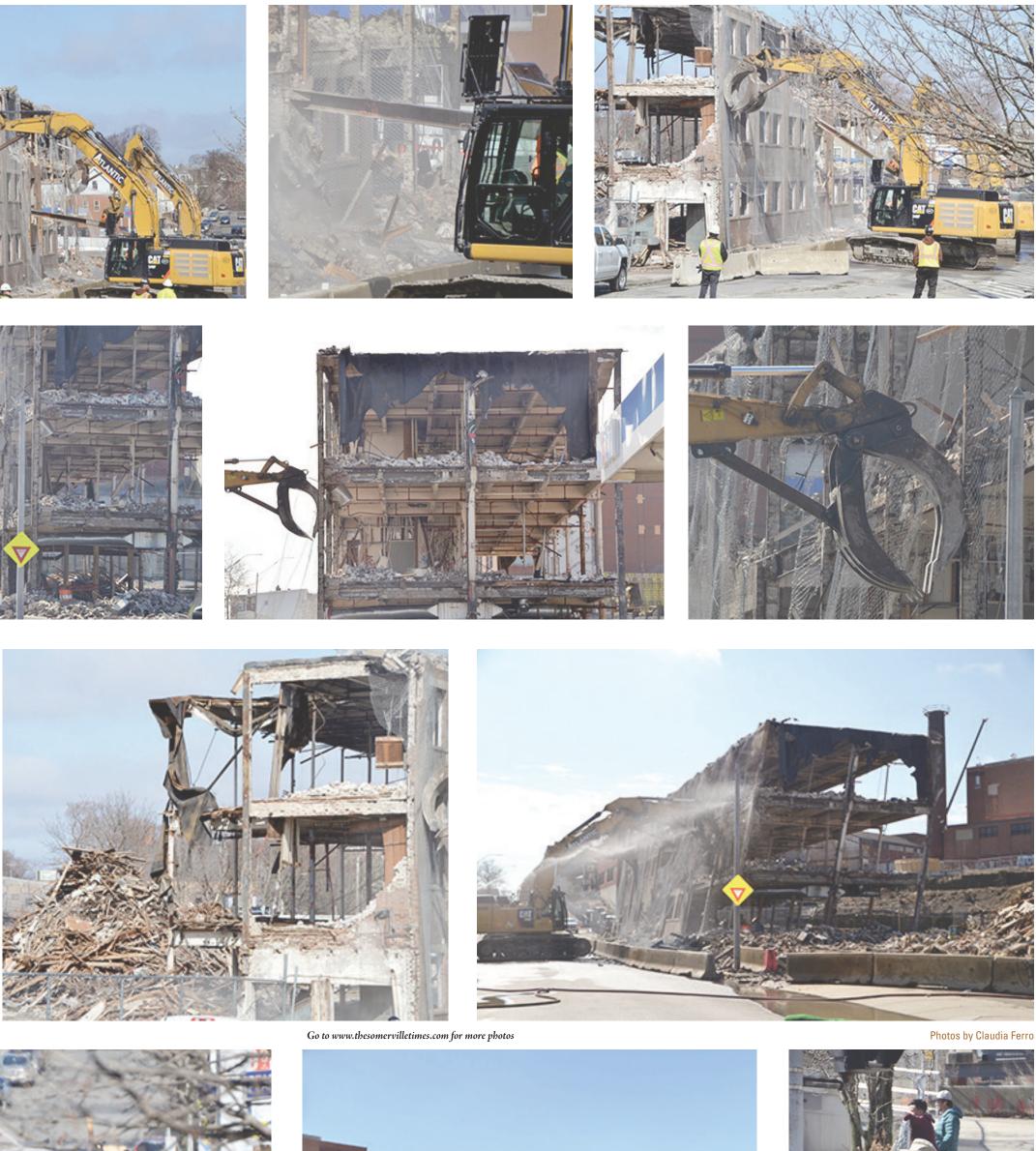


















SPORTS

Running the Boston Marathon to end family homelessness

Somerville residents Sara Gaeta and Rachel Richardson are training hard to run the Boston Marathon on April 15. Gaeta and Richardson's goal is even bigger than completing 26.2 miles, though. They are raising funds in support of FamilyAid Boston, a local nonprofit that empowers parents and caregivers facing homelessness to secure and sustain housing and build strong foundations for their children's futures.

They both chose to run because of their belief in FamilyAid Boston's mission. This is Gaeta's second marathon. Her motivation for running comes from her career as a speech-language pathologist, "Working as a Speech-Language Pathologist in early intervention, I see firsthand how important a stable, secure living situation is. A young child's brain is malleable, being molded and shaped by their environment. Adding stress, unpredictability, and fear into the mix can do a lot of harm in a child's overall development," explained Gaeta. "FamilyAid

Boston helps secure safety and predictability into these family's lives; giving these parents a second chance and allowing a child to grow, prosper, develop, and to do their most important job being a kid!"

This is also Richardson's second marathon; both times she has run for FamilyAid Boston. "The issue of homelessness is a personal one for me and I'm passionate about ending it. Running for FamilyAid in 2018, I met the staff, learned more about the families they serve, as well as their approach to tackling family homelessness. I decided to run for FamilyAid again because I firmly believe in the work that they do and I'm confident the funds I raise will have an impact." Massachusetts saw the largest growth in family homelessness in the country last year, a dramatic 17% increase. Boston now



has the third highest number of people in families experiencing homelessness, 3,653 on any given night. This number includes more than 2,000 children.

Over the past year FamilyAid Boston provided over 1,570 parents and children with shelter, housing, and support services needed to return to stable housing. Families who are placed in housing by FamilyAid Boston have a 99% success rate of remaining housed a year later. Through the John Hancock Marathon Nonprofit Program, and the dedication and support of FamilyAid Boston's Marathon team, FamilyAid Boston hopes to raise more than \$100,000 to create lasting solutions to the family homelessness crisis in our community. To learn more about FamilyAid Boston please visit www.familyaidboston.org.

To make a donation to Sara Gaeta or Rachel Richardson please visit their fundraising page: http://bit.ly/fabmarathonteam.

Savvy Caregiver dementia training returns in May

By Nathan Lamb

A free training program that provides family caregivers with skills and knowledge about dementia is returning to Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) in May.

Registration is now open for the next round of Savvy Caregiver training, which starts May 9. The six-session program emphasizes practical training that helps family caregivers navigate the many challenges of dementia.

The curriculum includes an overview of dementia and its various stages, along with how its progression can impact daily life. The training includes a lecture component, but it also highly interactive, with a focus on developing practical tools and strategies that fit the participant's needs. "The Savvy Caregivers course helped us focus on the good things we have together as well as provided concrete knowledge and skills to approach the future," said a participant in the



Meet the Savvy Caregiver Instructors: Liz Aguilo (left) is a clinical social worker, Executive Director of Paine Senior Services, and Vice President of the Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) Board of Directors. Nathaniel Meyer (right) is a licensed Social Worker with the SCES Adult Family Care program.

For more information about most recent training. "It gave a

Ms. Cam's Dio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge 1. What date was Patriots' Day originally celebrated on? 2. Who is the author of the poem Paul Revere's Ride? 3. Where was Paul Revere born? Happy? 4. What song is traditionally sung during the

middle of the seventh inning of a baseball game?

5. What is the original show is The Voice is based on?

6. How many comedians have hosted The Tonight Show?

7. In India, what is known as "butter fruit"?

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8. As of 2018, what was the best-selling book series in history?

9. On what movie soundtrack will you find Pharrell Williams song

10. Who is the author of the novel The Hobbit?

11. What TV show starred Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor?

12. Who played bass and guitar on Alanis Morissette's track You Oughta Know? Answers on page 23

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perspective on the various situations we find ourselves in." The next session of Savvy Caregiver will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, from May 9 through June 13. The classes are held at the SCES offices, at 61 Medford St. in Somerville. The classes are open to a limited number of participants, allowing the caregivers to work closely with the facilitators. Subsidized respite options are available to some caregivers.

Savvy Caregiver or to register call 617-628-2601 ext 3123 or email nmeyer@eldercare.org.

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) is a non-profit agency that supports the independence and well-being of older people in Somerville and Cambridge. For more information, visit eldercare. org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or contact the SCES Aging Information Center at 617-628-2601 for free advice and guidance.

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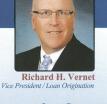
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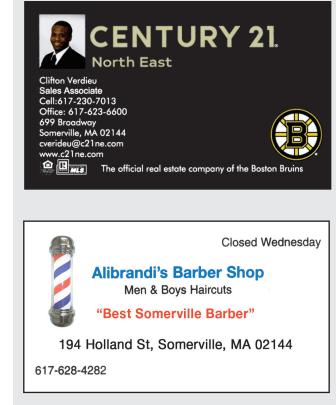
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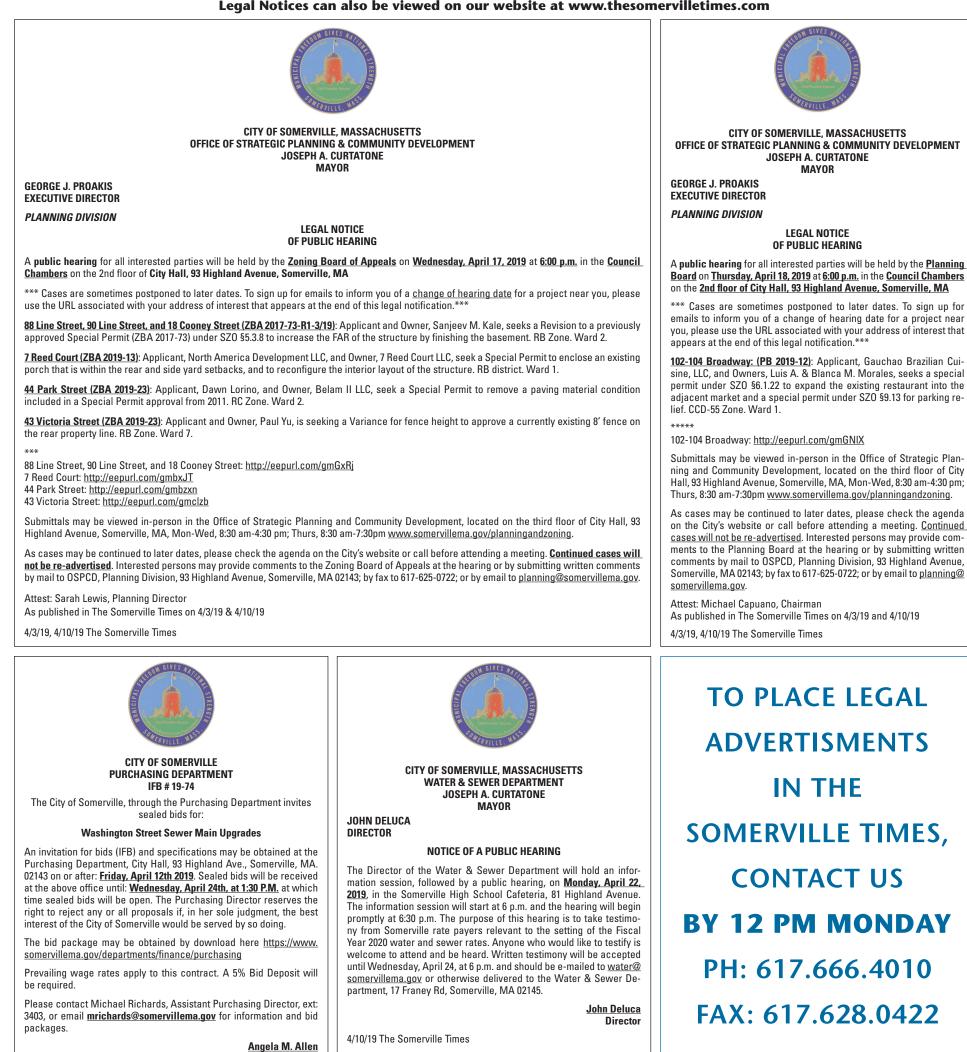
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Information session and public hearing on FY2020 water and sewer rates

There will be an information session and public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 water and sewer rates on Monday, April 22, in the Somerville High School cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.

The information session will start at 6:00 p.m. and the public hearing will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to testify is welcome to attend.

Written testimony will also be accepted until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24.

Written testimony can be submitted by emailing water@somervillema.gov or by mailing or dropping it off at the water and Sewer Department, 1 Franey Rd., Somerville, MA 02145.

The proposed rates will be submitted to the City Council's Finance Committee during its Tuesday, April 9 meeting. That meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave. Information about the proposed rates will be posted on www.somervillema.gov/water on Wednesday, April 10.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would prohibit psychiatrists, psychologists and other health care providers from attempting to change the sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of anyone under 18. Conversion therapy exposes the person to a stimulus while simultaneously subjecting him or her to some form of discomfort. The therapy is primarily used to try to convert gays and lesbians to be straight.

Both branches approved a similar bill last year but it never made it to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk.

"If a conversion therapy bill gets to my desk and we don't see any other issues with it, it's something we'd be inclined to support," Baker said recently.

Mental health experts and LGBTQ groups charge that the practice is scientifically unproven and unsound and can trigger depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts in these youngsters.

Opponents of the repeal said that the passage of the bill was "an assault on parental rights in the commonwealth." They said it is unfair that most state legislators apparently believe that parents should not be able to get gender-confused children any treatment, even counseling, that might help them avoid cross-sex hormone injections, sterility or 'transition' surgery.

EMINENT DOMAIN (H 83) - The Judiciary Committee heard testimony on a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit private property from being taken by the government for private commercial enterprise, economic development or any other private use without the consent of the owner. A similar meacontinued from page 6

Supreme Court ruling that allows communities to seize private homes and businesses solely for commercial purposes. The ruling also allows states to establish laws prohibiting the practice.

"Respect for private property rights is a founding principle of our democracy, and one I believe should be firmly protected," said the proposal's sponsor House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "This bill reasserts the protections provided by the Massachusetts Constitution and the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by ensuring that government land seizures are limited to those instances where the taking of land is necessary for the good of the whole community, not for the benefit of a limited class of persons."

Opponents say the proposal is too strict and ties the hands of the government in an emergency.

STATE CONSTITUTION MAKE GEN-DER-NEUTRAL (H 80) - The Judiciary Committee also heard testimony on a proposed constitutional amendment that would replace the word "he" with the gender-neutral pronoun "they" in the 84 instances in which the word "he" is in the Massachusetts Constitution.

"For me, it's really about making sure that the constitution is as inclusive a document as we can make it," said the measure's sponsor Rep. Mindy Domb (D-Amherst). "It says 'he.' It doesn't mean 'he.' It doesn't mean only men. There are lots of women who are in office. It means all of us, and we need to make sure that the document says that so that all of us and all of our kids can see themselves in this constitution."

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 April 1-5, the House and enate each met for a total of one hour and 16 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 26 minutes.

Mon. April 1	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Tues. April 2	No House session
	No Senate session
Wed. April 3	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. April 4	House 11:00 a.m. to 12.13 p.m.
	Senate 11:09 a.m. to 12:18 p.m.
Fri. April 5	No House session
	No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:						
MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price	
72387975	186 School St.	9 room, 4 bed, 1f 2h bath	147	\$899,900	\$850,000	
72441370	35 Bartlett St.	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath	23	\$805,000	\$850,000	
72447444	14 Kingman Rd.	8 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath	21	\$750,000	\$815,000	
72450809	68 Sydney St.	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath	5	\$739,000	\$750,000	
72446370	18 Mount Vernon	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath	8	\$699,000	\$820,000	
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Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72404538	11-13 Roberts St.	U:3 6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath	125	\$699,000	\$690,000
72397994	375 Canal St.	U:1108 2 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath	174	\$689,000	\$689,000
72439131	347 Lowell St.	U:3 5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath	24	\$649,900	\$635,000
72409283	134 Heath St.	U:2 5 room, 2 bed, 2f bath	129	\$619,000	\$600,000
72436270	57 Franklin	U:1 3 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath	95	\$585,000	\$580,000
72434746	9 Medford St.	U:202 3 room, 1 bed, 1f bath	66	\$565,000	\$565,000
72449537	56 Hinckley St.	U:2 4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath	21	\$515,000	\$575,000
72441350	326 Broadway	U:12 4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath	30	\$399,900	\$398,000

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

MLS#	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
72436222	39 Curtis Ave.	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 8 total bedrooms	45	\$1,150,000	\$1,050,000
72438770	28 Sterling St.	2 unit, 12 total rooms, 5 total bedrooms	65	\$1,125,000	\$1,065,000
72438518	5 Lexington Ave.	2 unit, 13 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	7	\$1,124,000	\$1,220,000
72431515	161 Lowell St.	2 unit, 14 total rooms, 10 total bedrooms	158	\$1,120,000	\$1,090,000
72378559	61 Myrtle St.	2 unit, 11 total rooms, 6 total bedrooms	10	\$999,900	\$1,070,000
72404397	36 Greenville St.	2 unit, 9 total rooms, 4 total bedrooms	151	\$929,000	\$905,000
72445623	18 Grant St.	2 unit, 16 total rooms, 7 total bedrooms	16	\$899,900	\$1,000,000

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday|April 10

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Teen Game Day 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday April 11

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

Friday April 12

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

Tuesday April 16

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

Wednesday April 17

East Branch Library Rosalita's Puppets 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC/ARTS Wednesday|April 10

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

The Burren

Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m. Knot Art, Runner-up, Chris Ballerini|7 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Thunder Road Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Once Somerville

Hidden Tooth 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Emily and Jake 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

Thunder Road STIG and Darla with special guest Good Trees River Band 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night 4 Lonely Leesa and the Lost Cowboys, Motel Black, Test Meat, Radio Compass 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Van Dam 4

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell

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

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing 7 p.m.|Café Welcome Project / YUM 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 12

Sally O'Brien's Bucky Bear & The Bearly Seen|6 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present The Othership, Wild Versatile - \$10 cover|9pm 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi The Revelers|7 p.m. Closing Time|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Once Somerville Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night

SkyTigers, As The Sparrow, Phenomenal Sun, LOVE LOVE 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

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Thunder Road Troll 2 with special guests Cactus Attack, Miku Daza, and The Michael Character 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ing Me Frank, Brad Marino Band, Kris Rodgers - \$10 cover |9 p.m 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Evan Goodrow| 7p.m. Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Rock & Roll Rumble Preliminary Night

Birnam Wood, Set Fire, Jakals, Baabes 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Group Activity 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café Irish Session

2 p.m.|Cafe Laughing Liberally 8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Shit-faced Shakespeare®: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. Ball In The House|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Somerville Theatre Dakhabrakha 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Sunday April 14

Sally O'Brien's Bar The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backroom series with Tom Biachi|7 p.m. Rachael Sage with Laura Vecchione & Hugh McGowan|7p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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 The Rockwell 8th Annual Live CARAs 11 a.m.|255 Elm St

Monday April 15

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

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

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

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Amanda White Band The James Rocket Allison & Moon 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

Tuesday|April 16

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

The Burren Tristan Simone 7 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

Thunder Road Bravado Cartel with special guests Kyle Bourque, Katey O'Callaghan and the Illicit, Kooked Out, Queen and The Savage Kings, The Cosmic Vultures and more! 8:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Simpsons Trivia Night|6:30 p.m. Okilly Dokilly|8:45 p.m. Bear Ghost, Dicky Stock 156 Highland Ave Bull McCabe's Pub The A-BEEZ 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Once Somerville The Woolly Mammoths Boston Cream Sam Gelston 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Alper Tuzcu Trio 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Somerville's Poet Laureate presents: "Poems We Love" 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|April 10

Central Library Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Somerville Entrepreneur Network 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 11

Central Library GLX Accessibility Group 12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West at TAB Books-to-Movies Discussion 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Yoga at the Library 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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 April 13

Central Library 100 Renewable Community Choice Electricity Kickoff 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|April 14

Central Library Irish Dance Workshop featuring live music 1:15 p.m.-2:15 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

Arts at the Armory Been Out here Teen Open Mic 6 p.m.|Café AniMAtic Boston 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Abby Wambach 7 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Thursday April 11

Sally O'Brien's Ways & Means Committee, Rusted Bucket 8:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Stephanie Corby, Karyn Oliver |7:30 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Party Band|7 p.m. Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band|9 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

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

Arts at the Armory

The Dead and the Dark 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Mokoomba 8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq

Saturday|April 13

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Band|6 p.m. Rum Bar Records presents Stop Call65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Thunder Road Americana Sundays with the Greg Klyma Band and special guest Charlie Marie 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Once Somerville Wild Belle Jeffertitti's Nile 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Amnesty International Fundraiser featuring The Jiblantos/The Ways and Means Committee 2 p.m.-5 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Protest Choir Class 4:30 p.m.|Café AFTer Hours Adult Folktale Telling Series

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co Indie Trivia 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday April 17

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

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Tuesday April 16

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

Aeronaut Brewing Company Books & Brews Book Club

6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|14 Tyler St

Wednesday|April 17

Central Library

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m. Constellations Poetry Reading 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Upcoming dates: April 11, May 9 and June 13. For more info please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, Lunch & Bingo to follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up.

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

The Preakness – Thursday, May 16 – Sunday, May 19th – Baltimore, Maryland - \$719 / per person double \$969 / per person single. Includes motor coach transportation, deluxe accommodations, reserved seating concourse level for the Preakness Stakes and more. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Fiore's Restaurant – Wednesday, May 22 - \$25 per person – check in time is 10:45 a.m. at Holland Street and 11:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny. Meal choices are Salmon, Lasagna or Chicken Parmesan. Question, need additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Happy Wedding Anniversary – Wednesday, June 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dilboy Post located at 371 Summer Street. Are you a married couple celebrating 50 years or more of marriage? Join us for a wonderful celebration. Couples celebrating 50 years or more are free! Friends and family are \$15 per person. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

LGBTQ EVENTS

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

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE

(Please cut out and save) Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesdays:

Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H) Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H) Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H) **Caregiver Support Group** – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, s pouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

Coffee & Conversation - Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335. Arts & Crafts - Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

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

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

Knowing your Electric Bill & Scams – Thursday, May 2 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center.

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

Patriots' Day celebration



Celebrate Patriots' Day at the city's annual festivities at Foss Park on Monday, April 15. "Paul Revere" will stop by during a reenactment of his historic ride from Boston to Lexington. Attendees can also enjoy the Colonial Fair where they can play games and complete a "Colonial Passport."

There will be Colonial-era refreshments and music by the Somerville High School band. The Patriots' Day Celebration will be from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and will be held rain or shine.

For more information, contact Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext. 2532 or bwilson@somervillema.gov.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

the location of a revolutionary fort, and today is the site of Paul Revere Park, which is the smallest federal park in the nation. Three apartment buildings historically circle the area, notably named The Concord, The Lexington and The Paul Revere. In 1910, President William Howard Taft visited and honored the location.

• Revere worked for and with his dear friend, Doctor and General Joseph Warren, martyr of Bunker Hill. After the battle, Warren's body was identified by Revere who had performed dental work on him. Revere's next born son was named after Warren, and Somerville was almost named after him.

• The first Prospect Hill flag raising took place on Revere's 40th birthday, January 1, 1776. After the American victory at Saratoga, 4,000 British and Hessian prisoners were brought to Prospect Hill and Winter Hill under guard of Colonel Revere.

• One of Revere's grandsons, Edward Revere Curtis, made Somerville his home. He was born on George Washington's birthday, February 22, when Boston became a city. He was a popular businessman and alderman. Curtis Street in Teele Square was named after him. Out of the 776 buildings that were lost in the Great Boston Fire of 1872, his was the last.

• On the eve of April 19, 1775, on a daring ride through Somerville and beyond, Revere triggered American history. That night he rode a steed with no name, but we will never forget its rider and his name ... Paul Revere!

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Free workshops at Somerville Media Center



Intro to Podcasting 101

Date: Thursday, April 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at SMC – Class Size: 5 students About: Audio-based programming known as podcasting has exploded in recent years as a way of communicating stories. Learn how you can create podcasts in this introductory course. Taught by BFR Station Manager and podcaster Heather McCormack, this class will review the difference between podcasting and broadcasting, explore different types of content and discuss how to curate an interesting podcast. Basic use of our podcasting recording set-up will be demonstrated. This is a teaser workshop for our May PODCASTING class.

The Smart Beginners Guide: Marketing with Social Media

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at SMC – Class Size: 8 students About: Social media is a powerful communication tool these days. In this class, we will learn how to get started with Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. We will also address how to strategically cross-promote on social media networks and how to take advantage of free websites for graphic design making too! No existing accounts required. This is in collaboration with the Somerville Public Library as part of our "Lunch & Learn Digital Literacy Series."

Introduction to Digital Photography

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at VOX POP Class Size: 8 students

About: This brief course covers basic concepts and practice of digital photography, including understanding and use of the camera, lenses, and other basic photographic equipment. The course will address aesthetic principles as they relate to composition, space, exposure, light and color. Many of these elements tie into the art of filmmaking as well. The class is taught by photography professional, Jason Corey is an award winning freelance photographer who has many years working in this industry. Instructor: Jason Corey

Intro to Genealogy 101

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Date: May 21, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Where do cats learn to swim? The kitty pool. Class Size: 15 students

About: Details coming soon! This is in collaboration with the Somerville Public Library as part of our "Lunch & Learn Digital Literacy Series."

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7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:30pm		4:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?	11:00am	Art Seen at SMC
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10:30am 11:00am	Somerville Pundits	2:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts?
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8:30am	Fit-4-Life #3
9:00am	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"
9:30am	Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19
11:30am	Greek Independence Day 2019
1:00pm	Letters of World War II at Council on Aging
2:30pm	SomerViva em Portugues
3:00pm	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
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7:00pm	Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19
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9:00pm	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony
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12:30am	Public Hearing-Voting PT2
8:30am	Raising Families "Youth Vaping & Smoking"
9:00am	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony
9:30am	Public Hearing-Voting PT1
10:00am	SomerViva em Portugues
11:30am	Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony
12:00pm	Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity"
12:00pm	CC-Finance Committee of the Whole
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
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12:00am	School Committee Meeting - 4.1.19	
2:00am	Greek Independence Day 2019	
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Allamerican Workout	
9:00am	SomerViva em Portugues - April 2019	
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Wednesday, April 17

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12:00am Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity' 12:30am SomerViva em Português

Educational 15 Schedule

Wednesday, April 10

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Friday, April 12

Wednesday, April 10

9:00am National Honor Society Induction Ceremony			
11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford		
12:30pm	Student of the Qtr WSNS		
1:00pm	SCAP Student Health Survey Presentation		
2:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club		
3:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Maker Mindset		
4:00pm	Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer		
5:00pm	Girls' Middle School Intramural Soccer		
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SHS Boys' Basketball vs KIPP MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer v Revere SHS Girls Basketball v Lynn English SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford Somerville Learning 2030 Presentation SHS Girls Basketball vs Peabody **Raising Families - Vaping** SHS Boys Basketball vs Billerica

Greek Independence Day 2019

Public Hearing/Open Space - 3.12.19

Middlesex Update w/Marian Ryan

Talking Business "Bow Market"

City Council Meeting - 4.11.19

Talking Business "Bow Market"

City Council Meeting - 4.11.19

Vision Zero Meeting - 3.27.19

Fit-4-Life #4

The Bilingual Brain: Benefits of Bilingualism

Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony

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Greek Independence Day 2019 Prospect Hill Groundbreaking Ceremony

1:00am Community Preservation Plan Public Hearing

SomerViva em Portugues - April 2019

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Sunday, April 14

Monday, April 15

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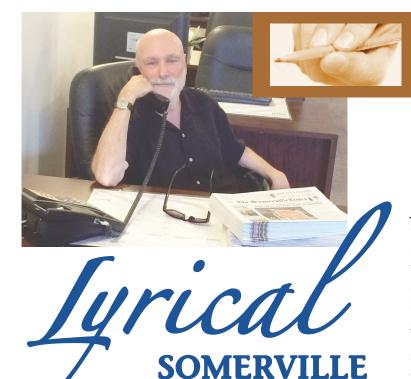
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10:00pm	Kennedy School Drama Club
11:30pm	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford

Tuesday, April 16

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2:30am	SHS Hockey vs St. Joe's		
9:00am	Healey School gr. 3-8 Winter Concer		
10:00am	Argenziano School MLK Concert		
11:00am	SHS Boys Basketball vs Medford		
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SHS Spring Concert

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OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Somerville's John Babin:

From a numbers runner to a civil rights activist

John Babin, a thoughtful looking man in his 70s, met me at my usual perch at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Somerville. I have seen him around town for many years, walking around with this broad-rimmed hat and a couple of newspapers under his arms. I had never spoken with him but after our meeting I was glad that I did.

Babin, a Somerville native son, started his working career as a kid running numbers for "gang" operations in Cambridge and the North End of Boston. Babin told me Mafia types were in involved in these operations. Folks like the notorious J. R. Russo, and Jerry Angiulo loomed in the background.

Babin made a fair amount of change during these working years, and he used the money to help finance his education at Brandeis University.

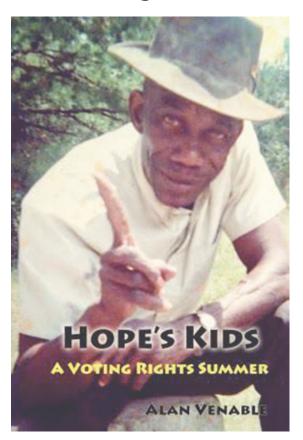
Recently, Babin found out that he was included in a book concerning the civil rights movement of the 6os titled *Hope's Kids: A Voting Rights Summer* by Alan Venable.

Babin told me that in 1965 – when he was an undergraduate at Brandeis studying a buffet of liberal arts courses; subjects like philosophy, economics, etc., – is when he joined the student organization SCOPE. This was a group that worked under the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, to help register black voters in the south.

Babin and other students went down to South Carolina to work with disenfranchised black people. It was in the town of St. Matthews, in Calhoun County, where he was based. Babin told me the black population was basically illiterate and living in shacks. Running water was a luxury. In those days, Babin explained, "Everyone talked like they had roles in *Gone With the Wind*."

Babin said that he and his cohorts went door to door, going over voter registration forms with black voters, and often steered them to literacy programs. And even though they were privileged white college students, they were heartily welcomed by these people in need.

As you might expect, this band of holy fools was not well-received by segments of the white community. Babin told me, "On the first day there we received death threats. The sheriff claimed that the vehicles we brought down were stolen. They were not, of course. I mean, the chief of police of the



dangerous man in town' put a gun right in my face. I remember being thrown in jail. I saw a pool of blood beside me when I woke up. I realized it was from the kid next to me."

Babin said the harassment grew. Someone sympathetic to this group of college students got the South Carolina State (a black college) football team to crash a KKK meeting. The Klan meeting was in full bloom in a parking-lot at a local Winn-Dixie supermarket. They were burning the requisite crosses, decked out in their nefarious white outfits. There were, according to Babin, a thousand of them. Basically, the team members confronted the KKK and said if the students were harmed or killed they would be going after them. Babin smiled, "Let's just say the harassment went down significantly."

After this, Babin had a successful career as a union organizer and social worker. He told me that at times he was very reluctant to talk about this period in his life because it would affect his relationship with some of the rough trade types he used to work with. But now ... well, it just seemed to be the season.

So now when I walk down Somerville Ave., in the early morn, Babin won't be another face in the

1. April 19, the actual anniversary of the battles (fought in 1775)	
2. Henry Wadsworth	7. Avocado
Longfellow	8. Harry Potter
3. Boston's North End	9. Despicable Me 2
4. Take Me Out To The Ball Game	10. J. R. R. Tolkien
5. The Voice of Holland	11. Green Acres
6. 6 – Steve Allen, Jack	12. Flea and Dave Navar- ro of the Red Hot Chili
Paar, Johnny Carson, Jay	Peppers

town was in the KKK, and he deputized half the breaking dawn, but a man with a rich and rewarding town. Also, a man who was deemed as the 'most history. Right here, in the Paris of New England.

Planning Board hears case for US2 lab building on Prospect and Somerville Ave. in Union Sq. CONT. FROM PG 10

"bottom line" approval makers in this deal.

At this point, a key transfer of land for the construction of this building referred to as the D.2 lot has yet to be completed, since the Somerville City Council must approve the transfer of that city land parcel to the developer US2 in order for construction to get underway. Will some City Council members try to hold the D.2 lot hostage to exact additional Community Benefits? Remember, this is an election year, with the mayor and City Council (formerly known as Board of Aldermen) all up for election. Stay tuned! Born, raised, and lifetime resident of Somerville. St. Clement High School graduate; BA (Cum Laude) and M. Ed from Boston College; Attended Tufts Univ. and Harvard Univ. JFK School of Government; Licensed Insurance Broker and award-winning Small Business Owner (WCC Insurance Agency Inc.) 19 College Ave. Davis Sq. Somerville MA since 1996. Ward Six Alderman eleven terms 1984-2005, Alderman At-Large; 1 special election and five terms 2007-2017, and the distinction of being the longest serving Alderman in Somerville History.





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