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The public weighs in on proposed real estate transfer fee



Concerned citizens got its chance to sound off on the proposed real estate transfer fee at a public hearing of the Somerville Board of Aldermen Legislative Matters Committee last week. — Photo by Donald Norton

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Board of Aldermen's Legislative Matters Committee got a collective ear full last Wednesday, April 4, at its public hearing on the proposed home rule petition to impose a real estate transfer fee on property sales in the city.

Residents and other interested parties, both pro and con, made their opinions known loud and clear, with passions running high at times on each side.

Ostensibly intended to assist those who are being priced out of Somerville, the ordinance would impose a fee of 1 or 2 percent of the selling price when a home or apartment building is sold, with the transfer cost imposed on developers who are "flipping" homes for quick profits.

The revenues raised from the transfer fee would theoretically go only to an Affordable Housing Trust Fund. *Continued on page 4*

Public updated at Conway field and playground meeting

By Kalina Newman

Conway field and playground will remain shut down, after risk assessors from Watson & Sampson, an environmental service company, along with The City of Somerville Parks and Recreation, examined soil solutions around the playground. Representatives from Watson & Sampson met with the public last Tuesday to discuss their findings.

The playground shutdown continues more so out of caution than immediate risk. After primary data examination, only two sections of the park contain surface-level amounts soil with amounts of lead and poly-chlorinated biphenyls that exceed state regulatory limits. However, upon further testing, the amounts present have proven to be extremely low-risk for possibility of human contamination, through either ingestion or dermal exposure. Levels of soil exposure were tested using a population sample that would be theoretically

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Traces of soil contaminants have been found on the grounds at Conway field and playground, forcing its continued closure until a full cleanup is completed.

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On Friday, April 20, the Dave Martini and Nick Peters Scholarship Fund is having A Night with Jim Plunkett. The event is being held at the Dante Club, 5 Dante Terrace off Craigie Street here in Somerville. It's a great time and lots of fun. Tickets are \$40, and include well-known local singer Jim Plunkett, plus a 50/50 auction, lots of raffles, and a buffet dinner. For tickets, please contact: Janet7345@yahoo.com or you can purchase tickets at the Eventbrite page, www.eventbrite.com/e/dave-nicvk-scholarship-fundraiser-with-jim-plunkett-tickets-44716590526

The 16th Annual Sports Scholarship Benefit in loving memory of Edmund J. Medeiros will be held Saturday, April 21, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at the Dante Club, 3 Dante Terrace (off Craigie St.) in Somerville. Call Judy at 617-599-8088 or email Judy.Medeiros1957@yahoo.com. Cost is \$25, over 21 only. Checks to be made out to The Medeiros Family Fund c/o Nancy Medeiros, 87 Wheatland St. Somerville 02145.

Where is the transparency with our Board of Aldermen who might be considering a \$6M bond this week? Another bond (you know, get the money now and pay later – kick the can down the road), and put it in the City of Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Which, by the way has, according to our sources, not been audited in 10 – yes you heard it right – 10 years. So, where has the money gone to? How much was collected over the years? Who got it and for what reason? How did they spend the money and for what? How many Somerville residents did it help? This is supposed to be posted on the city website, but it's not. Before they vote this new tax on those selling their property here in Somerville – with the money going into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund – maybe a full and disclosed audit of the funds for the last 10 years should be conducted before any more money is handed out. You know, one word we hear a lot lately is "TRANSPARENCY" – by various members of the Board of Aldermen in a lot of different contexts. Maybe the Board should want to find out where 10 years of funds went to – and do it now!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Paying for the beloved community*

Matt C says:

Bill, the idea is not horrible and with some tweeking (focused on flippers and people who don't actually live in their homes for a min. period of time) could be very palatable. The problem with the \$ generated is we can't use them in a way that benefits people who live in, and want to continue to live in Somerville. The state puts a cap on the number of spots reserved for current, long term Somerville residents. If they wanted to keep the community the home rule petition would focus on how the money is used, not just getting the money.

David Gibbs says:

"What I do not understand is why some people whose property values have been appreciating at ten percent per year are unwilling to give just one percent to the community that created that added value. They will realize a windfall through no effort of their own beyond breathing. Is it too much to ask for them to contribute a small fraction of their good fortune so that others may continue to breathe here?" Bill, thank you so much for writing this, and for including the moral argument squarely. We who believe in equality and justice cannot be afraid to confront the "me first and me only" mentality that too often takes over these and similar conversations. No one "deserves" their good fortune; we all, without exception, are benefited and harmed by chance events. As we consider the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King (who increasingly was turning his attention to issues of economic injustice as well as of racial injustice) we would do well to remember that a country (or a city) whose citizens will not support each other WILL fall apart.

A few thoughts says:

Well, at least we now know where this idiotic idea originated from. And at least they're being truthful now that there will be NO exemptions and the seller (not the buyer as was supposedly the intent) will be the one paying ("...asking sellers who will enjoy a windfall to pay the transfer tax is more just..."). Luckily, this has ZERO chance at the state level of passing as most people with a functional brain realize that real estate pricing is regional (not specific to some 4 sq mile area) and this would have zero impact on AH. IF Cambridge/Arlington/Medford all decided to also to levy transfer taxes it would have a better chance, but since this idea got laughed at in all those cities it won't and should not pass here. Lastly, we already do pay a transfer tax (deed tax) when a property is sold here in MA. The tax is \$4.56 per thousand of the purchase price on the deed. So for a \$500,000 sale, that's a \$2,280 tax bill. This transfer tax would be ON TOP of that.

Old Taxpayer says:

Once they lower our taxes from all this new income they are bragging about maybe we would not object to this. But all I see is new ways of getting money out of us and new ways to spend it. Much of it wasteful. So NO. Enough already. And also NO. I don't expect the money to be used properly. Based on over 70 years experience here.

Bill Shelton says:

Matt, your point is well taken, infuriating, and I plan to emphasize it in tomorrow night's hearing. Somerville has already gone beyond most of our neighbors in our commitment to affordable housing. I'm guessing that, with the level of funding that a transfer tax can generate, we can create land trusts and work with banks so that we need not be restricted by the constraints imposed by state and federal funders.

Gaspar Fomento says:

This thing is already dead in the water. It will never get through at the state level. But at the very least they should be putting this on the ballot as a question to the people before they go tinkering with stuff like this. Not these happy, puffed up little overlords. For now let's let them enjoy their sh*t eating grins and condescending antics. Bunch of rank amateurs. Once this is all over and they've been slapped back a few Tuesdays maybe they'll get a little humility. Probably not, but one can hope. So kids, next time these twa— er...twits are up for election you know what to do. Vote early, vote often.

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One Affordability Proposal – Can we find a way for it to unite, not divide our community?



By Stephanie Hirsch
Alderman at Large

Last Wednesday night, hundreds of people packed the Board of Aldermen chambers. More than 120 spoke, and many more wanted to speak but couldn't stay as the hearing stretched on past 10pm. About half argued for and half against a new tax on the sale of property to fund affordable housing.

As residents spoke, their stories brought to life the challenges I shared in my last column. Here is a summary:

- Many seniors own properties and rent units at below-market rates. Their tenants include vulnerable seniors and second- or third-generation Somerville families with kids in the schools. Though many seniors own, most have lower earning potential. Many have spent their lives working blue-collar jobs. Households were bigger in the '60s and '70s, and long-time residents spoke about trying to help their three or four adult children buy homes, including in Somerville.
- In contrast, though many younger renters are much more likely to have college de-

grees, they spoke of debt and the impossibility of finding a way to stay for the long term. Young families who have been able to buy talked about the weight of big mortgages and childcare bills.

- A growing population of residents of all ages make a lot of money. They're in good shape. And, on the flip side, a large share of residents – especially families with kids and seniors who rent – have neither assets nor income, and are on the brink of displacement. Many spoke on behalf of those vulnerable residents.

Somerville Times readers have probably read about the proposed "Transfer Fee" in this paper. The idea is that a tax would be collected when a property

changes hands. Funding (of about \$5 to \$8 million per year) would then be used to create affordable ownership and rental opportunities. Here are the steps: 1. The BOA writes a petition to the State to ask permission to create the tax (with some details, like exemptions); 2. The State approves (or denies) the petition; and 3. We write an ordinance with more details to create the tax after a community process. (Note that we can't ADD to the tax in the ordinance – only expand exemptions or lower the tax.) We are working on the first step.

Everyone agrees that we need these funds, and the hardships reflected in the stories and data show the need. Because of the unique challenges our residents

face, most residents (perhaps as many as 80%) will not be able to stay in Somerville in coming years. There are no easy solutions – only hard ones. The transfer fee is a hard one, but also one of the few that can make a big difference. We are divided on the plans now. Can we find a workable solution to move forward?

To try to answer that question, I sifted through the hundreds of messages to find the most common suggestions:

- "Flippers" should pay the tax rather than residents: As one resident said, "The investors buy and sell for profit, disregarding the continuity of a neighborhood. Those of us who bought, raised our families, paid taxes, should not

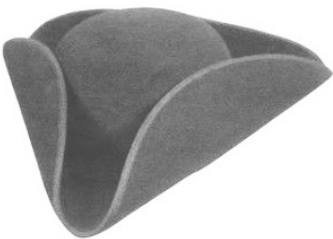
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Patriot's Day ceremonies on April 16

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission invite all residents and community members to the city's annual Patriot's Day celebration, to be held at Foss Park on Monday, April 16, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Co-sponsored by the Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, the Somerville Museum, and East Somerville Main Streets, the day's events will include Colonial games, light refreshments, live music by the Somerville High School band, and a visit from "Paul Revere" on horseback on his historic ride from Boston to Lexington through Somerville.

The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. with music, games and refreshments, followed by a brief speaking program and poetry read by Somerville youth, and the arrival of Paul Revere. Children will receive a Colonial Times Passport and are invited to participate in various Colonial-era games such as hoop rolling, whirly gigs, and Jacob's ladder. Children who complete each of the six stations will receive a small prize. Volunteers will be dressed in traditional Colonial attire and attendees are encouraged to do the same.



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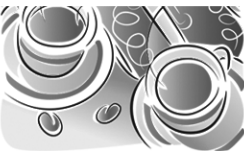
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Burglar nice enough to give back the change

Police officers were dispatched to a Wheatland St. location last Sunday on reports of a motor vehicle break in progress, and that the suspect was being detained.

Upon arrival, the officers were flagged down by a man and directed into the side lot where four other men were standing next to a motor vehicle and a male sitting inside on the driver's side with the door open.

As the officers approached, one of the men – the reporting party – stated that the man sitting in the vehicle, later identified as Keith Francey, broke into it and that the vehicle belonged to his mother.

Police asked Francey to step out of the vehicle and placed him into handcuffs for their safety and until they ascertained the facts in the matter.

The officers reportedly observed damage to the vehicle, as the dashboard seemed to be pulled away from the steering column.

Police asked Francey what he was doing in the vehicle and he reportedly stated, "I don't know, where am I?" The officers told him where he was and then pat frisked him for weapons. While conducting the pat frisk, an officer felt loose coins in every pocket and removed a small folding

knife from his front right pocket.

The owner of the car told police that she could not remember if she locked her vehicle when she parked it, but she did not give permission to anyone to enter her vehicle. She also stated that her dashboard was not damaged when she parked the car and that there was around \$5.00 in loose change missing from the vehicle. She further stated she had no idea

who the suspect was or why he was in her vehicle.

Police then informed Francey that he was under arrest and asked if he stole the elderly lady's money would he give it back to her, to which he agreed. \$4.53 in loose change was returned to the victim.

Francey was taken in for booking, charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering and defacement of property.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:	charges of failure to signal, possession of a class B drug, not in possession of driver's license, larceny over \$250, and	operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.	rested at Myrtle St. on a warrant charge of employer failure to pay unemployment compensation.	way, April 8, 3:14 p.m., arrested at Wheatland St. on charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering and defacement of property.
James McNeil , of 35 Windsor Rd., April 6, 9:18 a.m., arrested at Jaques St. on warrant		Ronan Jarvis , of 40 Chever St., Milton, April 7, 9:59 a.m., ar-	Keith Francey , of 18B Broad-	

The public weighs in on proposed real estate transfer fee

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A number of exemptions from the fee have been discussed as the proposal has evolved in Committee, aimed at sparing long term residents and established families from any undue hardship. This, among several other aspects of the proposal, was a matter of concern for many who spoke up at the hearing.

According to the city, the home rule petition process requires that some details that cannot be changed at a later time be determined before submitting the petition. For this reason, the Board of Aldermen held the public hearing on the matter prior to submission of the petition.

The Board is currently reviewing and revising a draft petition, submitted by the mayor as a starting point, but not intended as the final version. At the hearing, the public was given the opportunity to voice support for or against the fee overall, as well as comment on a range of issues such as exemptions. The Board will vote on the details of the final draft and whether to submit it to the Legislature.

The Committee Chair, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang, opened the hearing by asserting that he and others on the Board were committed to submitting the home rule petition to the state legislature before the deadline passes later this month, thus avoiding a delay in the process of a full year.

Next, Tim Snyder from the mayor's office explained the

home rule petition legislative process in some detail. After reviewing the steps involved in getting permission from the state to impose the transfer fee, Snyder added, "Now, there's one important thing about a home rule petition I want to point out. If we are successful in getting a home rule petition, anything that is contained in that home rule petition cannot change unless we go back to the legislature and ask for future changes. So we have to be very careful about what is put into the home rule petition, knowing that it wouldn't be able to change at a later date."

Snyder went on to discuss further details of the proposed home rule petition, including possible exemptions which are still being worked in the draft of the proposal.

Following Snyder's presentation, other officials and members of the general public took turns expressing their thoughts and feelings on the matter.

State Representative Mike Connolly spoke in favor of the proposal saying, "What we are facing is truly a housing emergency, and we will lose everything we love about Somerville and everything we love about the Greater Boston area if we can't come up with some new tools, tools to put into your hands, to help us fund affordable housing developments and affordable housing projects."

A number of those who spoke

before the Committee urged the members to put the matter before the voting public before taking it to the state legislature. One speaker said, "This honorable Board sought voter approval for the Community Preservation Act tax, and for the Proposition 2.5 override for the bonds necessary to finance the new Somerville High School. Whether the voters would approve this transfer tax is at the moment an open question. However, this is neither a reasonable nor a justifiable basis to deprive our voters of the opportunity to exercise their franchise in the same manner and to the same extent they were afforded on these prior referendums."

John L. Sullivan, a Somerville resident since 1965, a homeowner and landlord, made his feelings known saying, "I find this process extremely disrespectful and cowardly, that members of this Board did not want to notify the residents and finding that they can't afford to do so, but you can inundate us when you want to get elected – with all your stuff"

Others felt differently, expressing their willingness to contribute to a plan to help facilitate the development of more affordable housing in the city. One such speaker put it simply by saying, "I think to have bought a house 20 years ago and watch it go up way more than any economist would have predicted – well, I just want to make a living, not



— Photo by Donald Norton

a killing. But if I can keep 99 percent instead of 100 percent, I think I might make a killing and help affordable housing."

A wide array of similar comments was heard by the Committee, both pro and con, during the nearly five-hour long hearing.

According to the city, the next steps in the home rule petition process are as follows:

The Board of Aldermen will further deliberate on the draft home rule petition and vote on whether to approve and send the petition to the state legislature.

Next, the state legislature will vote on whether to approve the petition.

If approved, the city will host a community process to discuss details of a potential ordinance.

The city will follow the framework of rules established by the home rule petition to develop a detailed ordinance setting the final fee and criteria for what transactions are sub-

ject to the fee.

Then the Administration would submit a draft transfer fee ordinance, within the framework approved by the legislature, to the Board of Aldermen for deliberation.

Finally, the Board of Aldermen would hold a public hearing or hearings on the proposed ordinance before voting on any amendments and final approval.

Anyone interested in learning more about the real estate transfer fee home rule petition process can learn more and follow its progress by going online to <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/proposed-transfer-fee-home-rule-petition>, where lots of relevant material is available for public review.

Those who are interested in watching a video of this meeting may do so by going online to <http://somervillecityma.igm2.com/Citizens/Calendar.aspx>.

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Take steps toward financial empowerment with the Somerville Commission for Women

By Kristen Strezo
Co-chair of the Somerville Commission for Women

A Prudential research study discovered that fewer than two in 10 women feel “very prepared” to make wise financial decisions. Half indicate that they “need some help,” and one-third feel that they “need a lot of help.” We want to change that. The Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) is hosting an event to Take Steps toward Financial Empowerment, Finan-

cial Literacy, this Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Main Branch of the Public Library, 79 Highland Avenue. No matter where you are in your financial journey, ladies, this event is for you. Please join us for a coffee discussion where we’ll have an open and safe forum to discuss financial questions most critical to women. There will also be experts from local credit institutions, the Somerville Community Corporation, and financial advisors to facilitate the discussion. Chil-

dren are welcome. Please register on eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/SCW-FINANCIALEMPOWERMENT> If you would like more information about our event, please contact Chris Hosman, Community Services Manager at 617-625-6600 ext. 2406 or chosman@somervillema.gov. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reason-

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Somerville to Host Public Discussions on Recreational Marijuana Guidelines in April

Join the City of Somerville’s Planning Department to discuss how recreational marijuana establishments might be permitted in Somerville. The city is currently studying how to best implement the new Massachusetts state laws around recreational marijuana that were established on the 2016 ballot. The city will host two public discussions: Thursday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.: Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St. and Thursday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.: Lowell Street VNA, 259 Lowell St. Each meeting will begin with a presentation reviewing the laws and a status update on existing medical marijuana dispensaries in Somerville, followed by a discussion that will help create new city policy on recreational marijuana sales. For more information, visit facebook.com/SomervilleNeighborhoodUpdates, or email planning@somervillema.gov.

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The D2 Design and Site Plan Review Community Meeting Notice

- Q: What's been going on with the Union Square revitalization project?

A: Since our last meeting in December, we've been working to advance the plan and would like to share our work-to-date with you. Please join us to learn more and share your feedback at our the first neighborhood meeting for the Design Site Plan Review of the D2 buildings and civic space.
- Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Time: 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Public Safety Building Academy Room
220 Washington St
Somerville, MA 02143
- Q: What's the agenda?

A: The developer, US2, will show preliminary schematic plans and is seeking community input as a first step in the Design and Site Plan Review process for the D2 buildings and civic space. Representatives from the design team working on this parcel will be sharing their work-to-date.
- Q: Who should attend?

A: Everyone is welcome to attend. Community participation and feedback is welcomed and encouraged as we reimagine the future of Union Square together. If you're unable to join us but have question or concerns, please call us at 617-804-1000 or e-mail us at info@unionsquarestationassociates.com.

US2 (Union Square Station Associates LLC) is the Designated Master Developer working in partnership with the community, the Somerville Redevelopment Authority and the City of Somerville to realize the shared vision for Union Square's revitalization.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of April 2-6.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHANGES (H 4011)

House 148-5, Senate 37-0, approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a conference committee version of a bill making some major changes to the state’s criminal justice system including repealing mandatory minimum sentences for low level drug offenders, restricting the use of solitary confinement, allowing for the expungement of juvenile records, strengthening laws against fentanyl trafficking, raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility from seven to twelve and decriminalizing a first offense misdemeanor if the punishment is a fine or imprisonment for not more than six months.

Supporters said the bill is a balanced one that updates many laws and repeals some arcane laws while still protecting the public. They argued that the bill is a big step toward ending the vicious cycle of incarceration and crime.

“The ... legislation makes reforms to all aspects of the criminal justice system, from the time a person first comes in contact with the criminal justice system through the time a person re-enters society,” said Rep. Claire Cronin (D-Easton). “These reforms will give people a second chance to rebuild their lives, while also preserving public safety.”

“The agreement we have reached today is about lifting people up instead of locking people up,” said Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont). “And it is about cutting the chains that hold people down when they are trying to get back on their feet. And it is about better protecting the public from drugs and violence.”

Opponents said that the bill goes too far and weakens the state’s criminal justice laws in many ways.

Rep. Jim Lyons (R-Andover) said the lenient reforms in the bill are similar to those passed in Colorado which is now seeing a 50 percent increase in felony arrests which prosecutors say is a direct result of the reforms.

“In Massachusetts we are sending the wrong message at the wrong time,” Lyons said. “We are in the midst of the worst drug epidemic in my lifetime [yet] the bill ... reduces penalties for drug crimes ... It is important for the public to know that rather than pass a stand-alone bill to change fentanyl to a Class A substance and give law enforcement the tolls to shut down these murderers, the Democrats took no action, and allowed drug traffickers to overrun our communities in the last two years.”

Rep. Shaunna O’Connell (R-Taunton) said she couldn’t vote for a bill that reduces penalties for drug crimes and only gives drug dealers 3.5 years for distributing deadly fentanyl at a time when we have an epidemic.

“Massachusetts has the second highest rate in the country of deaths caused by fentanyl,” O’Connell said. “I believe that this legislation takes away tools from law enforcement and makes it harder for people to be prosecuted for dealing drugs and other crimes ... We need stricter laws not free passes for criminals.”

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 4637)

House 145-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

Supporters said the \$200 million would help cities and towns keep their roads and bridges safe and allow many vital municipal road projects to move forward. No one voted against the bill but there are many legislators who say the \$200 million is insufficient. Transportation Committee Co-chairman Rep. William Straus said there's no question when it comes to the status of the roads and bridges of the commonwealth, the need is greater than our resources. "There are greater unmet needs, but the resources are finite in order to take care of municipal roads and bridges and those of the commonwealth, he said.

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

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

TAX SHORT-TERM RENTALS (S 2381)

Senate 31-6, approved a bill that extends the state’s current 5.7 percent hotel and motel tax and the local option room occupancy tax to short-term rentals offered by Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO while leaving the regulation of these rentals including registration, licensing and inspections up to local cities and towns. Estimates are that the state will reap \$34.5 million from the new taxes and local communities which impose the optional local tax will receive some \$25.5 million. Supporters said the bill strikes a balance and levels the playing field between currently untaxed and unregulated short-term rentals and hotels and motels that are currently regulated and taxed. "The short-term rental economy is the latest example of a rapidly growing, technology-driven industry that is changing the way business is run in the commonwealth," said Sen. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport). "In addition to leveling the playing field in the lodging industry, this legislation ensures each city and town maintains local control, and balances innovative opportunities for the community with the need to regulate and permit safe, secure, and reliable transient accommodations." Opponents said the bill is simply another example of an anti-business, unwarranted tax and overregulation by the state. “[This] is an example of the government regulating the use of private properties,” said Sen. Dean Tran (R-Fitchburg). “It’s an opportunity to institute a new tax. It was very unfortunate that an amendment requesting 25 percent of the collection goes to funding our schools failed. Your right to rent a room in your home, short term, should not be subject to regulations adhered to by hotels, motels and other big entities.”

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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MORE LOCAL AID FOR CITIES AND TOWNS (S 2381)

Senate 14-22, rejected an amendment requiring that 50 percent of the estimated \$34.5 million in additional

state revenue generated from the short-term rental tax go to the state’s General Fund, 25 percent to education aid for cities and towns and 25 percent in unrestricted local aid to cities and towns. Amendment supporters said this would ensure that 50 percent of this windfall goes to local communities that desperately need additional funds instead of 100 percent going to the state. Amendment opponents said the bill already helps cities and towns by allowing them to add their own 6 percent tax to short-term rentals and to keep all the revenue it generates. They said estimates are that this will generate \$25.5 million for local communities.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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21-DAY EXEMPTION (S 2381)

Senate 11-26, rejected an amendment that would exempt from the new tax people who rent out their unit for 21 or fewer days per year. Amendment supporters said this will ensure that mom and pop operators who offer their place for rent just a few weekends per year are not lumped in with operations that are serious businesses that operate all year round. Amendment opponents said the amendment waters down the bill which is designed to level the playing field, without exceptions, for hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and Airbnb.

(A “Yes” vote is for the 21-day exception. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of April 2-6, the House met for a total of ten hours and 49 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours.

Mon. April 2	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.
Tues. April 3	No House session No Senate session
Wed. April 4	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:12 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Thurs. April 5	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:33 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.

Fri. April 6	No House session No Senate session
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Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

State Reps speak at renewable energy panel

On Tuesday, April 3, Environment America was joined by Massachusetts State Representatives Mike Connolly and Christine Barber for a panel on renewable energy at Tufts University.

Environment America, a citizen-funded environmental advocacy organization, is organizing to win a public commitment from Tufts to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050. If adopted, that would mean that by 2050, Tufts would get all of its electricity from renewable sources, fully electrify the heating and cooling systems in its buildings, and move to an all-electric fleet of university-owned vehicles.

"By publicly committing to 100 percent renewable energy, Tufts can play a leading role in speeding up the clean energy transition that students want and need - and the cleaner, healthier future that it will bring," said Jake Taber, a Tufts Alum and a Clean Energy Fellow with Envi-

ronment America.

The 100 Percent Renewable Campuses campaign at Tufts has been building momentum over the past semester. Environment America, with the help of more than 20 volunteers, has collected more than 700 student petitions and 50 faculty endorsements for a public commitment from Tufts to go 100 percent renewable by 2050.

Calls for Tufts to commit to 100 percent renewables come as Tufts has taken a series of steps to respond to the climate crisis. In 2016, university president Anthony Monaco signed the Second Nature Presidents' Climate Commitment, committing the university to carbon neutrality. The recently-constructed Science and Engineering Complex and Collaborative Learning & Innovation Complex are low-energy, efficient buildings. And solar installations on Tufts Grafton and Medford campuses are reducing emissions and

giving clean energy a prominent presence on campus.

In the week leading up to Tuesday's panel, 10 professors from a wide range of departments participated in a university-wide "teach-in," dedicating 15-30 minutes of class time to talking about climate change, renewable energy or sustainability through the lens of their class.

"Don't believe the nay-sayers who wish to lull us into inaction with the argument that the technology just isn't there to go 100% renewable (and get there by 2050)," professor Jonathan Kenny, who participated in the teach-in and who teaches environmental chemistry, said in an email. "Renewables are ready to roll (at Tufts and in Massachusetts) right now!"

"I think discussing sustainability and climate action is crucial here at SMFA," Patte Loper, a professor at Tufts' School at the Museum of Fine Arts, who also



participated in the teach-in, said. "Through the arts, we have the ability to envision alternatives to the dominant future on offer by our current political reality."

More and more communities, business and institutions are making commitments to 100 percent renewable energy. In addition to Cornell and Boston University, Colorado State University, the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and Hampshire College have made commitments to using 100 percent renewable sources.

Along with the Student PIRGs, Environment Ameri-

ca is working with students on more than 65 campuses nationwide, including more than 20 in Massachusetts, to show broad support for 100 percent clean, renewable energy generation.

"By joining forces with motivated and active students here at Tufts, we can emphasize the importance and urgency of using 100 percent renewable energy," said Taber. "By getting our administration on board, we can repower our campus with 100 percent renewable energy, then with that shining example, move on to our community and state."

— Environment America

State legislature enacts comprehensive criminal justice reform

State Representative Christine P. Barber of Somerville and Medford joined her House colleagues last Wednesday in voting to adopt S.2371, An Act relative to criminal justice reform, a comprehensive criminal justice reform package that is a result of compromise discussions between the House and Senate.

The legislation enacted offers sweeping changes to the Commonwealth's criminal justice system that will make positive strides to reduce incarceration levels, address incarceration conditions, and reduce recidivism. Noteworthy reforms include prohibiting the practice of incarcerating individuals solely for their inability to pay bail, a path for juveniles to expunge their criminal histo-

ries, standardized data collection on race, ethnicity, and recidivism rates, repeal of mandatory minimum sentences for low level drug offenses, and increased opportunity for diversion through restorative justice programs.

Also included in the omnibus legislation is a new justice-involved women policy review panel, a result of a unanimously adopted amendment Rep. Barber filed to the House bill in November. Intended to put a special focus on justice-involved women in the Commonwealth, the panel will review criminal justice policies in recognition of the reality that women's life experiences, responsibilities, and needs are different than those of men, and that often, women can

be negatively affected by a justice system that was created for a primarily male population. Made up of state agencies charged with overseeing female offenders, those responsible for their public health, mental health, and looking after their children, and those with expertise on trauma and approaches to working with justice-involved women,

the panel will work to ensure the Commonwealth is adopting gender-responsive policies, ensuring the best treatment for all justice-involved populations.

"I am so proud of the hard work that has gone into crafting this bill, by legislators and advocates alike. I am excited to see the many provisions of this legislation be implemented, and

am eager to see improvements to the criminal justice system that affects the lives of so many in Massachusetts," said Representative Barber.

The bill, enacted by both the House and the Senate, is now before the Governor to be signed into law.

— Office of State Representative Christine P. Barber

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Tuesday April 17

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Wednesday April 18

See you next week for poker!

Thursday April 19

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Friday April 20

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SHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

The Anthony V, Fedele Chapter of the National Honor Society Class of 2018 and 2019 held their Induction ceremony on Thursday, April 5 in the SHS auditorium. Sebastian LaGambina and Somerville School Superintendent Mary Skipper presented Stoles and Certificates to the Class of 2018 and Class of 2019 as they were inducted into the National Honor Society. The guest speaker was SHS Alumnus Bipul Pyakuryal.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner



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Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Winter Hill Brewing

Winter Hill Brewing produces small batches of various specialty beers that are offered on a rotating basis. Check out their website to view current and future releases. You can pair your favorite beer with one of multiple gourmet, scratch made sandwiches and accoutrements.

On this visit, I opted for the Bratwurst smothered in onion, sauerkraut and mustard served on a potato roll with a side of crispy and flavorful fries. The brat was juicy and had that satisfying snap when bitten into. The sauerkraut had a mild yet aromatic flavor that enhanced the brats flavor topped with spicy mustard for a slight kick at the end. In other words, a perfectly balanced sandwich.

The beer I chose to go with it was the Revenant IPA, a clear, crisp, hoppy, but not highly bitter IPA that went well with the sandwich and the crispy hand cut Rosemary fries. I also tried the Mosaica IPA, a hazy, hoppy, and much more bitter rendition of a great IPA! They also had other beer choices, including a Belgian style ale, a fruity sour, and even a stout. The staff was friendly and attentive, making the visit that much more enjoyable.

Be sure to check out the breweries cafe hours, a full

espresso bar and iced coffee beverages by Counter Culture Coffee is offered along with breakfast items and some great looking baked goods.

Be sure to check out the calendar section on their website to see when Trivia Night, specialty food pop-ups, and comedy nights are happening.

Beer is also available at the brewery to take home. A full list of where you can purchase cans other than the brewery or where the beer is available on draft can also be found on their website.

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Small Plates: \$3.00-\$10.00
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Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

History Through The Beatles – Thursday, April 19 at our Holland Street Center starting at 12:00 p.m. Fran Hart of the 4EverFab group will be performing acous-

tic based songs of The Beatles along with a video slide show. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Bingo immediately following the performance. If you require additional information, have any questions or want to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

Housing Fair – Thursday, May 17 – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Meet with local agencies to learn the many ways to age in place. Guest speakers will include Somerville Home, Just-A-Start, Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, Somerville Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, The VNA & More. For additional info call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

De-cluttering support group - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8

weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

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

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

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adventure Group – Please call for details

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

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

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COMMENTARY

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

Recreational Marijuana Public Discussion on Locations and Guidelines, April 12 & 19

The City is studying how to best implement new state laws regulating recreational marijuana. Join City staff at one of two upcoming meetings to discuss how recreational marijuana establishments might be permitted in Somerville. Each meeting will begin with a presentation reviewing the laws and an update on existing medical marijuana dispensaries in Somerville, followed by a discussion that will help us create new city policy on recreational marijuana sales. Please email planning@somervillema.gov with any questions or call 311. When/where: Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building Academy Room, 220 Washington St., and Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the VNA, 259 Lowell St.

Applications Now Available

for Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, Due April 20

The Mayor's Summer Jobs Program provides opportunities for Somerville youth to work within the community and several City departments over summer break. In summer 2017, nearly 100 high school students participated in the program and gained job experience. Applications are now available for this year's Summer Jobs Program and are due no later than April 20, 2018. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/MayorsSummerJobs>.

SustainaVille Week, April 21-29

Join us for a week of activities and programs celebrating sustainability and the environment. SustainaVille week begins Saturday, April 21, with the Mayor's Annual Spring Clean Up and Community BBQ and then throughout the week you can learn about bringing green energy into your home, visit a wind turbine, try your hand at container gardening, and more. Visit somervillema.gov/sustaina-ville a full schedule of activities and to learn about other sustainability programs and initiatives.

Public Hearing to Discuss Tree Removal for Beacon St. Reconstruction, April 23

The City of Somerville Tree Warden invites all interested community members to a public hearing on Monday, April 23, to discuss the upcoming removal of six trees as part of the construction process for the Beacon Street Reconstruction Project.

These trees are the remaining trees to be removed by Newport Construction as part of the approved MassDOT project plans. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing prior to or during the hearing. Written objections should be addressed to Somerville Tree Warden, and emailed to: trees@somervillema.gov, or mailed to: Tree Warden, 1 Franey Rd., Somerville, MA 02145. For more about the project, please visit somervillema.gov/beaconstreet. When/where: Monday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St.

Fair Housing Info Session, April 24

The City's Fair Housing Commission invites you to an information session on what Fair Housing is, why it is important for both renters/buyers and landlords/owners, and how it can protect you. Led by an attorney from the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), the discussion will cover Fair Housing law, protected classes, and how to file a fair housing complaint with MCAD. If you have tried to rent or buy a home and feel you have been discriminated against because of your race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or because you have children or a Section 8 voucher, it is im-

portant to know your rights. For more information, contact Bryant Gaspard at 617-625-6600 x2578 or bgaspard@somervillema.gov. When/Where: Tuesday, April 24, 6-7:30 p.m., at the Mystic Activity Center, 530 Mystic Ave.

Community Preservation Act Pre-application Workshop, April 25

Individuals and organizations interested in applying for CPA funds are invited to attend a workshop to learn how. CPA funds may be used for affordable housing, historic preservation, or open space/recreation space projects. The workshop will cover changes to the application process, how to apply for CPA funds for a project on City land, and the new program to support feasibility studies for proposed projects. For more information, sign up for the CPA Email Newsletter at somervillema.gov/cpa. When/where: Wednesday, April 25, at 6 p.m. at the VNA, 259 Lowell St.

Community Preservation Plan Hearing, April 25

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is holding their annual Community Preservation Plan public hearing. The Community Preservation Plan establishes the annual funding priorities and allocations for the three categories that Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds can support. The draft plan is available at the CPA website

at somervillema.gov/cpa. Can't make it to the hearing? Email written comments by Thursday, May 17, to Kristen Stelljes at kstelljes@somervillema.gov. When/where: Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the VNA, 259 Lowell St.

Take a Survey to Help Improve Broadway in Winter Hill

A streetscape improvement effort is in the works for the section of Broadway that runs through Winter Hill, but we also want to make some interim fixes while this planning moves forward. We know that this section of Broadway presents challenge for drivers, pedestrians, commuters, and residents, and the survey will help the City identify problems and areas of concern. Find the survey at somervillema.gov/centralbroadwaysurvey.

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City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at somervillema.gov.

One Affordability Proposal

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be the ones to pay 'transfer' fees when we decide to sell."

- Don't tax people who move WITHIN Somerville. If someone owns and wants to expand or shrink their home in different life stages, they will, as one resident wrote, be "taxed TWICE for investing in this city – on their first home and the next home they are looking to grow into."
- Protect owner-occupied landlords: Many landlords charge below market rent – to the tune of tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years. As one person said, "I fear you'll ignore all those good citizens who not only invested, but have even kept rents low. My mother is one of them, who in the past 45 years, rented two apartments for less than half of the market rates, because as she says 'people have to live.'"
- Protect and expand the mid-

dle class: There is a group that makes too much to qualify for affordable housing programs, but still can't easily buy and are sensitive to small changes in home prices. As one person said: "For many families, this could be the straw that breaks the camel's back and pushes them out of our wonderful city."

- Make sure there is time for community discussion: Many said we need more information and/or chance to vote: As one person said, "It seems it was done in quiet without community input and vote."
- Overcome division: A deep divide, along lines of age, length of residence in Somerville, and background was evident at last week's meeting. As one resident said, "The Board is contributing to pitting residents against each other, mainly newly arrived young against older long-time residents. This

is not a community solution."

I agree with ALL of these points, and I believe we can address them all. I propose the following as the BOA moves forward with consideration of the Transfer Fee:

- Exempt owners: Some of my colleagues and I have proposed an amendment that would exempt all owner-occupant sellers and owner-occupant buyers from the fee, while requiring investors to pay. Because so many of our buyers and sellers are investors, the tax can still generate a large amount of revenue without charging our owner occupants. Only about 36% of residences are owned as homes, while 64% of homes are held as investments (see graph). More than half of us live in homes that have an absentee or corporate landlord. We have one of the lowest levels of ownership in the state (ranking 237

of 246 communities).

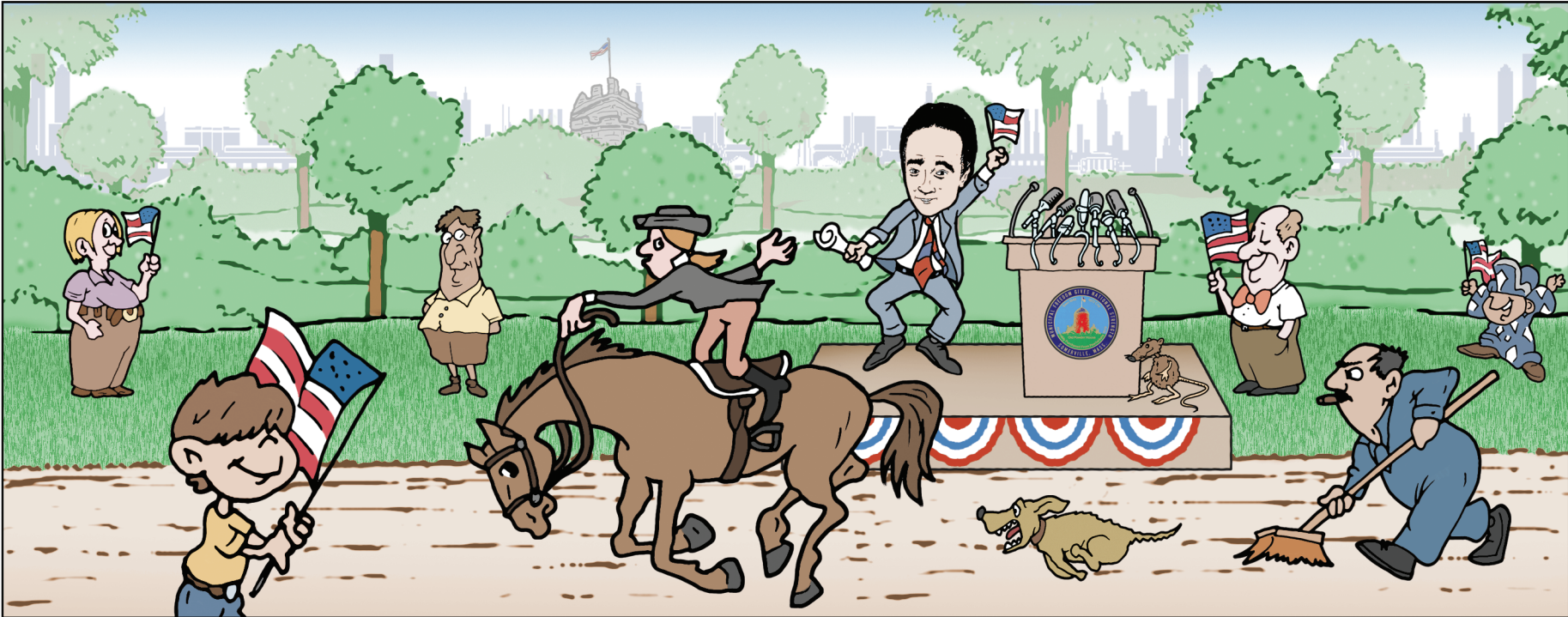
- Use the funding to help seniors, middle class, labor, and others: My colleagues and I have been talking about how we could use the funding to target the groups that are impacted by the fee. We can help seniors continue to live at their home or to restructure their properties to share ownership with their children. We can create a housing assistance fund for City and School District employees, and can help people who can't afford to buy but make too much for current affordability levels. At the same time, we can help those people who are most vulnerable.
- Consider sending it to a vote: Many people asked for a vote and voice – We can do that by adding into our petition to the State a requirement that we will only pass the ordinance after a local referendum on the details of the tax and use of funding.

As we struggle with this particular proposal – the first of what will be many hard discussions – above all else, we need to find ways to ensure it puts into action our community values. I believe that we need to use this discussion to build community and connection, rather than increase the divide. The test of how well we have succeeded is how much it helps the residents who have doubts. I look forward to having those discussions with all of you in days, months, and years ahead so we can make our community stronger. You can view more information, including a summary of comments and proposals here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YNvdwISpC5Sn61Z2d2Kx-id85HW_1jqmV/view Also, learn more about the transfer fee discussion here: www.somervillema.gov/transferfee.

COMMENTARY

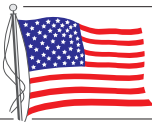
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Patriot's Day is just around the corner!

Our View Of The Times



It's not just another three-day weekend, folks. It's a huge part of our national – and regional – heritage.
Patriot's Day was established over 100 years ago to commemorate the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. Re-enactments are staged and speeches are given, and a generally festive

air of patriotic zeal pervades.
It is also the day when the Boston Marathon is run. Almost as venerable as the holiday itself, for many the event is a symbol of the resilience of the American spirit. And ever since the terrible events that transpired five years ago, that spirit has been bolstered by the resolve by all of us to remain ever vigilant and "Boston strong."

It's also just a nice time to get outdoors and enjoy some of the fine early spring atmosphere. After the tough winter we all went through, an opportunity to drink in the warmth and regenerative power of the season.
So be sure to give some consideration to what the occasion is all about, and maybe join in the festivities at Foss Park on

Monday morning, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We can't guarantee it, but we'd bet dollars to teabags that a warm tingle of patriotic exuberance may wash over you. Especially if you willingly give yourself over to the moment.
If nothing else, you might snag a selfie with Paul Revere. Now, that will be something to show your grandchildren!

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At least be transparent, both the Board and whoever it is who is supposed to audit the funds. Transparency is the word of the day. The aldermen need to do their job and ask questions and get answers: "Where's the money?"

The **Somerville High School Scholarship Foundation** presents its **2018 drawing** to help our students that are graduating. The drawing is for the chance to win \$10K plus by selling \$100 tickets. If you have done this in the past you know how it's done. Make out a check payable to the S.H.S. Scholarship Foundation and mail it to SHS Raffle c/o Joesph Favalaro PO Box 440275, Somerville 02145. Or you can call Joe at 617-666-8473 or Gene Brune at 617-628-5835. As soon as they receive your check they will mail out the ticket(s) to you. Only a certain number of tickets are being sold, so hurry up. Help a student and get the chance to win \$10K. The drawing is set for **May 18, 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Highlander Café**, Somerville High School. Refreshments will be served.

The **public hearing** last Wednesday was extremely interesting. More than one observer noticed that many of the "FOR THE TAX" people who spoke

were somehow aligned with **Somerville Community Corp.**, either as employees and/or past or present board members. Actually, if you go online to review the hearing you'll notice that there was overwhelming opposition to the TAX ... except from the Somerville Community Corp., which will be the major benefactor for the new TAX through that unaudited **Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund**. You didn't hear about that, did you? Funny how they didn't disclose that fact, neither the youth organizers nor the Board members or the director who spoke ever mentioned that they were going to get the money. We heard, as of Monday, that one young tenant who was for it is actually a trust fund recipient and only has lived here a couple of years. SCC will benefit from the funds raised from the tax, but nowhere did you hear that. Is that transparent? Remember, even though the members of the pubic that showed up were overwhelmingly against this tax, it looks like the aldermen had made up their minds on which way to vote, without saying anything. These are the same members of the Board who said it was too expensive to notify property owners of the proposed tax, either by mail or, as one speaker pointed out, via a 311 call or in

the water bill or tax bill. View the tape and listen to how so many people were saying the same thing over and over for the proposed tax, as if the talking points were given to them. We found it very interesting. We think maybe this issue will raise a lot of people's interest, and they may have awakened a sleeping giant. View the tape from Monday night as well. Some very interesting comments were made by various aldermen who didn't disclosed their current or past affiliation with Somerville Community Corporation. Did they?

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Big happy birthday to **Steve Mac** of the DPW. We hope Steve had a good day. Happy birthday to **Bruce Rollins II**, who celebrated this week. We hope he enjoyed his day as well. Happy birthday to **Sissy McWatters-Ankenbauer**, also celebrating this week. We hope she had a great day too. Happy birthday to our good friend **Ida Fasano**, who is a RE agent with **The Norton Group**. We're wishing her a great day as well. Happy birthday to our very good friend **Chris Pedersen**, a well-known celebrity in East Somerville. A nice guy and lots of laughs. Happy birthday to **Linda Rock Coutoumas**, who is celebrating this

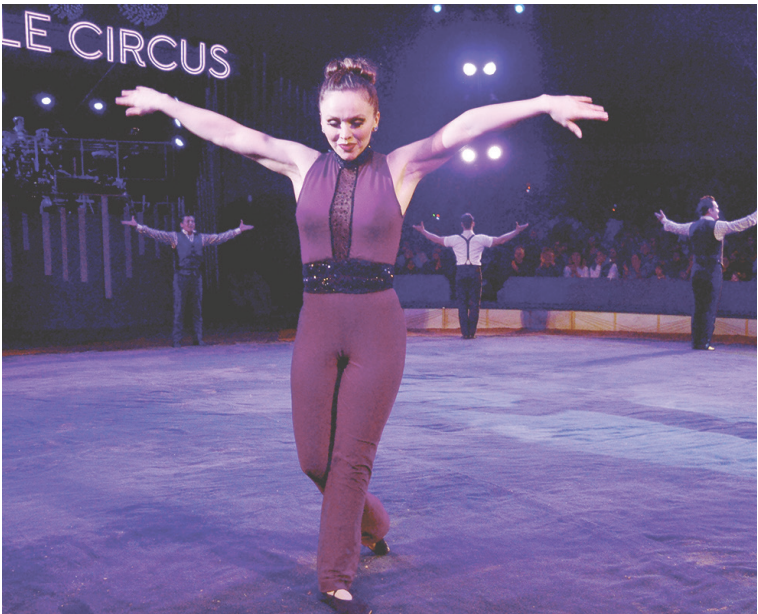
week. Happy birthday to **Cheryl Constantine Leatham**, who is also celebrating. We hope she is having a great day. Happy birthday to **Talt Gregory Shackelford IV**, who is celebrating as well. We wish him the very best of birthdays. And finally, to **Winslan George**, a local RE broker. We wish him a very happy birthday. To all the others we may have missed – and yes, we must admit there are a few more out there – we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

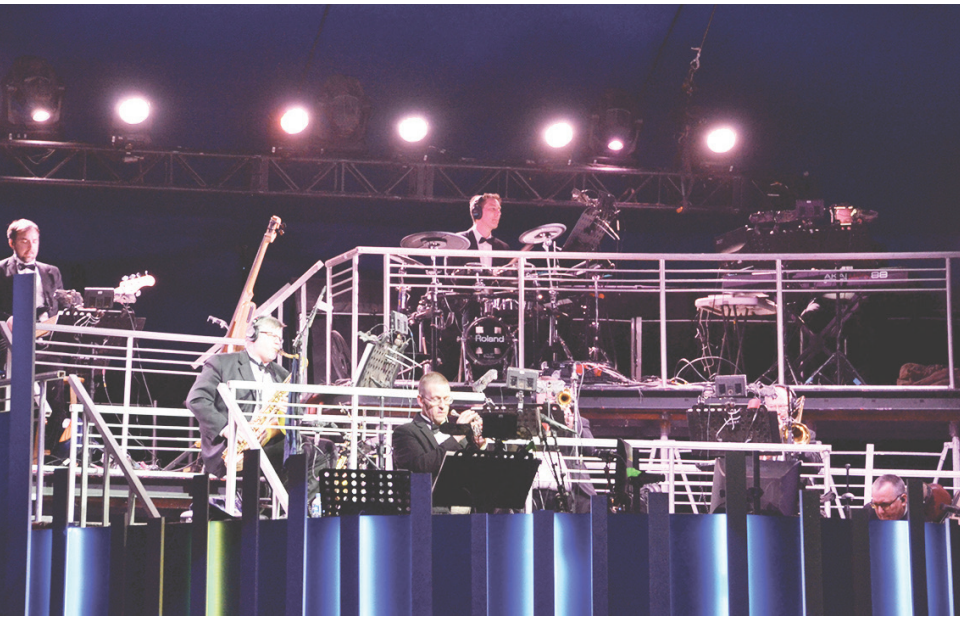
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The Big Apple Circus comes to town

The Big Apple Circus is now at Assembly Row, through May 6. The spectacular show under the big top features world class acrobats, jugglers, clowns, and just about everything you would expect from this highly renowned institution. Great fun for kids of all ages!





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Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

FULL HEARTS 3-on-3 Tournament at ESCS



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The Fifth Annual FULL HEARTS 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, a school fundraising event, took place at the East Somerville Community School Gymnasium last Friday, April 6. Qualifying 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (predetermined at each school) faced off in friendly games of 3-on-3, and there were plenty of opportunities to win raffle items and other prizes. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What battles does Patriot's Day commemorate?

2. What race takes place in Boston on Patriot's day since 1897?

3. Who holds the record for running the fastest Boston Marathon?

4. What is a group of foxes called?

5. What is the speed of a vinyl record (LP)?

6. Who is the only world heavyweight champion in professional boxing history to retire undefeated?

7. Who were the first MLB franchise to wear numbers on the back of their uniforms?

8. Who was known as Jimmy the Greek?

9. How many squares are on a chessboard?

10. Who composed *The Wedding March*?

11. Where would you find a widow's peak?

12. What do you call a fear of bees?

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Friday Night at the Fights

The Burlington Rotary Club ran its annual Friday Night at the fights, with over 350 turning out to have a great dinner and see some great boxing bouts. Pictured here is a small group of regulars from Somerville who always attend every year. It was a great night and the club raised over \$35K dollars.

— Donald Norton



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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on **Friday the 27th day of April, 2018, at 10:00 o’clock**, at the **Treasury, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes. It is my intention to take for the City of Somerville the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and an incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Michael Bertino, Treasurer/Collector of Taxes.

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **48 GLEN ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): JENNIFER I GEURRERO
ASSESSED OWNER(S): JENNIFER I GEURRERO
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **091A00031000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **03101140**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2346 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 66296, Page: 149.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$4,580.08**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$705.07**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$5,585.15

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **7 TENNYSON ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): ROBERT R DONNELAN
ASSESSED OWNER(S): ROBERT R DONNELLAN
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **049C00015000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **04207095**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3917 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 28149, Page: 342.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$2,102.92**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$302.93**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$2,705.85

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **83 LEXINGTON AVE 2**
CURRENT OWNER(S): DENNIS R MICHAUD & SARAH K PINTO
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DENNIS R MICHAUD & SARAH K PINTO
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **028I00008000002**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20062300**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 61637, Page: 191.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$4,301.15**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$142.53**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$4,743.68

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **7 MOSSLAND ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): CAROLE A MCCUSKER
ASSESSED OWNER(S): CAROLE A MCCUSKER
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **037A00037000000**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **13403120**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3145 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 917, Page: 29, document # 591084, certificate # 159471 & document # 01728223.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$56.52**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$5.05**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$361.57

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Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$15,065.29**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$2,767.05**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$18,132.34

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **43 PARK ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): LEI DIA
ASSESSED OWNER(S): LEI DIA
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **045C00004000014**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20051330**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 62539, Page: 460.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$2,412.04**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$328.00**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$3,040.04

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **107 GOVERNOR WINTHROP RD**
CURRENT OWNER(S): ANNA STYSKIN & PETER T JENSEN
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **056C0001A00004D**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **02079212**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 38626, Page: 116 & book: 66953, page: 250.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$1,400.29**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$381.06**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$2,081.35

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **11 HANSON ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): ALEXIS P & CHRISTINA J LIMBERAKIS
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ASSESSED OWNER(S): ESTATE OF JOAN JACQUELINE LIMBERAKIS & ESTATE OF COSTA LIMBERAKIS
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **54/G/2**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **12382135**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 2518 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 56870, Page: 381 &book: 70527, page: 183 & book: 70527, page: 467 & book: 70527, page: 178 & book: 70527, page: 463.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$9,406.83**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$1,771.33**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$11,478.16

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **80 WEBSTER AVE 1A**
CURRENT OWNER(S): DAVID APOSHIAN TRUSTEE OF 70-80 WEBSTER AVE TRUST
ASSESSED OWNER(S): DAVID APOSHIAN TRUSTEE OF 70-80 WEBSTER AVE TRUST
DEMAND: **May 5, 2016** PARCEL ID: **096F0000100001A**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20111560**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 41667, Page: 146.

Fiscal Year **2016** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$51.80**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$14.40**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$366.20

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **8 BEACON ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): RUNYU WANG & TIANCHI ZHANG
ASSESSED OWNER(S): RUNYU WANG & TIANCHI ZHANG
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **076F00018000004**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20160210**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 130, Page: 30, document # 01670033, certificate # U23544.

Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$10,988.12**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$2,086.62**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$13,374.74

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI16P5104EA

Estate of:
Elizabeth H. Pillsbury

Date of Death: 06/23/2016

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

Mary P. Pillsbury of **Petersham** **MA**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2018.

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

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

Tara E. De Cristofaro

Date: April 02, 2018Register of Probate

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: **37 FLORENCE ST**
CURRENT OWNER(S): JAMES & DOREEN CASTIGNOLI
ASSESSED OWNER(S): JAMES & DOREEN CASTIGNOLI
DEMAND: **May 9, 2017** PARCEL ID: **105B00026000001**
ALT. PARCELS/TAX ACCOUNT: **20030010**
TITLE REFERENCE: A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds Book: 61705, Page: 239.


Fiscal Year **2017** Taxes Remaining Unpaid**\$1,495.51**

Interest to Date of Taking**\$263.30**

Incidental Expenses and Costs to Date of Taking**\$300.00**

Total for which Land will be Taken \$2,058.81

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The Somerville Housing Authority (the "Authority") is soliciting sealed bids for the lease and use of rooftop and penthouse space on Brady Towers operated by the Authority in the City of Somerville, Massachusetts. This space is available for the installation of communications facilities. These facilities can include, but are not limited to cellular telephone, personal communications systems, paging and land mobile radio, and internet antenna. The lease and use of these spaces will be on a non-exclusive basis.

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 P.M., Friday May 11th, 2018, at the Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Department, 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. At such time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Invitation for Bids (IFB) copies are available free of charge for pick-up on Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 at the Authority's Modernization Office, 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA. 02145. The Authority will e-mail an Invitation for Bids free of charge upon request.

Please direct questions, or requests for IFB documents, to Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Rd, Somerville, MA 02145, Attn:Brian Langton. Tel. 617-625-1152 ,Ext 331 Fax: 617-623-0137, or e-mail to BrianL@sha-web.org.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE

OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

374 Somerville Avenue (PB 2017-16): Applicant and Owner, 374 Somerville Ave, LLC, seeks Design and Site Plan Review (DSPR) approval under SZO §6.1.22 to construct an addition on top of and in the rear of the existing structure. Retail space will remain and a live/work unit will be added to the first floor, the second floor will have three dwelling units, and a fifth dwelling unit will occupy the third and fourth floor. A Special Permit under SZO §9.13 is also being sought for parking relief. CCD-55 zone. Ward 2.

374 Somerville Avenue: <http://eepurl.com/di5oqT>

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning>.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|April 11

Central Library
Wilson reading tutoring
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library
PreK Puppet Story Time!
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday|April 12

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

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

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

East Branch Library
Children's Book Group: ANY Shel Silverstein book of POEMS
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|April 13

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

Monday|April 16

Library Closed

Tuesday|April 17

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

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Youth Focus Group led by Teen Empowerment
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|April 18

East Branch Library
Music with Emily!
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Teens and the New Marijuana Laws
12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Earth Day Gardening and Writing Activities with Regina
2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|April 11

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.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Moth: True Stories Told Live
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Mike and Mike Present: Open Mic
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 12

Sally O’Brien’s
Ways & Means Committee with The Clippertones |7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
The Late Risers |7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
WEMF Presents:
Rea
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Gregg Perry & The Strangeberries
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
Waker
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Everytown for Gun Safety
Today Junior, Bruvs, The Furniture, Dutch Tulips, C8music
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Mike Mele Trio
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

The Rockwell
Serenitease: A Space Western Burlesque
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 13

Sally O’Brien’s
Hashtag Hoedown |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Water, Krush Factory acoustic, Haley Trapella |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi Seth Rosenbloom|7 p.m.
Young Love and the Thrills |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
The Nth Power (Funk)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Silent Season
Take Us Alive, Act of Arson, Resonate
8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Ghost Town|6:30 p.m.
Flamenco Boston|10:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
BUMP|9 p.m.
Dirty Disney|10:15 p.m.
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory
Halloween in April with the King Serpent Variety Troupe (and Fiends! ...er, Friends!)
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|April 14

Sally O’Brien’s
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Zagnutt, The Common End \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Rockabye Beats & Pineapple Party present Music Island|7 p.m.
Spittin Vinnies|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road
Ghost Light (featuring Holly Bowling, Tom Hamilton (Joe Russo’s Almost Dead, American Babies, Brothers Past), Steve Lyons (Nico’s Gun), Raina Mullen (American Babies) and Scotty Zwang (Dopapod)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Eye Witness
Long Gone, Hammer and Snake
8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
DJ J-Wall
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell
Shakespeare’s Birthday Celebration with Shit-faced Shakespeare|6 p.m.
Shlt-faced Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Shlt-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet|8 p.m.
Shlt-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|10 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|April 15

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Tsunami Of Sound|5 p.m.
Sam Reid & The Riot Act|8:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.
Layth Sidiq Presents: Chalghi Bostoni |4 p.m.
Amy Kucharik CD Release Show! with Michael Valdez Trio & Tiger Moan Blues Band|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Sunday Funday Brunch
11 a.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Pumpkin Bread
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Sylvia Lustig String Quartet
2 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|April 16

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
See you next week for Cheapshots Comedy!
See you next Marley Monday!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Queer Kitchen
6 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 17

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
See you next SYM Tuesday!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.
Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Heavy Metal Tuesday|7 p.m.
156 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 18

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
See you next week for poker!
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.
Matthew Byrne|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

Highland Kitchen
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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
The Last Revel
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Stace Brandt|8 p.m.
Maxwell Bailey|9 p.m,
Leo Son & The Q-Tip Bandits|10 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
notloB Music Presents: Gatorland
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Starstruck- Close Encounters of the Awkward kind
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|April 12

Central Library
Discuss the future of affordable housing in Somerville
6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Yoga at the Library
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

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

Saturday|April 14

Central Library
Making Friends with Your Money
9 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Financial Discussion for Women in the Community
10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Lacan Reading Group
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Winter Farmers Market
9:30 a.m.-2 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 15

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

Monday|April 16

Library Closed

Tuesday|April 17

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 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 18

Central Library
Real Conversation to Real Action
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Legal Notice of Public Hearing

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a **public hearing** for all interested parties on **Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00pm** in the 3rd floor community room at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 02144.

The Committee seeks public input on how the City should prioritize spending Community Preservation Act funding. The draft FY19 Community Preservation Plan and other information about the Community Preservation Act in Somerville are available at www.somervillema.gov/cpa. A workshop for individuals and organizations interested in proposing a CPA funded project on City land will be offered before the hearing from 6:00-7:00pm.

Interested persons may provide comments to the Community Preservation Committee at the hearings and by submitting written comments through 12 noon on Thursday, May 17th by email to kstelljes@somervillema.gov or by mail to Kristen Stelljes, SomerStat, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Attest: Michael Fager, Chair
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Removal of Public Shade Trees
City of Somerville

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St, Somerville, MA, in the Academy Room** to consider the removal of the following public shade tree(s) for the construction of the Beacon Street Reconstruction Project:

1. 11 Beacon Street – removal of 7 inch diameter Callery Pear.
2. 15/17 Beacon Street – removal of 7 inch diameter Callery Pear.
3. 45/47 Beacon Street (1 of 2) – removal of 4 inch diameter Callery Pear.
4. 45/47 Beacon Street (2 of 2) – removal of 6 inch diameter Callery Pear.
5. 85 Beacon Street – removal of 14 inch diameter Callery Pear
6. 111 Beacon Street – removal of 16 inch diameter Norway Maple.

The trees identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing prior to or during the hearing. Written objections should be addressed to Somerville Tree Warden, and emailed to: trees@somervillema.gov, or mailed to: 1 Franey Rd, Somerville, MA. 02145.

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Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Another **Giggles Comedy Night** is coming up, this time for the **Masonic Lodge** on Highland Avenue. Specifically, the **Building Association** is having its **6th Annual Giggles Comedy Night** at **Giggles** on Rte. 1 in Saugus on **Wednesday April 25** at 6:30 p.m. Lots of laughs with 3-4 professional comedians, over 23 gift baskets specially made for the event, and a great time for all. Only \$25 per ticket for all the pizza you can eat and all the laughs you can stand. It's not a tax deductible night but a fun night. Tickets at the door or email **Donald Norton** at donaldfnorton@gmail.com.

Calling all Somerville local singers and Acapella groups! **The Sound of Music Sing Off** at Assembly Row takes place on **Saturday, April 28, 3:00-5:00 p.m.** (rain date: Sunday, April 29) at **Baxter Riverfront Park at Assembly Row**. This is your chance to take part in *The Sound of Music*. Join in on the fun as they search for a modern Von Trapp family. The first place winner receives tickets to see *The Sound of Music* live at the **Wang Theatre**, the opportunity to sing at the theatre before the show, a cast meet and greet and a retail package from Assembly Row. To register visit: <http://www.bochcenter.org/soundofmusiccontest>. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/127364914774426/>.

By the way, here we go again. **Newstalk** has been a part of the paper since its beginning. It's basically a rumor column, as well as sharing information on events here in the city. It doesn't have anyone's name on it. Many individuals throughout the city and at various city departments send us information and some of it is just rumors, so we print it. Every once in a while new people move into the city and read our paper but can't figure out what a rumor column is. First of all, we are only a community paper. We only print local Somerville items. We have always encouraged residents to write letters or op-ed pieces sharing their opinions, and we also hear tips on what is happening around the city. Any citizen of Somerville who wants to write a piece or send us a tip on something that is going on can call in or write. We would be happy to look at it. We have several people who write pieces with different opinions and we once again always encourage anyone else to do so. We don't judge!

Public updated at Conway field and playground meeting

CONT. FROM PG 1

be present at the park once a week, for 24 hours at a time, for a year.

"We're going to continue to do more evaluation of the surface soil, but essentially there is no imminent hazard associated with exposure," said Marie Rudiman at the meeting, a senior risk assessor with Watson & Sampson.

Conway Field and Playground has been scheduled for renovation for over a year. The soil contaminants were discovered when the field was tested out of caution due to its background. According to George Naslas, Vice President and environmental practice leader of Watson & Sampson, The Conway Field and Playground site was formerly a bleach and dye facility. In addition, the playground is also located to a since-defunct smelting company, Bay State Smelting.

"We recognized because of the



proximity to Bay State Smelting that we might have some contaminants, which is why we began testing," said Naslas.

It's unsure right now when the park will be back open to the public, but there will be further soil testing and the ultimate goal of a field renovation.

"We're not saying we're done, but

this is the first step. The next steps are to evaluate, in more detail, the contaminants that could potentially be further around the site," said Naslas. Watson & Sampson will continue to sample in the areas of the park where higher level of contaminants were found, which came out to be 14 parts per million of PCBs.

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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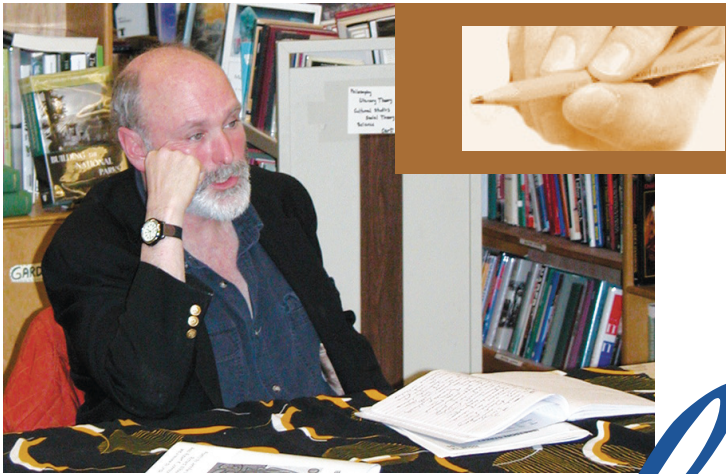
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with New England Poetry Club President: Diana Der-Hovanesian

Recently, Diana Der-Hovanesian, the longtime president of the New England Poetry Club, passed away. She was a very influential person on the poetry scene. Here is an interview I conducted with her some years ago:

Diana Der-Hovanesian is the president of the venerable literary organization: The New England Poetry Club. Based in Cambridge, MA, it was founded by Amy Lowell, Robert Frost and Conrad Aiken almost ninety years ago. Lowell's vision was to bring well-known poets to large audiences.

In the 1960's through the 1980's the club became insular and provincial, with meetings held at the Brahmin enclaves of Beacon Hill and the Harvard Faculty Club. Der-Hovanesian changed this by inviting Russian poets such as: Andrei Voznesensky and Yevtushenko to read at the club. And since then scores of South American and Latin American Poets have visited and read there, as well as prominent American poets such as: Robert Creeley, X.J. Kennedy, Robert Pinsky, and many others. I spoke to Diana Der-Hovanesian on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet To Poet/Writer To Writer*.

Doug Holder: How did you become involved with the club?

Diana Der-Hovanesian: I joined it when Victor Howes was running things. He asked me to be secretary. I said, "I don't do shorthand." (laughs) He said, "No, no. Not that kind of secretary." So for eight years he had me do programming. I became president in 1980. It's been a long time. We are due for another election!

DH: Amy Lowell started the club. She was quite an eccentric character, wasn't she?

DDH: When I first went into the club we had people who actually knew her. They had interesting stories about the early days. She started the club in 1915, when she came back from England. She was under the influence of Imagists, like Ezra Pound. But Robert Frost and a group of Formalist poets took it away from her. Frost, who was the second or third president, got into big fights with the Imagists in those days.

DH: Lowell's goal was to reach a large audience through poetry and poetry readings. Has this been your goal?

DDH: This vision of expansion had stopped for a while when I came around. I felt like we should expand. Now we bring in name poets to make it more exciting. We also have our own members read. We also have free workshops for members.

DH: What is the mission of the Club?

DDH: To expand poetry. To bring people into the art. To show off the best. To be a forum for an exchange of ideas.

DH: Can you talk a bit about the poets who have read for you over the years?

DDH: We had an Irish festival some years ago with the help of Seamus Heaney, who is on our board. He brought a lot of poets from Ireland, like Evan Boland. Some of the Club's other readers over the years have been Robert Lowell, Robert Creeley Stanley Kunitz, James Merrill, to name



Diana Der-Hovanesian (second from the right).

just a few.

DH: Did you have a relationship with the Beat poets?

DDH: We did sponsor a reading by Allen Ginsberg. Once I went to the airport to meet a visiting poet, and Ginsberg was there with him. Ginsberg was wearing a tie. He told me that he was dressed up for the Club. I told him that he didn't have to do it. He turned his tie over and said, "Brooks Brothers. I got it at Good Will."

DH: What do you think of the Slam poets and the Hip-Hoppers?

DDH: We had a program for them at the Boston Globe Book Festival. There was someone on the Globe who wanted it, Patricia Smith. I thought it was fun. I love the fact that they memorize their poems. I envy them. I could do that when I was young.

DH: You are a respected poet in your own right. I believe you are a Fulbright Scholar, and have written extensively about the Armenian Holocaust. Can you talk about your education, and early influences?

DDH: I've been a Fulbright Scholar twice. I went to Boston University as an undergraduate. I studied with Robert Lowell at Harvard. I took his last workshop. It was really great. They said he wouldn't show up. But he did. He was there every single week. It was one hour of teaching poetry, and one hour of going over student poems.

I completed nine volumes of translations from the Armenian. I have always been interested in the Armenian Holocaust. When the Turks started the genocide against the Armenians in 1915 they started by murdering the leaders. You wouldn't think that poets were the leaders. But they started out by killing two hundred poets.

DH: How did you start the Longfellow House readings in Cambridge?

DDH: Erica Mumford was a board member. She and I were walking down Brattle St. We looked over at the Longfellow House and said, "Wouldn't this be a perfect place for a reading." We walked in and said, "Don't you want poetry too?" – they had concerts – and they replied, "Sure, if you want to do it." And that's how it started. It's been going on for almost twenty-five years now.

DH: Any plans for the 90th anniversary?

DDH: Depends on the funding. We want to bring our Golden Roseprize winners together for a big celebration. We are the oldest reading series in the country.



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