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## City seeks passage of Somerville **Welcoming Community Ordinance**



The Somerville City Council has drafted a proposed ordinance which seeks to establish the city as a "Welcoming Community" for migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees.

#### By Jim Clark

Members of the City of Somerville City Council co-sponsored an ordinance at their latest regular meeting on April 11 which seeks approval of a "Somerville Welcoming Community Ordinance, to establish Somerville as a Welcoming Community, to declare that all are welcome here, and to increase public confidence in city government with guidelines for our voluntary involvement in federal immigration enforcement."

The ordinance as it stands reads as follows: "PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish our city as a Welcoming Community, to declare that all are welcome here, and to increase public confidence in Somerville's government by providing guidelines associated with our city's voluntary involvement in federal Continued on page 4

## Tentative agreement reached in Stop & Shop labor dispute

The United Food and Commercial Workers union has announced that a tentative three-year agreement has been worked out between the Stop & Shop grocery chain and its workers, effectively ended the strike that began on April 11.

The agreement, which was reached on Sunday, includes increases in pay and sustains health coverage benefits for the food chain's approximately 31,000 employees.

The union has released the following statement regarding the agreement:

"In our union process, local unions democratically vote on whether to accept the Tentative Agreement at a contract meeting. If they vote yes on the agreement, the protest will officially end. In the meantime, while we wait on these meetings to be scheduled, our members have returned to work. This is a very positive development that we could not have achieved without your unyielding support."

Store employees have already returned to work, according to union representatives.



Stop & Shop employees are returning to their jobs after their union representatives successfully negotiated a tentative agreement with the food chain. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

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Congratulations the Stop & Shop workers who finally got a contract and are back to work. Now, wouldn't it be nice if the city workers could get one? But who knows?

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Tonight in Saugus, it's the 7th Annual Giggles Comedy night, the Freemasons on Highland Ave. are hosting their annual Giggles night club with a great night of comedy and a silent auction. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at The Tower of Pizza on Rte. 1, Saugus, Giggles Comedy Club. This year, like the last, local comedian and great guy Lenny Clark will be there, and he's bringing some of his friends. It should be a great night for laughs, all the pizza you can eat and over 20 baskets to bid on at the silent auction. The money raised is for the "insurance fund" for the Masonic Building at 125 Highland (rear) Somerville. Open to Masons, their families and friends, cost is only \$25 pp. \*\*\*\*\*\*

A third East Somerville Reunion is set for this year. Dan Rogovich has let us know he is once again planning it. Lots of people who grew up in East Somerville have missed the last two but wanted to have a third. Thanks to Dan, who is an East Somerville lover, managed to get the Somerville City Club booked on Saturday, June 15. Dan and his assistants worked hard on the past two and they will do the same this year to make it a success. Many here at *The Times* are from East Somerville and we will be there, and we have already reached out to others. A small group of "down backers" behind the Bucket who grew up there in the 60's will all be there. They meet every four or so months to talk about old times and great times. Help make this a success. Go online to Facebook to check it out. Ask Dan what you can do to help. He is looking for the food, entertainment and just plain East Somerville fun. Charlestown line to McGrath Hwy., is considered East Somerville, which includes Glen Park, Florence St. Park, Prescott School, Seven Son's Restaurant, Trina's on Washington, Steve's, Tip Top, S&S Subs on Cross Street, Avenue's, Broadway show, lower Broadway, Tufts St., Murray St. and Charles St. Continued on page 11

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#### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Somerville drivers mow down flex posts citywide

#### Gary says:

Many of the flex posts appear to have been placed without much consideration for the narrowness of the streets. Some flex posts effectively eliminated already limited parking.

Also, some flex posts have been placed in the middle of the street. That makes no sense. It forces drivers even closer to parked cars and into the "bike lanes" (which are also not a real thing). The posts are being run over out of necessity. No idea who thought this was a good idea.

#### LindaS says:

I guess it's like anything else in life: you get what you pay for. Instead of paying the higher cost to create speed bumps, which would be more effective without affecting the width of the road or parking spaces, the city chose to spend less money, which amounted to a waste.

Better to spend the higher cost once and make a real improvement, than to spend the same amount in total replacing something over and over that clearly doesn't work.

#### Ian says:

My understanding is that the flex posts were specifically placed to prevent dangerous / illegal parking in some locations, for example close to intersections or crosswalks.

#### Donal says:

I think it's unfair to state that Somerville drivers are culprits. Many folk from other cities cut through our city daily and can be equally responsible. While I saw many of these lying flat, they were also in areas where they may not have been very visible at night.

#### Gary says:

Also, I think the flex posts leave too much residue on your bumper when you drive over them, even less than 20 mph like the article suggests. Either widen the streets, or eliminate objects from the road I can't hit safely in my car.

#### Mikey Summahville says:

Look both ways you hipsters

#### Bob Ross says:

Bike lanes and flex posts may seem like a good idea on paper, but this isn't Europe. The roads in Somerville are just too narrow. Flex posts are not going to fix or change that. Add to that all the major construction projects going on in muliple locations that are making things 10 times worse.

#### John says:

I've seen many of these signposts placed in bizarre spots, basically forcing drives to "mow them down". Put a little more thought on placement the next time.

#### Old Taxpayer says:

Another bright idea to cost us money and does nothing. And don't tell me they are surprised that any are left standing. Common sense says it was going to accomplish zero.

They need to have sources of light on these posts because I always drive to work from NH in the evening and by the time I get to Somerville it's dark and I don't want to strain my eyes to see if it's a post or person. I don't like hitting things and not knowing what it was.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



## Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

## My changing neighborhood



As I look up and down my street and see the trees and shrubs flowering, it signals another Spring in Somerville. This is the time of year all the kids started coming out to play again after the winter.

I moved into my house near Davis Square in 1960. There were many families with lots of kids that I grew up with and went to school with and hung out with. Out of the nearly 40 families with kids that all grew up on my street, there's only a handful left. Just a few parents remain, not so much any of the children.

Out of all the neighborhood kids that I grew up with only one remains, next to me. Actually he lives one house away. We went to the Western Junior High school and Somerville High together. We played in bands together and we still help each other out. Living on the same side of the street, we can actually talk to each other from our back porch-

es (see photo). We help one another out with home and car repairs, and other favors. That's the old Somerville still thriving.

Years ago, I would look out my living room window and see a friend's house in every direction. There would be at least 20 kids out playing in the street (two-way back then), right up until the streetlight went on or dad whistled. We'd play Relieve-E-O, Buck Buck and Red Rover. When I heard "Hi O Jimmy," I dashed out of the house. My friends were calling for me. If I wasn't being punished, I'd fly down the stairs to join the gang.

It seems a lifetime ago that we had a huge group of us riding our bikes like a cavalry brigade, over to terrorize the kids on the next street over.

When I look at the houses now I can still remember fondly the families and the kids that lived there. Most of our parents are gone and the houses have been sold, condo-ized, re-sold and flipped sometimes several times in the last 10 to 15 years. I am friendly with some of the new people but a few seem to want to stay to themselves. We don't talk much yet. And hap-

pily there are a few homes with children, which is very reassuring. Maybe the old hood will thrive with kids again.

After decades, our neighbors on both sides sold. The folks who bought the two condos they made out of one of the houses are great neighbors and friends. The house on the other side has an ever changing parade of tenants that we never really get to become friendly with. Just an occasional nod.

... Dickie, PJ, DJ (Shep's owner), Jima, Jo Jo, Phil, and a kid we called Jello...

Up until a year or so ago, there were three of us original 'Ol Boys left on my street. SHS alums from '68, '71, and '72, and all three Western Jr. High grads. I was the newcomer in 1960, the others came in the 50's. The guy who was on the street the longest sold the family house and moved to Florida about a year

ago. We had tons of memories growing up. He was older and in a decent band that played at local dances. When his band performed at at Clements' School dances I'd listen from outside. A few years later we were in a band together. His family home sold for 1.6 million. We still stay in touch. So that leaves me and my pal who lives one house away. We are lucky to still be in our homes.

There are a few families still on our street that have been here a long time. The surviving parents are well into their high 80'and 90's. I'd say about ten or so of the old timers are still here.

Shep was my friend across the street's dog. He was the friendliest dog ever, and the first dog I grew to love. My pal up the street also had a dog. His name was Fluffernutter, or Fluffy for short. Great friends, great dogs. Those friendly neighborhood dogs followed us everywhere, and came and went as they pleased.

I'll never forget the kids from my street. Dickie, PJ, DJ (Shep's owner), Jima, Jo Jo, Phil, and a kid we called Jello, just to name a few.

Right up the street and down



the hill we had our own corner store, Oscar's. We were there a lot. That's when you could actually get penny candy for a penny. You could also play in the street safely back then.

All the spring flowers are in bloom again, signaling a new season. I wish people we lost came back in the spring like the flowers do. The beautiful tree I planted in my sister's memory almost 30 years ago reminds me of the precious times we had as kids and keeps my sister's legacy fresh.

It's comforting to still be on the same street in the same house for 60 years. It sure wasn't easy holding on, but I'm glad I did, with the grace of God, and the comfort of lifelong neighbors, family and friends.



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# By Jim Clark

## Woman victim of unprovoked attack

Police officers were dispatched to a College Ave. location last Thursday morning on reports of a man having thrown a woman to the ground.

The suspect, later identified as James Moran, was spotted in the backyard of a College Ave. residence trying to hop a fence.

Officers in pursuit told Moran to stop, but he reportedly charged towards them and tackled one of the officers, causing both of them to fall to the ground.

Additional officers arrived on the scene and assisted in placing handcuffs on Moran. While attempting to handcuff Moran, he reportedly resisted their efforts by flailing his arms and kicking his legs.

According to reports, two of the officers were kicked by Moran. Due to Moran's continued combativeness, one of the officers administered a burst of pepper spray.

A witness told police that she was walking along College Ave. when she observed Moran flailing his arms in front of a woman, the reported victim.

The witness reportedly stated that Moran knocked the victim to the ground and then ran towards a nearby porch. The witness said that she and another witness ran over to help the victim, then called 911 and stayed on the phone with the dispatcher, while keeping Moran in sight. The witness reportedly told the victim to leave the area so that she would not be near Moran.

An additional witness also stated that he saw Moran flailing his arms in front of victim before knocking her to the ground.

The officers were informed by dispatch that the victim was waiting safely at her house for the police to come. An officer went to the victim's residence to speak with her.

According to reports, the vic-

tim appeared to be a little shaken up and stated that she was walking on College Ave. when she noticed Moran walking towards her. She told police that she attempted to go around him, but he put his arm up in front of her face.

According to the victim, she stated to Moran, "Excuse me," and tried to continue walking past him. She said that Moran once again placed his arm in front of her and this time he grabbed her by the head and threw her to the ground.

The victim told police that after being thrown to the ground,

Moran ran towards a nearby porch and then into the street.

The victim said that she was not injured and did not need any medical assistance.

Moran was transported to the Police department where he continued to be combative and uncooperative, and was later transported by ambulance to the Cambridge hospital to undergo an evaluation.

Moran is facing charges of assault and battery on a police officer, malicious wanton defacement of property, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled.

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#### Arrests:

James Moran, of 27 College Ave., April 18, 8:41 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, malicious

wanton defacement of property, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled.

**Carlos Carrion**, of 13 Pine St., Cambridge, April 20, 9:58

a.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on charges of shoplifting by asportation and disturbing the peace.

**Jason McCormack**, of 6 Arabian Dr., Methuen, April

21, 10:26 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and disorderly con-

Nicholas Almeida, April 21, 10:26 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

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immigration enforcement.

PREAMBLE

It is not within the purview nor mandate of the City of Somerville to enforce federal immigration law or seek the detention, transfer, or deportation of Somerville residents for civil immigration purposes, nor should the City of Somerville's resources be expended toward that end.

The City of Somerville will equally enforce the law and serve the public without consideration of immigration status, citizenship, national origin, race, or ethnicity.

1. DEFINITIONS

"ICE" means the federal agency "Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE")," and any other federal agency charged with the enforcement of immigration laws.

"Immigration detainers" and "ICE detainers" are requests made by federal immigration officials, including but not limited to those authorized under Section 287.7 of Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations to local Law Enforcement or Courts, to voluntarily maintain custody of an individual once that individual is released from local custody, and/or to notify a federal agency before the pending release of an individual.

"ICE administrative warrant" means a warrant, notice to appear, removal order, warrant of deportation, or other ICE custody document (I-200, I-203, I-205 or another listed in the National Crime

Information Database (NCIC)) issued by a federal immigration official, not a judicial officer, and not based on a finding of probable cause for an alleged criminal law violation.

#### 2. ORDER

a) Equal treatment. The City of Somerville will treat all persons equally, enforce laws, and serve the public without consideration of immigration status. Citizenship, immigration status, national origin, race, and ethnicity shall have no bearing on an individual's treatment by employees or officers of city agencies or departments

b) Inquiries about immigration status. Officers and employees of the city may not inquire about the immigration status of any victim, suspect, arrestee, 911 caller, or other member of the public with whom they have contact, except as required to provide a public benefit.

c) Role of police in immigration enforcement. The Somerville Police Department will not initiate investigations or take law enforcement action on the sole basis of actual or perceived immigration status, including without limitation the initiation of a stop, an apprehension, or arrest. The Somerville Police Department shall not take part in or assist with federal immigration enforcement operations.

d) ICE detainers and administrative warrants. Consistent with Massachusetts law, no officer or Continued on page 14

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## **Sewer and Water Improvement Plan** leads to increases in resident bills

#### By Denise Keniston

At a public hearing on Monday, April 22, in the Somerville High School cafeteria, while rain pounded down outside overflowing the outdated water and sewer system, Director of Water and Sewer John DeLuca presented - and tried to sell residents on - the "critical need" for a 6% water bill increase and a 7.5% sewer increase. The increase goes into effect on July 1 and will finance surveys, inspections, and repairs- all part of a capital improvement plan.

"We can't keep kicking the can down the road. We can't keep fixing and doing repairs caused by many things, even heavy rains like we see tonight," DeLuca told the few residents in attendance. "Sewer and water repairs are expensive, and we can't wait any longer. We have to have a plan, and that plan needs funding."

DeLuca is referring to the water/sewer capital improvement plan; 10 years long and costing \$293M. The first three years focus on "maintaining the crumbling and dilapidated septic system, replacing clogged and corroded underground pipes that are failing, and investing aggres-

sively in the system to make sure it's compliant with a strenuous regulatory environment."

Specifically, and by way of an example, DeLuca refers to a recent project in Davis Square where an industrial, high-pressure vacuum blasted and sucked out ten truckloads of debris clogging the pipes buried under the pavement. "That's just one example of many, many similar projects citywide that need to be done," says DeLuca. "The sewer pipes beneath the pavement at Davis Square were so corroded we had to do something, now." DeLuca adds, "The Davis Square pipe clean-out represents only 6% of what's needed citywide. We're only just beginning."

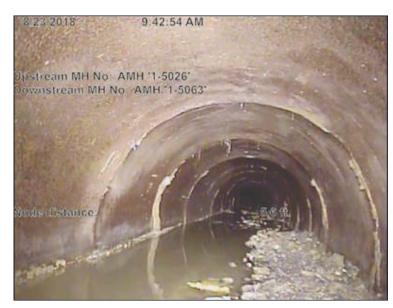
Funding will come from only two sources: sewer and water bills, as well as inflow and infiltration fees (known as an I&I fees assessed on all new construction in the city), until the city council approves a series of future bonds.

Meanwhile, the lion's share of funding falls on Somerville residents, hence the increase in sewer and water bills. Estelle McDonough has owned and managed a 3-family home for 40 years and is part of a shrinking "old guard" of residents who attend such public hearings, their voices growing fainter and fainter.

"People who've lived here all their lives are being forced out," says McDonough. "We've invested our entire lives in Somerville and now add these sewer and water bills - which net out to be a 40% increase over a year's time - with the 16.3% property tax increase and it's enough to cripple families and long-time residents."

Homeowner Danny Sullivan is frustrated. The public hearing, he says, is just a formality. "The city is gouging us. We're getting whacked left and right," says Sullivan. "It's just bills, bills, bills. What about these big developers? Why aren't they paying their share? Pretty soon even the old, long term residents will be priced out. Then you'll have only the rich and people on public assistance living in Somerville, no middle."

Somerville is one of a few cities around Boston proper with a combined sewer and water system. Raw sewage and wastewater flow together through the same underground piping system, and toxic overflows often seep into the Mystic River Wa-



Freeze frame of video inspections of sewer pipes in the Davis Square area. The inspections, which covered 6.8 miles of pipes, identified at least \$3M in needed repairs.

tershed and Alewife Brook Reservation. The EPA has stepped up its pressure for maintenance and updates which, if not implemented, could result in fines and other penalties. "The last 5-7 years of the plan will focus on separating the sewer and water lines," says DeLuca. "We need to do this for environmental reasons and to do our part in protecting our natural resources."

City Councilor William A. White is chair of the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee, which oversees the Water and Sewer department, and has already reported back

to the City Council as a whole. "We're looking at bonding phased in over several years to separate our combined water/ sewer system that is potentially polluting our precious waterways," White says. "It's [the sewer/water system] archaic and unhealthy and environmentally toxic. We can't wait any longer to tackle this problem."

Capital Improvement Projects compete with each other for funding and resident support, including visibly pleasing projects such as city parks, which by comparison are far more glamorous than Continued on page 14

#### **Official Election Calendar** Preliminary Date Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Hours: Monday - Wednesday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. - Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Monday, May 6, 2019..... Nomination Papers shall be available for candidates.

Monday, June 10, 2019 . . . . . Last day to obtain Nomination Papers by 5 P.M.

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 . . . Last day to submit Nomination Papers to the Board of

Election Commissioners by 5 PM. Last day to submit Statement of Financial Interest -

(Municipal Ethics Form).

Wednesday, July 3, 2019..... Certification of Nomination Papers to be Completed, Filed by the Board of Election Commissioners by 5 P.M.

Friday, July 5, 2019...... Names and Addresses of certified candidates to be posted by the Board of Election Commissioners at 8:30 A.M.

Board of Election Commissioners by 5 P.M.

Monday, July 8, 2019 ..... Last day for filing withdrawals or protests with the

Tuesday, July 9, 2019 . . . . . . Drawing for places on the ballot, if necessary, 10 A.M.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Last day to register to vote or change address for September 10, 2019 Preliminary Election by 8 P.M.

Tuesday, September 3, 2019.. Campaign Finance Report deadline for Preliminary Election for School Committee Candidates.

#### Tuesday, September 10, 2019 PRELIMINARY ELECTION.

Monday, September 16, 2019. Last day for filing Recount Petitions by 5 P.M.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 Last day to register to vote or change address for November 5, 2019 City Election by 8 P.M.

Monday, October 28, 2019 . . . Campaign Finance Report deadline for City Election

for School Committee Candidates.

#### Tuesday, November 5, 2019 . . ELECTION

Friday, November 15, 2019 . . . Last day for filing Recount Petitions by 5 P.M.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 . . . Year End Campaign Finance Report deadline.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. Last week was April vacation week for most schools across Massachusetts. The House and Senate treat this April vacation week as their own "Spring Break" and for years, have only scheduled brief informal sessions during this week.

The House met for only 12 minutes last week while the Senate met for only 20 minutes.

#### INTEREST GROUPS RATE YOUR LEGISLA-

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

This week's report features the scores received from the Gun Owners' Action League, the National Federation of Independent Business and the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

#### GUN OWNERS' ACTION LEAGUE (GOAL)

From the Massachusetts Political Almanac: GOAL is the official state firearms association of Massachusetts and believes in the basic civil right of firearm ownership for all lawful purposes. GOAL is currently the second-largest voluntary organization in the state with a dues-paying membership. GOAL lobbies to defend the civil rights of gun-owners and related interests and is an important source of information for the state's lawful gun owners. It also sponsors many educational activities on firearm issues for youth, voters, public officials and the general public.

"For over 40 years GOAL has provided a leading voice for sportsmen and women, gun owners and conservation efforts, on Beacon Hill and across the state," according to GOAL's website.

Key to scorecard:

A: Consistently voted to support Second Amendment rights

B: Usually voted to support Second Amendment rights

C: Sometimes voted to support Second Amendment rights

D: Voted to restrict Second Amendment rights

F: Proactively worked to restrict Second Amendment rights, via voting, supporting legislation to restrict Second Amendment, etc.

NR: No Rating – Did not file or support any legislation on either side of the issue

More details on the scorecard are at https://goal.org/ma-house-representative-ratings-legislature-goal/

Here are the grades given to local representatives and senators by GOAL:

Rep. Christine Barber D
Rep. Mike Connolly D
Rep. Denise Provost F
Sen. Patricia Jehlen F

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB)

From the Massachusetts The Political Almanac: NFIB is the nation's leading small-business advocacy association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business and in supporting America's free enterprise system through their member-only ballot process. NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate and grow their businesses.

"We represent all types of businesses such as auto shops, retail stores, restaurants and manufacturers—all of them small and independently owned," said Christopher Carlozzi, State Director. "We poll our members on issues that arise in the Legislature and we use that to determine the positions we take supporting or opposing legislation. Then we tell their stories and become their voice here on Beacon Hill, because many people, including lawmakers, don't realize what it takes to run a small business."

Key to rating: NFIB tracks the key legislative issues identified by small business members every session and then tabulates a score for each Massachusetts legislator. The NFIB voting record provides a critically important evaluation of a legislator's attitude toward small business based on floor votes. More details on the scorecard are at <a href="https://www.nfib.com/assets/Massachusetts2018\_Voting\_record.pdf">https://www.nfib.com/assets/Massachusetts2018\_Voting\_record.pdf</a>

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

Rep. Christine Barber 0 percent
Rep. Mike Connolly 0 percent
Rep. Denise Provost 0 percent
Sen. Patricia Jehlen 20 percent

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LEAGUE OF MASSACHU-SETTS (ELM)

From the Massachusetts Political Almanac: The Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) is the oldest environmental advocacy organization in Massachusetts. Established in 1898, ELM is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting the air, land, and water for the people of the commonwealth.

ELM voices citizens' concerns, informs the public, advocates for strong environmental laws and ensures that state laws are implemented and enforced. ELM works on a broad array of issues including energy and climate change, smart growth, transportation, recycling and toxics, among others. Key to rating:

Champion: Clearly led and/or supported many of our priorities

Ally: Supported several of our priorities

Supporter: Voted with us and supported one or two of our priorities

Straggler: Voted against one of our priority bills or sponsored a bill or amendment we opposed.

Not rated: House Speaker Bob DeLeo, Senate President Karen Spilka and ex-Senate President Harriette Chandler did not receive a rating from ELM. Legislators in these top leadership positions rarely sponsor legislation and sometimes do not vote on roll calls. That makes it difficult for them to earn points in ELM's rating system so they are not given a rating.

More details on the scorecard are at: https://www.el-maction.org/accountability/legislative-scorecard/

Here are the ratings of local representatives and senators on their support for ELM.

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

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

#### HOLD NURSING HOME BED FOR RESIDENT

(S~371) – A bill before the Committee on Elder Affairs would require a nursing facility to preserve and keep empty, a MassHealth resident's bed for either a medical leave of up to 20 days or a nonmedical leave of absence for ten days.

"According to MassHealth, there were 120,411 medical leave of absence days in fiscal year 2018 alone," said the measure's sponsor Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford.) "Without adequate legal protections, such leaves of absence can lead to the loss of his or her bed, and lead to significant stress and hardship resulting in depression or physical decline. A resident's place at a nursing facility is regularly considered much more than just a bed; it is their home and a safe haven."

Montigny added that allowing residents to return to their bed after a medical stay or important family event encourages them to access necessary medical care and maintain relationships with their loved ones.

#### 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 15-19, the House met for a total of 12 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 20 minutes.

Mon. April 15	No House session No Senate session						
Tues. April 16	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. Senate 11:12 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.						
Wed. April 17	No House session. No Senate session						
Thurs. April 18	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.						
Fri. April 19	No House session No Senate session						

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



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#### **OBITUARY**

#### Sanjeev Selvarajah



Sanjeev Selvarajah was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka on October 16, 1981. He moved with his mother, Sandra, and his younger brother, Vinoo, at age 7 to join his father, Eswaran, in Boston, Massachusetts. After attending Tiny Tots in Sri Lanka, he attended the Hamilton Elementary School and the St. Columbkille School in Brighton, MA, after which he attended the esteemed Boston Latin Academy. Sanjeev received a full scholarship to Boston University, and later attended UMASS Amherst.

He loved writing, literature, film, and music. He had a passion for comic books, superheroes, and Marvel cinema, along with his love for David Bowie and Queen. He was a beautiful writer and often wrote for The Somerville Times, only decades after being a morning paperboy himself. He even published his own novel in 2014, A is for Alchemy, in which his beloved grandfather, Anton Weldt, is a main character.

He shared a love for family and religion as a devoted Catholic, who also loved to explore the teachings of Buddhism, Hinduism, and other faiths he valued. He had a remarkable compassion and understanding for those from other cultures and of other values – his kindness knew no bounds. He was so, so proud

to be a Weldt and a Selvarajah, often posting old sepia photos of his parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents out of adoration.

He loved and is loved by many: his mother and favorite person on this earth Sandra; his father Eswaran with whom he shared many interests; his brother Vinoo who he loved so much; his aunt TinTin (Tina) who cared for him throughout; his godsisters Gaya (Natasha) and Michelle; his goddaughter Sandali who he adored, his ever-loving godmother Ajantha, his aunts Marie, Juju, and Mangali; his uncles Godfrey, Clarence, Bernard, Kunalan, Siritharan, Sisu, Sutharshan, and Janaka; his friends Neal and Paula, and many, many more. Sanjeev passed on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, April 11, at St. Columbkille Church, Brighton.

## The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #177

#### Monarch of the Mystic

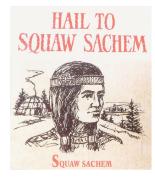
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The first European settlers in what is now the Somerville area found a sparse number of Indians inhabiting this location. Fur trappers and French explorers just a few years earlier had observed that the aboriginal population amounted to many thousands in this region. They were members of two powerful tribes, the Massachusetts and the Pawtuckets.



The Massachusetts tribe inhabited the lands from the Charles River to beyond the Blue Hills, south of today's Boston, while the Pawtuckets resided in the lands between the Charles and Merrimack Rivers and north to Gloucester. What the trappers had related about the Indian population was true; but in the meantime, the natives had suffered a mortal plague that was likely Smallpox brought here by foreigners. This plague claimed the lives of over three quarters of their population.

At one time, the head Sachem, or chief of the Pawtucket's, was Nanepashemit, who was the leader of the Massachusetts Federation. He was killed during an inter-tribal war, leaving his three sons, his daughter and his wife to inherit his position. His wife became known as Queen of



the Pawtuckets or Squaw Sachem. After Nanepashemit's death, she reigned over one-third of Massachusetts and remarried the tribal physician, or medicine man, Webcowart. As time went by, she and her sons lost their land to other

tribes and Europeans.



The last land transfer she made was to the Massachusetts Bay Company. The partial wording of the grant was as follows: "The 15th of the 2d mo., 1639: Wee,

Web-Cowet, and Squa Sachem do sell unto the inhabitants of the towne of Charlestown all

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## **New book chronicles 2009** murder on Harvard campus

Denise Cosby, mother of Justin Cosby, who was murdered on the campus of Harvard University in 2009, has penned a searing look at the loss of her son, the court cases that followed, and the impact on greater Boston community. The subject of media headlines for years, the death of Justin Cosby focused attention on issues of race and privilege against the backdrop of an Ivy League school. The book is set to be released on April 27.

Cosby's book, Murder at Harvard's Kirkland House: A Mother's Worst Nightmare, examines the truths and falsehoods surrounding the loss of Justin. She chronicles the events surrounding the death of her son and traces the investigations, indictments, and trials that ensued, each taking a painful toll.

"I wrote this memoir as a way to start conversations. Conversations with family and with community about choices and consequences," said Cosby. "I cannot bring my son, Justin, back. But I can bring this story - his story and mine - forward."

The memoir includes heartbreaking moments, recalling the last letter from her son, their final moments together, and the shockwaves of grief that engulfed the Cosby family. It also dispels the rumors and characterizations spun by pundits about Justin, himself a college student, as a hoodlum and a hardened drug dealer.

"Justin was a bright light. A student himself, making his way in the world. What happened to him should not have happened - to any young person," Cosby said.

The author was born in Richmond, Virginia, and received her degree from Virginia Union University in 1978. She relocated to Cambridge in 1988, seeking a safe, diverse community to raise her son and daughter as a single mother. For over twenty years, Cosby worked as a legal assistant in large corporate law firms in Boston, including Ropes & Gray.

Justin's murder thrust Cosby and her family into national and international headlines.

Through her prose, she conveys the weight of this spotlight on a mother's heart and her search for justice.

In Murder at Harvard's Kirkland House, Cosby relates the events as they unfolded in 2009. Investigations by the Harvard University, Cambridge, and Massachusetts State police forces resulted in the investigation of several suspects, including Harvard students about to graduate.

Jabrai Jordan Copney, a New York native, who was living illegally on the Harvard campus with his girlfriend, shot Justin Cosby on May 18. Copney had lured Cosby to the residence of his girlfriend, Harvard student Brittany Smith, to steal marijuana from him. An altercation ensued, and Copney, who solicited two of his friends to travel from New York and bring a gun, which ultimately became the illegal firearm that was used to kill Justin.

Several accomplices, including Smith, were convicted and sentenced to prison for their roles in the cover-up and murder. Co-



Author of Murder at Harvard's Kirkland House: A Mother's Worst Nightmare Denise Cosby.

pney was convicted of first-degree murder Continued on page 23

#### **SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE** PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

THE SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S **FY2020 BUDGET** 

#### THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL 50 CROSS STREET, SOMERVILLE, MA 02145.

Carrie Normand, Chair Somerville School Committee

Dan Futrell, Chair **Finance and Facilities Subcommittee** 

> **Mary Skipper** Superintendent of Schools



#### STATE-WIDE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM **PUBLIC HEARING**

THE SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO **DETERMINE PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR** 

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 - 6:45 P.M.

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7 p.m. Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy 10 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors / reggae

#### **TUESDAY April 30**

7:30 p.m. Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan

#### **WEDNESDAY May 1**

8 p.m. Free Poker, lots of prizes!

#### **THURSDAY May 2**

6:30 p.m. 30 Years of On The Town With Mikey Dee Celebration Night One - \$15 cover

#### **FRIDAY May 3**

5 p.m. The Busted Jug Band 9 p.m 30 Years of On The Town With Mikey Dee Celebration Night Two

#### **SATURDAY May 4**

8:30 p.m. Carissa/Cure-Alls, Justine/Unclean, Tiger Bomb, RunHideFight

#### **SUNDAY May 5**

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## **Be Somerville**



By Joseph A. Curtatone

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

#### Survey on How to Best Spend Community Preservation Act **Funds**

Funds raised through the Community Preservation Act can be spent on affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space/recreation. Each year 10% of the total amount raised must go to each category. To help shape how the remaining 70% is allocated, the Community Preservation Committee is asking for feedback through a short online survey. Share your input at bit.ly/2020CPASurvey.

#### Be a Climate Forward Ambassador

There are many ways to stay involved with Somerville's sustainability and climate change initiatives including becoming a Climate Forward Ambassador. The Office of Sustainability and Environment is recruiting participants who will meet with staff monthly from June through November to learn more about climate change and get involved with climate discussions, action, and outreach. If you're interested in applying to be a Climate Forward Ambassador, visit www.somervillema.gov/cfa. Applications are due by Friday, May 10.

#### Powder House Blvd. Neighborhood Office Hours on Traffic Safety and Bike Lane Plans, April 25

Stop by to talk with City staff about the next phase of traffic calming improvements planned for Powder House Boulevard as well your priorities for bike lanes on the boulevard on Thursday, April 25, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Boulevard. The plan builds on previous work, outlines traffic calming improvements scheduled for this construction season, and updates existing plans for narrowing the road by adding single- or two-lane bike lanes as a way to slow traffic and protect cyclists. Additional discussions on the bike lanes will be held in May and over the summer. You can see a copy of the traffic safety plan at www.somervillema. gov/powderhouseboulevard.

West Branch Library Renovation Groundbreaking, April 25 Celebrate the start of renovations to the West Branch Library in Davis Square at a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, April 25, starting at 11:30 a.m., at 40 College Avenue. Once work is completed, the West Branch will be accessible and set up to meet modern library and community needs. You can learn more about the renovation and see plans for the renovated branch at www. somervillema.gov/WestBranch-Library. During construction there is a temporary mini-library at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street. You can find the temporary branch's hours and a schedule of upcoming events at www.somervillepubliclibrary.org.

#### Deadline to Submit Testimony on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Water and Sewer Rates, April 29

The deadline to submit testimony on the proposed FY2020 Water and Sewer rates is 6 p.m. on Monday, April 29. Testimony can be submitted by emailing water@somervillema.gov or by mailing it to or dropping it off at the Water Department, 1 Franey Road, Somerville, MA 02145. For more information on the proposed rates, visit bit. ly/2020WaterSewerRates.

## Spring ResiStat Meetings Be-

Twice a year you can attend a ResiStat meeting in your Ward to get information on the big things happening citywide and in your neighborhood. In just an hour and a half you'll get neighborhoods updates, important City news, public safety information, and civic data. There is also time before and after the meeting to talk with elected officials, City staff, and your neighbors about other issues that you care about. All ResiStat meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., but come by a 6 for pizza, refreshments, and some time to informally chat. The first ResiStat meeting will be in Ward 6 on Wednesday, May 1, at the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Avenue. To find out when your Ward's meeting is, please visit www. somervillema.gov/resistat.

#### Building a Narrative of Hope and Welcoming Spaces for Migrants, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees, May 1

Come to this community conversation about how Somerville can be a welcoming community for migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees on Wednesday, May 1, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross Street. Hosted by the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Somerville Sanctuary City Steering Committee, and Alianza Americas, attendees will talk about subjects like countering xenophobia and racism and how understanding current challenges in Central America can help to create a welcoming community. Find more information at www. somervillema.gov.

## Sustaina Ville Week, April 27-

Somerville's third annual SustainaVille week is packed full of fun opportunities to learn about sustainability and climate action. Some SustainaVille highlights include an Arbor Day and Gardening Fair, a self-guided citywide sustainability tour, an interactive panel discussion about the changing world of waste and recycling, and the annual Spring Cleanup. You can find more information and a full schedule of events at www.somervillema. gov/sustainavilleweek.

## Preservation Month, through-

During the month of May you can learn more about historic preservation and Somerville's history as part of Preservation Month. You can tour history sites like the Milk Row Cemetery, learn how to research the history of your home, take a walking tour, and more to celebrate. Visit www.somervillema. gov/preservationmonth for a full schedule of events.

#### City Alerts

Get important City notifications for snow emergencies, construction, detours, and other public safety matters delivered to your phone (voice and text) and/or your email. Sign up for alerts at www.somervillema.gov/alerts

#### City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, City services, job openings, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/ newsletter.

#### City Calendar

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

## Somerville Sustainability Tour

#### By Sam Musher

While federal legislators fight for a New Green Deal in 2020 or beyond, many Somerville residents have decided they just can't wait. They've renovated their homes to save money on heat, converted fossil fuel heating systems to 100% renewable electric, reduced waste, live car-free and "de-paved" their yards to make their properties more resilient.

Other residents want to be part of Somerville's sustainable future, but they have questions about where to start or how to sustain the journey. On April 28 they can get answers at the Somerville Sustainability Tour. Twenty Somervillens will open up their homes from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and share how they are living more sustainably. experiences and the unexpected challenges and joys on their sustainability journeys.

The Sustainability Tour is self-guided; tour stops will be posted at http://bit.ly/SustyTour.

After the tour, there is a Bike Month Kick-off Event at Aeronaut Brewery starting at 1:00 p.m., with hundreds of cyclists, biking and sustainability ad-

They'll share their real-world vocates, bike businesses and lar or an air-source heat pump to neighbors coming together for a kid-friendly afternoon of activities, live music and a panel discussion about car-free cities.

> I'm contributing to the Sustainability Tour as a host, sharing strategies for eating local and vegetarian, and drastically reducing household waste. I also have questions about other things I could be doing, like installing so

heat and cool my apartment.

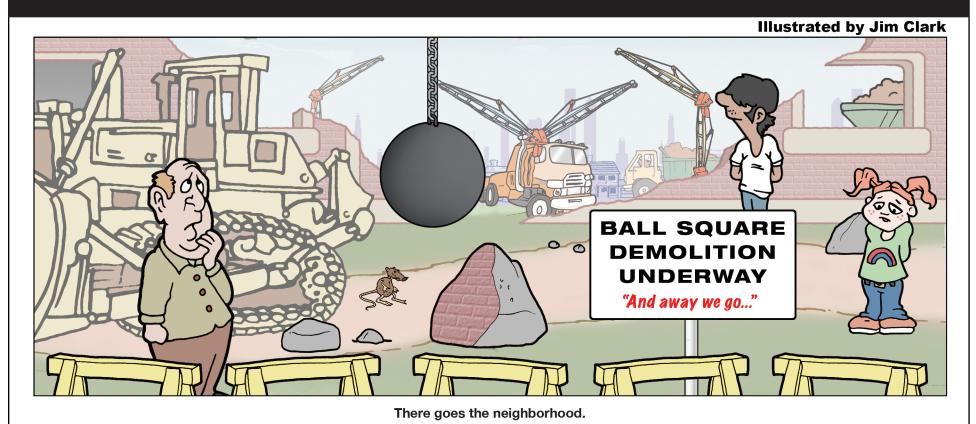
I want to hear the real experiences of other neighbors, not the marketing brochures, so I know whether it will be the right move for me. The Sustainability Tour is an unprecedented opportunity for residents - including me to learn what a greener and more sustainable Somerville means for them.

## Welcoming migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the Somer Viva Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Somerville Sanctuary City Steering Committee, and Alianza Americas invite you to have a conversation about how Somerville can be a welcoming and safe community for migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. At Building a Narrative of Hope and Welcoming Spaces for Migrants, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees, attendees will talk about subjects like countering xenophobia and racism and how understanding current challenges in Central America can help to create a welcoming community. You can join the conversation on Wednesday, May 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross Street. For more information, please contact Irma Flores at 617-625-6600 ext. 2122 or iflores@somervillema.gov.

## **COMMENTARY**

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES



## **Our View Of The Times**



They say that the old must make way for the new. But sometimes it is terribly difficult to let go of the familiar, some of which may have been familiar throughout a lifetime.

Watching various structures go down these past few days in and around the Ball Square area was something of a gut wrenching sight for some. Others took it in stride in their acceptance of the inevitable. Either way, a dramatic sight it was.

Of course, it's best to keep our eyes on the prize, bearing in mind that all the wreck and roar and hubbub is being done in the name of progress. The Green Line Extension will be a boon to our own community, as well as to our neighbors'.

And it's not just the pain of watching

our collective past crumble into dust that affects us. The traffic snarls and their resulting delays will present us with a tough road to follow along our way to a better future. Our only choice is to bite down and bear it as best we can.

While the long term gains may currently only remain a dim vision of grandeur, what happens today and in the days to

come is readily in our eyes, ears, lungs, etc. There will be a lot of tumultuous activity, and we will watch with interest, and perhaps with a bit of nostalgic longing.

As time passes, we will witness the new supplanting the old. The great plans coming to life before our eyes. Let's keep a positive outlook on what is to come. May it meet our expectations and then some.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

We hear that **the city** is like half a billion **in debt**. But then we heard from another well connected source in the city who told us it's more like \$750M of debt. Either way, the city needs to do something about it. One day **the bonds** will become due.

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Meanwhile, over in Cambridge they just signed a deal with a commercial company which when completed will net Cambridge about \$27M a year in revenue. How come Somerville can't do that? Maybe the Councilors who only think about squeezing some of these developers is the problem?

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The Somerville High Scholarship annual fundraiser is set for May 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Somerville Lions Club, 9 Washington St., Somerville (behind the Holiday Inn). The drawing, with a top prize of \$10K, is based on selling 250 tickets at \$100 each. Several door prizes will be awarding and refreshments will be served. To buy a ticket, contact SHS Raffle c/o Joseph Favaloro, PO Box 440275, Somerville, 02144, or call Eugene C. Brune at 617-628-5835.

To those celebrating their birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **former Alder-**

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man Jack Connolly, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to a lady everyone in Somerville knows, Julie Phelan Brady. We wish her a great day on this her birthday. Happy birthday to a good friend and hard worker, Jim Cook, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to Bob DiGuardia, who also is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to another good friend, attorney Frank Kautz. To those that are celebrating this week, and we didn't post, again we wish you the best of birthdays.

We hear that Kristen Strezo is running for Councilor At-Large. We wish her the best. She invites the public to her official Campaign Kickoff party, Cray-skee for Kristen, at the Dark Horse, 499 Broadway, Somerville, tonight, April 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You can check out her website at www. kristenstrezo.com and you can RSVP on her Kristen Strezo for Somerville City Councilor-At-Large Facebook page. The skeeball lanes will be open. We understand as well that three others, not counting the four already there, are running At-Large. One more for nine will trigger a primary for Councilor At-Large. If you're thinking of running for

office send us an email. We'd love to see

several races this year. It makes for great dialog and debate.

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A rally to re-elect Councilor At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti is set for Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 p.m., at The Pub, 682 Broadway in Ball Square. To volunteer for her campaign, call 617-623-0092 or email AldermanRossetti@gmail.com.

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Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis, and Somerville Library Director Cathy Piantigini invite you to celebrate the start of renovations to the West Branch Library at a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, April 25, at 11:30 a.m., at 40 College Avenue in Davis Square. Once work is completed, the West Branch will be accessible, will include community meeting space, and will be set up to meet modern library and community needs while preserving historic features. Learn more about the renovation and see plans for the renovation at www.somervillema. gov/WestBranchLibrary. During construction, a temporary mini-library has been set up at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street. You can find the temporary branch's hours and a schedule of upcoming events at www. somervillepubliclibrary.org. The historic West Branch of the Somerville Public Library is more than one-hundred years old, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the nearly 1,700 cherished Carnegie Libraries constructed in the United States near the turn of the last century with funding from philanthropist and businessman Andrew Carnegie. Completed in 1909, it was designed by Maclean and Wright and is a fine example of the Neoclassical architecture of the early 20th century and a civic landmark in the Davis Square area. Constructed of limestone and buff brick, the richly detailed cornice, entry gable with acroteria, corner quoins, and lamps flanking the entrance underscore the high social purpose of the library. The plan for Library improvements was developed over the course of several years, via meetings with numerous stakeholders, including library staff, Trustees and Friends, members of the community, abutters, the Historic Preservation Commission, elected officials, and the city administration. \*\*\*\*\*\*

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## Building demo in Ball Sq.

The demolition of buildings in Ball Sq. to make way for the future Green Line Extension station has begun.

The first building was taken down Monday morning.

For info on the Green Line Extension visit www.greenlineexten-





































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## Somerville Welcoming Community Ordinance CONT. FROM PG 4

employee of the Somerville Police Department may arrest or detain an individual solely on the basis of an ICE detainer or ICE administrative warrant. This includes extending the length of detention by any amount of time once an individual is or would otherwise be released from local custody, or before being transferred to court or admitted to bail.

e) Federal requests for information. No officer or employee of the Somerville Police Department shall provide a federal officer with the following information relating to a person in the custody of the Somerville Police Department: information about an individual's incarceration status, length of detention, home address, work address, person-

al information other than citizenship or immigration status, hearing information, or pending release, except information that is available through the Massachusetts Public Records Laws, G.L, c. 66, section 10 and G.L. c. 4, section 7 (twenty-sixth).

f) Encountering persons driving without a license. When taking action against a person who is found to be driving without a valid driver's license, officers of the Somerville Police Department shall, whenever possible and if there are no other violations causing the person to be arrested, issue a summons to court instead of taking the person into custody. In such circumstances, the law enforcement officer taking action shall endeavor to provide the driver a reason-

able opportunity to arrange for a properly licensed operator to drive the vehicle before seeking to impound the vehicle.

g) Notice to individuals subject to ICE interventions. If the Somerville Police Department receives an immigration detainer or ICE administrative warrant for a person in its custody, the Department shall provide the person with a copy of such detainer request or administrative warrant, and any other documentation it possesses pertaining to the person's immigration case.

h) ICE access to facilities. Except in response to a judicial warrant or other court order, ICE agents shall not be allowed access to individuals in custody either in person or via telephone or videoconference.

i) U Visa Certification. In furtherance of the US Victims of Trafficking and Violence Prevention Act, the Somerville Police Department shall consider and sign a U Visa certification request if an individual (i.) is the victim of a qualifying crime, and (ii.) has been, is being, or will likely be helpful in the investigation/prosecution of that crime.

j) Raids and other immigration enforcement actions. No officer or employee of the Somerville Police Department may participate in an operation led by a federal agency to detain persons for deportation purposes, except in response to a request to assist with support services deemed necessary to ensure officer safety or to prevent a breach of the peace during a federal operation, such as requests to establish traffic perimeters, control traffic, or provide police escort.

k) Deputizing of local officials. No officer or employee of the City of Somerville shall perform the functions of an immigration officer, whether pursuant to 8 U.S.C. section 1357(g) or any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or informal.

1) School records and enroll-No employee of the Somerville Public Schools shall require a student or parent to provide information regarding their immigration or citizenship status to establish the student's residency in the district for enrollment purposes. If such information becomes known to an employee of the Somerville Public Schools, such information shall not be kept or distributed, and shall have no bearing of the student's ability to register for school or the school's treatment of that student. Information collected regarding place of birth for the purpose of providing English Language Learners with appropriate services shall be used only for that purpose and not distributed further.

#### 3. COMPLAINTS

Allegations of violations of this ordinance may be filed by any method provided for filing of complaints, including without limitation with the Personnel Department or, in the case of a complaint against an officer or employee of the Somerville Police Department, the Department's Internal Affairs office, who shall investigate the complaint and take appropriate disciplinary action.

#### 4. REPORTING

Beginning on the date of passage of this ordinance and every six months thereafter, the Somerville Chief of Police shall submit a report, with the information detailed below, to the Mayor and the City Clerk and such report will be placed on the agenda of the next-occurring meeting of the City Council, with notification provided to the local immigration non-profits in the city.

- (a) The total number ICE holds, administrative warrants, and notification requests lodged with Somerville Law Enforcement officials, organized by the reason(s) given for the request;
- (b) The total number of individuals detained on an ICE hold or administrative warrants, if any;
- (c) The total number of individuals transferred to ICE custody, if any; and
- (d) The total reimbursements received from the federal government pursuant to any granted hold, administrative warrant, or notification request, organized by case.

## 5. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to violate any valid federal law, or to prohibit any city agency or department from providing another law enforcement agency citizenship or information status, consistent with 8 U.S.C. section 1373.

#### 6. OTHER

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

All policies, practices, procedures, directives, and training necessary to effectively and faithfully implement this ordinance shall be promptly developed and promulgated by the Administration, the Somerville Police Department, and all other relevant entities.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance."

The proposed ordinance was referred to the City Council's Legislative Matters Committee and the City Solicitor's office for recommendation.

# Ms. Cam's Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge #675

- 1. What golfer has the most Masters Tournament wins?
- 2. What golfer was the youngest to win a Masters Tournament?
- 3. What singer tore up a photo of the pope while performing on *SNL*?
- 4. What novel series is the TV show Game of Thrones based on?
- 5. What artist painted At the Moulin Rouge?
- 6. Who said "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them"?

- 7. In what comic strip would you find Sir Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks?
- 8. What has no flavor but is important for survival?
- 9. What is the height of tallest female giraffe ever recorded?
- 10. hat rock musical's songs became anthems of the anti-Vietnam War peace movement?
- 11. What color is a Giraffe's tongue?
- 12. How many NBA championships did Michael Jordan win with the Chicago Bulls?

Answers on page 23

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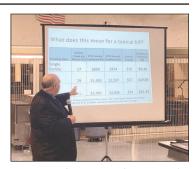
## Sewer and Water Improvement Plan

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the lowly sewer/water underground systems. "People tend to take fresh flowing water for granted. You expect when you go to your kitchen tap water will flow out," says DeLuca. "When you flush your toilet it works. But no one actually sees the system working. It's out of sight, out of mind."

Technically, Somerville's City Council still needs to pass the increases. But, residents can realistheir bills starting July 1, 2019. Residents who were not able to attend Monday's public hearing can email John DeLuca directly for the next five days through the general commentary period. You can email Mr. DeLuca directly at water@somervillema. gov or by mailing a letter to the Water Department, 17 Franey Rd., Somerville, MA 02145.

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Director of Water and Sewer John DeLuca explains water and sewer rate increases, referring to Somerville's water and sewer system as being in "critical" condition.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA

48 Cameron Street (ZBA 2019-30): Applicant / Owner, Joanna London, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a rear addition above an existing one-story portion of the structure and dormers on both sides of the roof. RB Zone. Ward 7.

56-58 Upland Road (ZBA 2019-32): Applicant and Owner, Brian Salerno, seeks a special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a dormer, finishing the basement, and altering the porches. RB Zone. Ward 7.

30 Berkeley Street (ZBA 2019-28): Applicant and Owner, Elizabeth R. Adams, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the non-conforming FAR by finishing portions of the attic, creating a bathroom and office/studio. RA zone. Ward 3.

10-12 Ward Street (ZBA 2017-122-E-12/18): Applicant, Block Properties, LLC, and owner, 14 Ward Street, LLC, seek a revision to a special permit under §5.3.8 of the SZO. Proposed changes include window arrangement.

711-713 Broadway (ZBA 2019-10): Applicant, Keith Schubert, and Owner, Ed Pignone, seek Special Permits under Article 4 of the SZO to expand the GFA of the existing restaurant space, increase the seating and dining area. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 5.

111 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-158): Applicant, 111 Beacon Somerville, LLC, and Owner, Maryann Heuston, seek Special Permits and Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of units from three to six by constructing a second principal structure at the rear of the site, increase the GFA by more than 25%. Parking relief for number of spaces and compact spaces. Articles 4,5,7,8, & 9 of the SZO NB zone. Ward 2.

115 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-159): Applicant, 115 Beacon Street, LLC, and Owner, Maryann Heuston, seek Special Permits to build a 4-unit residential structure where a single-family structure now stands. Articles 4, 5, 7, 8, & 9 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 2.

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning.

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Attest: Sarah Lewis, Planning Director As published in The Somerville Times on 4/17/19 & 4/24/19

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#### **CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP# 19-78

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

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The RFP package may be obtained online at: http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing or by contacting the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on or after: Wednesday, April 24th, 2019.

Sealed responses will be received at the above office until: Wednesday May 29th, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality in the RFP process, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Somerville.

Subject to the approval of the City Council, the lease term shall be for an initial period of one (1) year with options to renew for four (4) additional years.

Please contact me with any questions at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov.

> Thupten Chukhatsang **Procurement Analyst** 617-625-6600 x. 3400

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#### **Notice of Self Storage Sale**

Please take notice Prime Storage - Somerville located at 39R Medford St., Somerville, MA 02143 intends to hold an auction to sell the goods stored by the following tenants at the storage facility. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 5/8/2019 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Patricia Parrish unit #0141; Riessen Peter Kinghorne unit #1742; Frank Dolan unit #1893; David Norris unit #2083; Michael P. Rodgers unit #2223; Steven Ruffino Jr. unit #291B; Dorothy J. Cherico unit #4011. All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) #19-81** Furniture and Equipment for the Somerville High School Project

The City of Somerville invites sealed bids in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B for Furniture and Equipment vendors to supply, deliver and install Furnishings and Equipment for the new Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts 02143.

The Furniture and Equipment Bid Package may be obtained online at www.projectdog.com under Bid Number 831639, on or after: 4/22/2019.

Bids will be received by the City of Somerville, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, via electronic bidding at www.projectdog.com under Bid Number 831639 until May 9, 2019 at 2:00 PM at which time all bids will be opened and tabulated.

Bid documents and bidding will be available in electronic form ONLY through www.projectdog.com.

The City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids (in whole or in part) if it be in the public interest to do so.

> City of Somerville **Purchasing Department**

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A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40,0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40 0480. The site has been classified as TIFR I pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On APRIL 16, 2019, NSTAR ELECTRIC D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY filed a TIER I Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact ERIC LAMON-TAGNE OF EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 760 MAIN STREET, WALPOLE, MA, (339) 987-7018. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-34883 at <a href="https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#1/">https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#1/</a> search/wastesite or at MassDEP, NORTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE. 205B LOWELL STREET, WILMINGTON, MA TELEPHONE NUMBER 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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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, May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA), 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA 3rd Floor Community Room.

57 Broadway: (PB 2018-08): Applicant and Owner, Centrie Realty, LLC, seek Special Permits to alter a non-conforming property. The existing structure will be demolished and a new building with three residential units and ground floor retail will be constructed. Parking relief. Articles 4, 5, 7, 8, & 9 of the SZO. CCD45. Ward 1.

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Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman As published in The Somerville Times on 4/17/19 and 4/24/19

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#### **BID ADVERTISEMENT**

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites e-bids from DCAM Certified Roofing Contractors for the Partial Roofing Replacement at the (200-2) Mystic River Apartments Development, <u>30 Memorial Road in Somerville, Massachusetts, DHCD No. 274125, in </u> accordance with the documents prepared by CBI Consulting Inc. of Boston, Massachusetts.

The Project consists of: The replacement of all existing low-sloped modified bitumen roofing at precast concrete modular additions. The project will also consist of removal and replacement of all existing metal coping, counterflashing and sheet metal flashing.

The work is estimated to cost \$ 185,000.00, including Alternates.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of Roofing.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instruction on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer of the website).

General Bids will be received until 2:00 PM., Wednesday May 8, 2019 and publicly opened online forthwith. All Bids will be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and hardcopy requested) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167).

There is a plan deposit of \$50 per set (maximum of 2 sets) payable to BidDocs ONLINE Inc. Plan deposits may be electronically paid or by check. The deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon the return of the sets in good condition within thirty (30) days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise, the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$50.00. Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$40.00 per set for UPS Ground (or \$65 per set for UPS overnight), payable to BidDocs ONLINE, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SD0), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation goal reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. See Contract Documents - Article 3 of the Instructions to Bidders.

The site will be available for inspection at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Please meet at Mystic River Apartments, Facilities Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

> Joseph Macaluso, Executive Director April 24, 2019

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## **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

East Somerville Main Streets and Connexion hosted their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, at Chuck Harris Park in East Somerville.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



















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## Local business and nonprofit team up through 1% for the planet

After being nominated by Abode Energy Management, the Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is the newest member of 1% for the Planet. This international program encourages business to give at least 1% of their annual sales to approved nonprofits.

Abode Energy Management, an Arlington-based business, works throughout Massachusetts to improve the energy efficiency of homes as part of the Mass Save Program. Working through the network of Home Performance Contractors in the Mass Save Program, Abode is focused on reducing residential energy consumption.

FOR THE PLANET.

"We are excited to donate 1% of our annual revenue to vetted non-profits working to improve and preserve our environment. We are focused on giving to local, smaller non-profits where our dollars will be invested in the environments we interact with daily." said Dave Boettcher, Abode Energy Management Founder and CEO. "We are proud to partner with MyRWA as our first nominee for 1% for the Planet. We appreciate their science-based approach to protecting and improving the vital environment in which we live, work and play. It is crucial to have advocates like MyRWA fighting to keep Greater Boston healthy and habitable as we all adapt to the changing climate." Abode is one of

have advocates like MyRWA fighting to keep Greater Boston healthy and habitable as we all adapt to the changing climate." Abode is one of the 1,200 1% for the Planet business members and growing in 40 countries.

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA), which is headquartered in Arlington, works every day to improve our local river and surrounding parks and paths for the benefit of our 21 community watershed. Work includes a robust water quality program, that documents water quality, eliminates pollution sources and helps restore our natural habitat, an innovate Resilient Mystic Collaborative, which partners with municipalities to build climate resiliency, and our Mystic Greenways Initiative that is working toward a vision of 25 miles of connected paths from the Mystic Lakes to Boston Harbor. Within all these efforts we work to inspire and educate area youth and community members, last year directly engaging 2,000 plus individuals.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the editor:

James Healey and millions of young people around the world have got that right: it's way past time to get serious about the climate crisis ("Getting serious about climate change," 4/17). Watching the dedicated activists from the Sunrise Movement, from Extinction Rebellion and the school-based Climate Strike take action all over the world, we can see

just how far ahead of their leaders these young people are.

As they take their movement global, an important step would be to enlarge the scope of the demands. Climate change doesn't stop at borders, and the Green New Deal will only address our one nation's (outsized) greenhouse gas problem. The Paris climate accords did suggest a global approach through the Green Cli-

mate Fund. Nearly forgotten, way underfunded and barely functioning, the GCF was founded on pledges to raise \$100 billion by 2020 for renewable energy and other projects in countries too capital-poor to make use of their own renewable resources.

Wealthy nations like ours will need to take responsibility for these global projects. A large portion should be assessed to fossil fuel companies who earn mega-profits at the climate's expense. Our current administration has of course withdrawn all participation, but activists should start now demanding that a new, sane government require corporate GCF funding as part of its climate plan.

Brent Whelan *Allston* 

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

#### **Central Library**

Wednesday | April 24

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **East Branch Library**

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

#### Thursday April 25

#### **Central Library**

Sing Along with Ed the Music Man! 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **East Branch Library**

Family Game Night 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Friday April 26

#### **Central Library**

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

#### Saturday | April 27

#### **Central Library**

Kids' Yoga with Janine 2 p.m.- 3p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday April 29

#### Central Library

Sing Along with Ed the Music Man! 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

#### Tuesday April 30

#### **Somerville Community Baptist** Church

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

#### **East Branch Library**

Sustainaville Craft at the East Branch! 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Wednesday | May 1

#### **Central Library**

Homeschool Reading Group 10:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Teen Game Day, Sustainaville Edition! 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **East Branch Library** Preschool Story Time

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

#### **MUSIC/ARTS**

#### Wednesday | April 24

#### 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. Andrew Geano, Emily and Jake, Suzanne Friedman|7 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Thunder Road**

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Residency

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave Once Somerville Camp Cope, Thin Lips, Oceanator at

**ONCE Ballroom** 

Thin Lips, Oceanator 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Last Wednesday Residency: Hannah

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Strummerville Ukulele Club 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday | April 25

#### Sally O'Brien's

The Big Sway 9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

#### The Burren

Redwood Honey, Soviet Jesus Choir

Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

#### Bull McCabe's

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

**Thunder Road** Stephen Lewis and The Big Band Of Fun with special guests Brother Guy and People Like You

#### **Once Somerville**

Trevor Daniel|6:30 p.m.

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

**Bob Gagnon** 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

Spring Exhibit: Motion

#### Friday | April 26

#### Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m. Hear Now Live / Tiny Oak present -\$10 cover|9pm

7 p.m.|Café||191 Highland Ave

#### 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi The Gravel Project, Sonya Rae Taylor Band|7 p.m.

Spike the Punch| 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

#### **Once Somerville**

Rock & Roll Rumble Finals 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Bull McCabe's

Grits and Groceries

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**Thunder Road** An Evening with Los Fletche

#### 9 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Union Tavern The Boston Rag with Brown Boot

#### 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Andrew DiMarzo Trio

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### The Rockwell

Somerville Theatre Festival|7 p.m. Get You a Babe Who Can Do Both|9

#### 255 Elm St

#### Saturday April 27 Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band|6 p.m.

moon landing 50th anniversary celebration with lunar luminaries Michelle Paulhus, Matt Sullivan, Josh Pickering, Rod van Stoli, Erica Mantone, more!|9

#### 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Drunk Opera History: Puccini Edition Puccini and pancakes anyone? Featuring:Kathryn McKellar, Soprano,Aurora Martin, Soprano

Luisamaria Hernandez, Soprano Sarah Ryman, Soprano David Rivera, Tenor Jonathan Shin, Piano 12 p.m. Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! 4p.m. Jennifer Truesdale, CD Release Party! 7p.m.

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#### **Thunder Road**

Playing Dead – Boston's Grateful Dead Experience 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

School of Rock Lynn Preview Show|1

The Proletariat | 8 p.m. **Moving Targets** Northern Skulls, Hugo Burnham's Gang of One

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co.

156 Highland Ave

road trip sessions: Among the Acres 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

#### Arts at the Armory

Rick and Friends 10 a.m.|Café

Rick Murnane 7 p.m.|Cafel|191 Highland Ave

#### The Rockwell

Kerplunk|11 a.m. Somerville Theatre Festival 7 p.m.

#### Sunday April 28

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. African Night, SambaLolo and guests 10 p.m.

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Dunham Shoe Factory 4 p.m. Ezekiel's Wheels, Newpoli|7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Game Night 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### **Thunder Road**

Americana Sundays with Tiger Moan 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

Hayley Thompson-King The Quahogs, The Wolff Sisters 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### Aeronaut Brewing Co. Bay State Bike Month Kick Off

1 p.m.-5 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Janet's Planet Student Recital 2 p.m.

Protest Choir Class|4:30 p.m.

#### Café|191 Highland Ave Monday | April 29

Cafe Raqs|7:30 p.m.

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Back Room:

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

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Thunder Road**

379 Somerville Ave

#### **Once Somerville**

**Toddlerbilly Takeover** 5 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 30

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Christian McNeill & Tim Gearan 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Songwriter Roundup with Katie Dobbins, Alec Hutson, Late Night Thoughts and Lucy Davis 7 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

#### **Ghetto People Band** 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

**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

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

#### PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz

8200

#### Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville Bad Larrys** 

Mint Green 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

#### **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

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

**EBASS Mixer** 6 p.m.lCafé White Nationalism, Community Response, and the Rule of Law

#### land Ave

#### Wednesday | May 1 Sally O'Brien's Ba

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

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

#### 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. Donal Clancy |7:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### **Thunder Road**

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

**Once Somerville** 

Ayla Nereo: By The Light Of The Dark Moon Tour 2019 Elijah Ray

#### 7:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

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

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

#### Wednesday | April 24

#### **Central Library**

Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.

Property Owner Workshop, Part II

#### 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Mystery Book Group

#### Thursday April 25

Ciampa Manor Learn English with the Library!

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|27 College Avenue

**Central Library** Property Owner/Landlord Workshop

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Family Game Night

**East Branch Library** 

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### Saturday April 27

**Central Library** Cosplay 101 with Mink the Satyr

**Central Library Lawn** Growing in the City: Arbor Day and

11 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Urban Gardening Festival 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Winters Farmers Market

#### 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Arts at the Armory|191 Highland Ave **Bagel Bards**

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

#### weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain | 18-48

#### Holland St Sunday | April 28

**Central Library** Gallery @ SPL Reception

#### 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups**

#### Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

#### Monday | April 29

4 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Central Library** Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!

Poetry reading: Gilmore Tamny / Toni Bee / Natalie Shapero 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway **Remnant Brewing** SPL Supper Club: Meatless Monday!

7 p.m.- 9 p.m.| 2 Bow Market Way

#### Tuesday | April 30

Learn English at the Library!

#### 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday | May 1

**Central Library** 

**Central Library** 

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

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

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

Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Main Office: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688

TTY: 866-808-4851

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Volunteers needed for the Engage for Brain Health

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

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

Healthy Steps – Thursdays – Ralph & Jenny Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Healthy Steps is a therapeutic, gentle, movement class for anyone who needs to get moving, particularly anyone recovering from surgery, frail elders or those living with chronic fatigue or arthritis. Class is free. For additional information or questions to call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Monthly Book Club Selections – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. April 19: "Soul of America" by Jon Meachem.

Country Western Line Dancing – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month- Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information or questions call at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

**Knowing your Electric Bill & Scams** – Thursday, May 2 starting at 10:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Lunch & Bingo to follow. Please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to sign up.

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

Castle Island – Monday, May 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Transportation provide – lunch is on your own. \$5 - If you have questions, need additional information or want to RSVP please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

The Preakness – Thursday, May 16 – Sunday, May 19th – Baltimore, Maryland - \$719 / per person double \$969 / per person single. Includes motor coach transportation, deluxe accommodations, reserved seating concourse level for the Preakness Stakes and

more. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Charge Up your Charlie Card – Tuesday, May 21 – Holland Street from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Time to preload money onto your Charlie Card. Join the Social Workers when they walk to Davis Square T stop where they will help you load money onto your Charlie Card and show you how to use your card to enter the gate. Please RSVP to Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

#### **LGBTQ EVENTS**

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

LGBTQ Monthy Lunch – Wednesday, April 17 starting at 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This month's meal is beef stew, corn, tossed salad and oat bread. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday:

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

#### Wednesdays:

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

#### Thursdays:

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

#### Fridays:

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

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

#### HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

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

**Caregiver Support Group** – Meets the third Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION**

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

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

#### 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

## Medford St. bridge to close Friday, May 17

The Medford St. bridge, in Gilman Square behind Somerville High School (SHS), will close for construction starting Friday, May 17. It is expected to remain closed through the spring of 2020.

For the duration of this closure, all traffic will be detoured around the work zone via Pearl St. and McGrath Highway. Detour maps and directions are available on www.mass.gov/GLX in the Bridge Closures section.

Recent schedules had projected the Medford St. bridge would close in July 2019 for Green Line Extension (GLX) construction, but this new timeline was established after careful coordination between the Green Line Extension project and the Somerville High School Building project, which are progressing in close physical proximity to one another.

Advancing the Medford St. bridge closure by six weeks will provide critical logistical benefits for both projects. Following work by the SHS project this spring and summer, GLX will modify the bridge, creating a longer span with structural improvements to accommodate new Green Line tracks.

To stay informed about construction, sign up to receive a weekly email outlining upcoming construction citywide at www.somervillema.gov/construction. Residents are also encouraged to enroll in the City's alert system at www.somervillema.gov/alerts to ensure they're notified prior to major detours or disruptive construction activity in their neighborhood.

Anyone seeking assistance for an urgent Green Line construction-related matter should call the 24/7 GLX hotline at 1-855-GLX-INFO (459-4636) or email info@glxinfo.com.

For additional information about the Green Line Extension project, including construction schedules, fact sheets, and the latest station designs, visit www.mass.gov/GLX.

#### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

the land within the line granted them by the Court (excepting the frames and the ground on the west of the two great ponds, called "Misticke Ponds), and from satisfaction from Charlestowne, wee acknowledge to have received in full satisfaction, twenty and one coates, ninten fathoms of wampom, and three bushels of corne."

The area they transferred included all of Somerville and parts of Arlington, Medford and Winchester, excluding the Sachem's own grounds overlooking the upper Mystic. Squaw Sachem's reputation was that of a fierce woman among the tribes, but she grew so friendly with the colonists that she deeded much of her land to them at her death. Governor Winthrop of Ten Hills was one of the recipients.

Squaw Sachem is remembered in many locales in this area. Winchester High School honors her memory with their sports mascot logo, The Sachems. A memorial flagpole and sculpture to her decorates the front of Arlington's Town Hall as well as Webcowet Road honoring her husband, and Sachem Avenue, which leads into its Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The City of Somerville acknowledges her with its city seal proclamation: "Honorably Purchased From Pawtuckets - 1639." All four of these municipalities had their roots nourished by this true Native American.

No one knows where the Queen was buried, but she lived out her final days attached to the river she loved. She was the "Monarch of the Mystic."

## Bobby's Dad Jokes Corner

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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Taught by Boston Free Radio Station Manager and podcaster Heather McCormack, this class will review the difference between podcasting and broadcasting, explore different types of content and discuss how to curate an interesting podcast. Basic use of our podcasting recording set-up will be demonstrated. Students will be asked to record a podcast interview before the second class, which will then cover the use of Audacity (free downloadable software) and basic audio editing, including adding copyright-free music. The course will end with notes on regulation, distribution and syndication.

#### 3-Part Series Breakdown

Part 1: Creating an identity for your podcast

Part 2: Learn how to record and edit your podcast using Adobe Audition in our SMC podcast studio

Part 3: Learn how to market and distribute your podcast for the world to hear

Following this class certification, SMC members can reserve the Podcasting studio free-of-charge for their podcasting shows that will be distributed on Boston Free Radio. Anyone who uses our studios for non-BFR distribution will be charged a rental fee. SMC is also launching Boston Free Radio Podcasting Network which is another avenue for shared distribution and podcast visibility.

**Dates:** May 13, 20 and June 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$75 for current SMC members, \$125 for non-members Not a member? Sign up for New Member Orientation here

Location: Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square

Register at: https://www.somervillemedia.org/podcasting-101/

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## **OPEN HOUSE 2 Family**

Wednesday, April 24, 12 – 1 p.m. Friday, April 26, 6 – 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.



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Friday, April 26

School Committee Meeting - 4.22.19 12:00am 3:00am Adult-Use Marijuana: Public Presentation

8:30am CC-Traffic & Parking Public Hearing Senior Circuit - "Eco-Friendly Electricity" Opioid Documentary Discussion Panel 12:00pm 12:30pm 1:30pm Greek Independence Day 2019 3:00pm 6:00pm Letters of World War II Raising Families "Special Needs Education" 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:30pm 9:00pm

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City Council Meeting - 4.25.19

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School Committee Meeting - 4.22.19 Letters of World War II CC-Land Use - Committee of the Whole Senior Circuit

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#### Educational

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18-year-old Julia Mastorakos, from Hampstead, NH, is a Marketing Communications Advertising Major at Endicott College. Her preferred genre of writing is poetry.



#### Sand

I was sand to him

She was the ocean

I was something to for him to play with

Run his fingers through

Letting me fall through the cracks

Simply because I felt warm to him

Never wondering about what's underneath

Building me into something beautiful

So she could come and knock me down

He wishes I was more of an ocean type

Something stronger

Something beautiful

But I was just sand

Something to be stepped on

Something to live beneath her

That's why he played with me

— Julia Mastorakos

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# Ms. Cam's

1. Jack Nicklaus, 6

7. Little Orphan Annie

2. Tiger Woods at 21

8. Water

3. Sinéad O'Connor

4. A Song of Ice and Fire by George R. R. Martin

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by Doug Holder

## 'The Everything Saint'

by Judy Katz-Levine

The Everything Saint by Judy Katz-Levine (Word Poetry--2018)

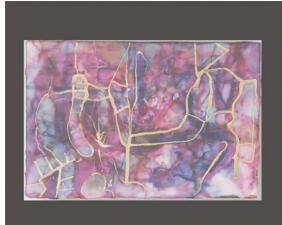
One thing I tell my creative writing students is to "notice" everything. And that is not easy to do in our mad rush - this fever dream we call life. But poet Judy-Katz Levine notices the birds cawing to her in conversation, a trembling cup of tea, her childhood of "Hard balls, sassafras, streets with bicycles..." Her poems are wells of imagery. This work is by a poet who lives deeply in the moment.

In her poem Embracing Time with Two Friends she brings lyricism to an ordinary moment sitting in her friend's guest room.

Silence with a slight hire wire tone like the whisper of crickets before dawn and the spirit of a friend who embraces after the theater performance of Jane Austin's "Pride and Prejudice" sleeps now in another room. I'm in her guestroom with a cold cup of tea and after a psalm, psalm 65 and a meditation before prints of the artist Paul Klee and another sunrise watercolor a seed that sprouts in her garden and mine--maybe her poppies the flowers just budding just starting to open, maybe the arugula that is not eaten by a rabbit in mine..."

There is a poem dedicated to the late poet Denise Levertov. Levertov lived in Somerville, MA. for a number of years and taught at MIT. Levine celebrates her former teacher's spirit, passion, pacifism and legacy in her poem, On Denise And Her Work Against The Vietnam War.

...Standing on her stoop,



#### The Everything Saint

Poems Judy Katz-Levine

questioning my own motives in the Twilight, she

'don't brush it away, your questions, your doubts.'

limbless come home, the hospitals a barren solace

impotence...

...Now the soldiers, servants arrive

home from Afghanistan, Iraq, trembling at a breeze as if the leaves

were covered with blood. We question ourselves. Though she could not plumb our depths, she could move us

far up the mountain.

Levine often brings to us what many of us sense, but are not able to express. It can leave the reader contemplating, "Ah! sweet mystery of life."

#### New book chronicles 2009 murder on Harvard campus CONT. FROM PG 9

in 2011 and sentenced to life without parole.

"I found myself in a situation I never could have imagined. The funeral, the trials, the aftermath. But, I found my voice and I want to share it with the world," Cosby noted.

The murder of her son has inspired Cosby to reach beyond her grief. Through her writing and her outreach, she offers insight into the impact this loss has been for her and her community.

"I want my story to inspire, motivate, and empower others to find their own voices and tell their own stories - stories that will keep a loved one's memory from being distorted by speculations and media misinterpretations, as happened in Justin's case," Cosby said.

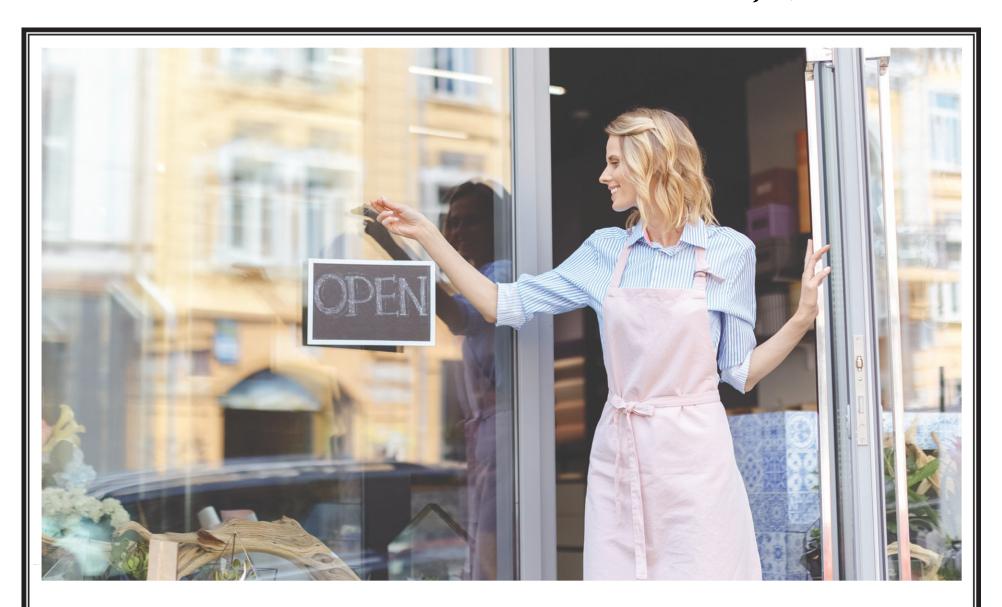
The book, self-published with the encouragement of a large circle of survivors and supporters, is a testament to the worst nightmare a mother could experience.

Cosby will release the book on April 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Cambridge, at La Fabrica Restaurant, 450 Massachusetts Avenue. She will be speaking regionally through the spring, and her book can be purchased through her website murderharvardkirklandhouse.com.

Cosby is real estate agent with Century 21 North East, Norton Group, 699 Broadway,

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Screen Free Week starts Monday, April 29. It's an opportunity to unplug, spend time with family, try some new activities, and get outdoors. There are many ways to participate. Visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/sfw to learn more about celebrations around Somerville and ideas for making some device-free memories. Find out more about the national event at www.screenfree.org.





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